SFLC—A Success!

Submitted By CTU President Bridget Boyden

The State Fall Leadership Conference was held on Oct. 26 & 27 in Sioux Falls, SD. Colorado Technical University along with Southeast Technical Institute were outstanding hosts to the event! A great time was had by all!

This year's fall conference was a huge success. We began the conference with this year's cheer competition. It went to Dakota Wesleyan with their YELL cheer and the award winning "toe touch" by two of their male members. We then heard from Vern Urlacher who talked about being the arrow. He spoke to us on many different aspirations that he has accomplished in his life. He talked to us about the importance of relationships and ethics to be successful in this world.

Our keynote speaker Mike Huether talked to us about the significance of goals and having a magic list. We need to have a list of things we want to accomplish in this life, because it needs to be written down. He also explained the importance of working for an employer that helps to fulfill your passions in life and supports you.

Our social event was put on by Jon Michael's video productions and began the evening with the electric slide. We had quite a few people out there participating. We also did the chicken dance before beginning the quizbowl. Team #1 won the prize with the last question which knocked the State Officer team out of the runnings. We had the costume contest and there were several entries and quite a few winners. All in all, it was a lot of fun!

The next day we had three workshops and we enjoyed what we learned from them. Laura Morgan, Mountain Plains VP, talked about the new Career and Membership Achievement Program (CMAP) program that is being implemented this year. Bob Arnold talked about the importance of being prepared for your presentations and to practice, practice, practice. C.O. Powell talked about being prepared at all times because you never know when you may be sitting somewhere and being interviewed. It may come at a time when you didn't expect it.

Lastly, we had a job fair in which we had 16 employers available for opportunities to network. Several employers were looking for internships as well as part-time help. It was a great way to get your name out in the community.

An Opportunity for Personal & Professional Growth...

The Executive Committee is currently accepting applications for position of Co-Executive Secretary. This is a two year term. Please send an e-mail to President Heather Hall @ hehall@dwu.edu by January 7th expressing your interest in the position. A decision will be made at the spring conference planning session so that the new Co-Executive Secretary will have the opportunity to get acquainted with their responsibilities at the Spring Conference. If you have any questions on job responsibilities, please contact Susan Dunn @ dunns@pluto.dsu.edu. Thank you to all who are interested.
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Submitted by STI Reporter Kurt Edwards

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Please submit chapter articles, activities, and pictures by 1/27/03 to your State Reporter to the address above!
**Dakota Wesleyan PBL Members Attend NFLC!**

Submitted by DWU Reporter Katie Peugh

The Mountain Plains National Fall Conference was held in Indianapolis, IN on Nov. 7th & 8th. Representing DWU and the state of South Dakota was President Heather Hall, Vice President Katie Peugh, and DWU Chapter President Robbie Sorenson.

To kick off the festivities, National Officers Erin Snitkey and Laura Morgan led the Opening Session. Many workshops were held that included the topics of interviewing skills and resumes, networking skills, ethical issues associated with computers and the internet, state officer duties, competitive events, annual report preparation, and company policies.

During the closing sessions, a competition was held called "Battle of the States," where South Dakota did very well considering there were only three people participating compared to some states that had 20-30 members involved! Bill Cordes also presented, discussing the issue of “Getting out of it, what YOU put in it.” He was very inspirational and interacted with the audience!

However, Heather, Katie, and Robbie not only attended meetings and workshops while in Indianapolis, but they also went to an exciting Pacers and Cavs basketball game (Pacers won by 1 point!). They also ate at the Hard Rock Café, saw the Colts Stadium, and the Indianapolis Speedway where the Indy 500 is held. SD Vice President, Katie Peugh states, “Indianapolis is a fun town with lots of things to see in your spare time. We had a blast at the conference, while learning a lot about PBL. We’re all looking forward to attending the National Leadership Conference in Denver this summer and meeting up with our friends from Indianapolis.”

**QUOTES CORNER:**

"The best way to motivate other people to help you fulfill your goals is to help them fulfill their goals.”

– Deepak Chopra

"And now let us welcome the New Year full of things that have never been.”

– Rainer Maria Rilke

"The difference between a successful person and others is not the lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather a lack of will.”

– Vince Lombardi

“Snowflakes are one of nature’s most fragile things, but just look at what they can do when they stick together.”

– Vista M. Kelly

Southeast Technical Institute wear their PBL T-shirts with pride at the SFLC!
DSU Raises Big Bucks for March of Dimes
By DSU Reporter Janita Rawden

How much money can about 80 Madison community members raise if they are in “Jail” and need to raise “Bail” money for the March of Dimes in order to get out? Members of the community, including Dakota State University teachers, staff and students, raised over $13,000 in pledges! These people volunteered one hour of their time on October 20 to raise money for the March of Dimes.

The day for the PBL and March of Dimes volunteers started at 7:30 am as they arrived to set up the event in the Spectrum Lounge area of the Trojan Center, DSU’s student union building. The "prisoners" began being arrested and turning themselves in at 9 am with the event wrapping up about 6 pm that day.

The members of the community and DSU volunteers could either get picked up by the guards, which were provided by PBL chapter, from their place of business or they could turn themselves in to the judge who was also provided by PBL. Upon arrival at "Jail" the "prisoner" was read his or her rights, basically stating he was to raise as much money as possible in an hour. The recommendation

Last year, this event took place within two days and raised $8,000 in pledges with about 60 volunteers from the community and campus. This year was certainly a record breaking year. "This demonstrates what can happen when enthusiasm and commitment combine with excellent planning, outstanding execution, and a positive attitude by everyone involved," remarked PBL Co- Advisor Dan Talley. Jill Schneider and Orinda Christoph, PBL Co-advisers, were also impressed with the record-setting success of the event.

This day’s effort was a great success thanks to Madison community members, DSU’s teachers, staff and students, and PBL chapter; with out their help this day would have not been possible. A special thanks to Cindy Friedbauer, the SD Chapter March of Dimes Coordinator for Madison and Sheri Svatos, DSU PBL March of Dimes Coordinator, for all their hard work in planning this day and making it possible for such a great cause. DSU PBL will also be hosting the March of Dimes Walk America this spring; we hope to see the same outpour of volunteering and generosity for this event as well.

Guard, DSU Professor Dan Talley, and Prisoner, DSU President Jerry Tunheim, discuss "Bail."