

IAIE CONNECTION

A Newsletter for IAIE Coordinators, Advisory Council, Connectors, Senior Actives, and Members

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2008 IAIE World Conference

September 18-21

Chicago Metro Area, USA

*The time will soon arrive for the next IAIE World Conference.
Everyone is cordially invited!*

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SEE YOU IN CHICAGO!

IAIE Membership Renewals have begun for 2008!

The International Alliance for Invitational Education® has begun its membership renewal drive for 2008. Membership forms and renewal letters were mailed in December 2007. All members are invited to renew for 2008, if they have not already done so. Please go to the IAIE website at www.invitationaleducation.net to download a membership form.

IAIE needs you!

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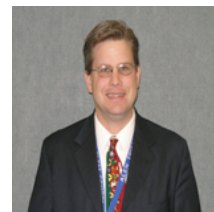
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Dear Coordinators and Friends of IAIE,

My wife and I have often discussed why the middle part of the school year can be so difficult for educators. Is it the lack of regular exposure to sunshine? Is it due of the long stretch of school before spring break? Is it that the end of the year is still a long way away? Is it the anticipation of upcoming statewide assessments? The answer to all of these questions is, "Yes!"



While it is impossible to change the weather, the calendar, and other events outside of our control, we all have the capacity to change our attitudes! As Dr. Purkey suggests, we should take advantage of this gift and look at obstacles as invitations for success. We should be thankful that we have an extended period of time with our students—this time of the year may very well yield their largest growth. We should include our students in the development of goals for the remainder of the school year. We should reach out to our colleagues and continue to build a network of support so that we can do the very best with our students.

I would invite all state, province, and regional coordinators to communicate with members in their state/country. Let them know that you are there to support them, let them know they are valued, and give them the reassurance to do the best possible work with their students. It is this time of year that we need to apply the principles of Invitational Education.

I hope everyone has a great second half of the school year. We have a lot of good work yet to be accomplished on behalf of our students. I wish you all the best and continued success to you and your students. Remember, if all else fails, buy a sun lamp!

Sincerely,

Alex Tripamer,
IAIE Coordinator Chair



Funding Ideas to Attend the IAIE Chicago Conference September 18-20, 2008
by William W. Purkey, IAIE Trustee

When asked why they were not present at our previous IAIE World Conferences, some Coordinators responded that they could not get funding and therefore could not afford to attend. To overcome this barrier, here are some practical ways of finding the money to attend the IAIE 2008 Invitational Education World Conference to be held at the Hyatt Regency Deerfield in Chicago, Illinois, September 18-21, 2008.

Write a brief, one-page proposal and submit it to your principal, superintendent, dean, or whoever holds the purse strings. You can give the same proposal to PTA's, local, state, and regional organizations, and business/school partners. The brief proposal should explain the many ways that your students will benefit by you attending the World Conference. These benefits include your acquiring new skills, techniques, a better understanding of Invitational Education[®], and up-to-date information on social and emotional learning.

Your one-page proposal should state the approximate cost of conference registration, food, hotel, and travel. Point out that you are contributing your time, energy, and money as well. If possible, deliver your proposal in person to those who make decisions.

Remember, where there is a will there is a way to attend our World Conference. See you there!

2008 IAIE World Conference

Special Preliminary Announcement

Mark your calendar now! The International Alliance for Invitational Education summons you most cordially to attend the IAIE 2008 World Conference on Invitational Education to be held on **September 18-20** in Chicago at the Hyatt Regency Deerfield.

The theme is **Educating with Humanity, Humility, and Humor** and focuses on the affective components of the educative process, while addressing pressing cognitive concerns. This World Conference will bring together dedicated educators, allied professionals, and business, civic, and community leaders from throughout the United States and many other countries. Some unique features of this exciting Invitational Education World Conference include:

- Presentations by noted international authorities and delightful speakers, including **Toody Byrd, Harvey Smith, William Purkey, Betty Siegel**, who will share their thoughts on how to incorporate the concepts of humanity, humility, and humor within the framework of Invitational Education.
- Many displays prepared by **Inviting School Award Winners** from numerous states and nations, as well as invited exhibitors.
- Several dozen hands-on workshops presented by experienced leaders in Invitational Education

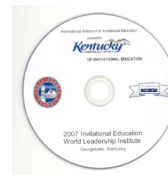
Come and mingle with Alliance Members from throughout the world in a warm and friendly atmosphere. You will be inspired and rejuvenated, both personally and professionally. For more information, please visit www.invitationaleducation.net in the next few weeks or contact Dr. Charlotte Reed, Conference Director, at creed@iun.edu, or by mail at:

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New DVD!

From the 2007 IAIE Leadership Institute in Scott County Schools, Kentucky, USA!

Looking for a brief yet powerful message to describe Invitational Education® to school faculty and staff, or for a workshop presentation to counselors and other healthcare professionals? Here is a clear and crisp presentation of what invitational theory and practice are all about. A brief 10 minutes, this DVD highlights endorsements from noted singer and songwriter, Peter Yarrow, and brief explanations from selected IAIE leaders as well as co-founders, Drs. William W. Purkey and Betty L. Siegel.



Now available through the IAIE Clearinghouse for the low price of \$10 each, the Kentucky DVD is a must for schools becoming aware of Invitational Education® or workshop facilitators presenting the basic principles of this approach to living and learning. A great introductory piece!

Contact the IAIE Clearinghouse to order yours today!

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Connections

By Kate Asbill, *IAIE Advisory Council Chair*

Connections – that’s what the Alliance for Invitational Education has always meant to me. When I attended my first IE conference in 1985, I left feeling as if I had plugged into the mainstream of people who think like me. It was electrifying and energizing. When I read the book, *Inviting School Success*, the ideas expressed by Purkey and Novak caused me to feel an affinity—a connection—with William and John. It was affirming and inspiring. Ideas and inspiration from those I have come to know through my association with, through my connection with, the International Alliance for Invitational Education® have greatly influenced me, both personally and professionally. It has been uplifting and gratifying.

Through the years the connection with these like-minded, long marchers in the Alliance has been strengthening and sustaining. My horizons have been broadened through IE connections—taking me from New Mexico to New York and points between and beyond. Invitations to help spread the good news of Invitational Education in far away places like Hong Kong and South Africa have come through my connection with the Alliance. It has been an exhilarating journey.

It is amazing to realize how my world has been expanded and enriched through my connection to the Alliance for Invitational Education and its incredible members. My IE connection has added new layers to my existence and for this I am grateful; by this I have been blessed. Thank you.

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Collaboration Plans between Cabell County Schools, WV, Marshall University, and the Hong Kong Education Bureau

by Allyson Schoenlein

Cabell County Schools will soon extend our international influence to Hong Kong, China. Dr. Peter Wong, the Hong Kong Education Bureau’s Senior School Development Officer, has been looking for a school district in the United States with a university connection. Cabell County Schools and Marshall University offered a perfect match for his vision. By linking Cabell Schools and MU, Dr. Wong, a Trustee of IAIE, proposed that Chinese teachers and principals would pursue advanced degrees in education, while teaching and learning in American classrooms.

Plans for this collaboration are moving swiftly to include:

- A delegation from Sun Kei Secondary School will visit Cabell County Schools for ten days in March. Students, and local families will house visiting educators. Students will attend classes at either CMHS or HHS. Their teachers will visit classrooms in the county to teach cultural lessons and learn from our local practices. This is expected to be the first of many such visits.
- Hong Kong schools will host similar visits from Cabell teachers and students. A local committee is developing parameters for this exchange program.
- Marshall University is developing a Master’s and Doctoral program in Education that will include a strand of Invitational Education.
- Foundational coursework for the Invitational Education strand is being developed by Allyson Schoenlein. She plans to teach the first IE course this summer for visiting educators from Hong Kong. Other interested students from Cabell County Schools will also be invited to take this and future classes.

**Still time!
Nominate Your Inviting School
for a 2008 Award!**



Introducing the 2008 Inviting School Awards Program!

- *Is your school the most “Inviting Place in Town?”*
- *Is everyone associated with your school able, valuable, and responsible?*
- *Is education in your school a cooperative and collaborative activity where process is as important as product?*
- *Is there a belief in your school that students and staff alike possess untapped potential in all areas of human endeavor?*
- *Does your school create and maintain places, policies, processes and programs specifically designed to “invite” development and by people who are intentionally inviting with themselves and others, both personally and professionally?*

If you answered, “Yes” to these questions, we invite you to apply for the 2008 Inviting School Awards Program. This Award recognizes schools, universities, and districts throughout the world that exhibit the philosophy of Invitational Education.

Award winning schools will be recognized at the 2008 IAIE World Conference .

FIND APPLICATION INFORMATION ON OUR WEB SITE

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Introducing
The
Inviting School Fidelity Award

The International Alliance for Invitational Education proudly announces this award as a continuing effort to promote inviting schools that “Keep the Inviting Spirit Alive”. Just as “fidelity” suggests faithfulness, allegiance, loyalty, and devotion, “inviting” schools should be recognized for keeping these attributes a part of their invitational philosophy.

This prestigious Fidelity Award is designed to recognize those schools that have previously received the “Inviting School Award” and that have kept the spirit of Invitational Education alive in their school.

Awards will be presented at the IAIE World Conferences which convene every other year. The next World Conference will be held in 2008. Schools may apply for the 2, 4, 6, and 8 year “Silver” Starfish Fidelity Award by completing the ISS- \mathcal{R} survey and providing a letter describing the achievements during the 2-year period.

Application for the 10 year “Gold” Starfish Fidelity Award will follow the same format. This award, however, would serve as the “Lifetime Inviting Achievement” Award as the school is recognized for “making a continuous difference” in the lives of it’s students, staff and school.

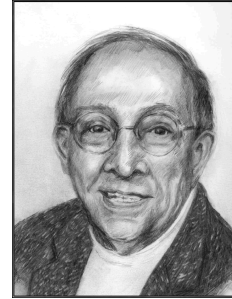
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Nominations Requested for The William Stafford Leadership Award

IAIE established the William Stafford Leadership Award in 2003 to recognize exceptional servant leadership within the Alliance. It is the highest award presented by the organization. The Alliance bestows the Award every other year at the IAIE annual meeting. The next Stafford Awards will be at the 2008 IAIE World Conference in the greater Chicago area.



The award honors the late Dr. William Stafford, former Professor of Counselor Education at Lehigh University, a founding member of the Alliance. He directed the first Alliance Conference, which met on the Lehigh campus in 1982. Over the years, Bill Stafford provided exceptional leadership to the Alliance and contributed greatly to the development invitational theory and practice. He was the second editor of the *Journal of Invitational Theory and Practice*.

Nominees for the William Stafford Leadership Award should have a minimum of three years of distinguished service to the International Alliance for Invitational Education®, which means the contribution they made is expected to go beyond local organization level.

Past Recipients of the Award include:

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| <i>Kate Asbill</i> | <i>Sue Bowen</i> | <i>Dallas Blankenship</i> | <i>Clio Chan</i> |
| <i>David Chapman</i> | <i>Mable Morrison</i> | <i>John Novak</i> | <i>William Purkey</i> |
| <i>Tommie Radd</i> | <i>Phil Riner</i> | <i>Jack Schmidt</i> | <i>Dan Shaw</i> |
| <i>Betty Siegel</i> | <i>Harvey Smith</i> | <i>Mary Lynn Smith</i> | <i>Paula Stanley</i> |
| <i>Peter Wong</i> | | | |

To nominate, please send a letter that documents the nominee's service to the Alliance to the Awards Committee (Address: Creative Primary School, 2A Oxford Road, Kowloon Tong, Kowloon, Hong Kong, China. Attn: Clio Chan). The due date for nominations is April 30, 2008.

We look forward to your support and your nominations.

Order IAIE Posters and DVD's for Your School!

Visit the IAIE web site at www.invitationaleducation.net or contact the IAIE Clearinghouse [Phone: (540) 831-6509; Email: inviteru@radford.edu] for information and order forms. These posters are great for schools, mental health centers, hospitals, and other places to offer inspirational messages about Invitational Education. The DVDs, produced by our Hong Kong Center provides a great synopsis of I.E., gathered from presentations at the 2005 Leadership Institute and schools in Hong Kong.

Coming Soon!

2008 IAIE Members will receive a complimentary copy!!

FUNDAMENTALS OF INVITATIONAL EDUCATION

By William Purkey and John Novak

The International Alliance for Invitational Education® is pleased to announce the 2008 publication of the booklet, *Fundamentals of Invitational Education*, by William Purkey and John Novak.

This easy-to-read booklet presents a succinct introduction to the theory and practice of Invitational Education®. An affordable price makes it an ideal teaching tool for administrators, professors, workshop directors, and allied professionals.

ADMINISTRATORS: The booklet is designed for mass distribution by superintendents, principals, curriculum specialists, and others who want to introduce Invitational Education to everyone in their schools and school systems. It is also a useful guide to invitational theory for counselors, healthcare professionals, and other clinicians looking for a social and emotional learning, perceptually oriented approach to helping.

PROFESSORS. College and university professors will find that the affordable cost of the booklet makes it easy to assign as required reading without placing an undo financial burden on students. The booklet is particularly suited as a roadmap for those preparing to become teachers, school counselors, and administrators.

WORKSHOP DIRECTORS. *Fundamentals of Invitational Education* is perfect for distribution at workshops to give participants an immediate and practical understanding of the theory and practice of Invitational Education. .

FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES. An excellent way to introduce friends and colleagues to Invitational Education is by buying and giving copies of this engaging book as gifts.

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