



November 15, 2010

ICI Holds 25th Anniversary Celebration

On November 5, the Institute on Community Integration (ICI) combined its annual fall Kickoff into a larger event: ICI's 25th Anniversary Celebration. Over 100 staff and friends of ICI attended the evening event in the atrium of the University of Minnesota's McNamara Alumni Center. Highlights of the evening included remarks by University President Bob Bruininks and ICI Director David R. Johnson, recognition of former ICI staff who've passed away, awards, as well as entertainment and dinner.

Unlike the academic presentations that are so common at such events, the speeches at this celebration were more personal. President Bruininks, who was one of ICI's founders and its first director from 1985 to 1991, spoke about how, during his years as ICI director, he learned the important role that strong organizational values and a clear mission play in leadership. ICI's current director, David R. Johnson, told the audience about his older brother, Vance (1945-1998), who was diagnosed with cerebral palsy after a severe reaction to a smallpox vaccination at age nine months. Recounting Vance's life – and his family's daily struggles to care for him – he reminded the audience of the bleak decades before the rights of people with disabilities were established in law and before organizations like ICI and community-based services existed for them and their families. (The full text of David's remarks is on the ICI Web site at <http://ici.umn.edu/welcome/2010anniversaryremarks.html>).

ICI's growth has been impressive. President Bruininks recalled how, in the mid-1980s, he persuaded David to leave St. Cloud State University for the nascent ICI with a 25 percent position, a \$5,000 grant, and a handful of visionary researchers. The Institute now has an annual budget exceeding \$20 million dedicated to more than 70 projects, including six regional and national centers, and collaborates with nearly 200 partners around the country. David spoke of ICI's recent accomplishments, including a \$45 million grant that ICI's National Center on Educational Outcomes (now in its 21st year) received last month from the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs.

The Kickoff/Anniversary Committee spent two months organizing the event. "It took a really good team and finding a date that worked with President Bruininks' schedule," committee chair Connie Burkhart said of the Kickoff/Anniversary. "There were several events related to disabilities that night so we didn't know if we'd get a good turnout at the Kickoff. But we did. People came, they enjoyed it, and they enjoyed hearing David talk about his brother. A lot of people didn't know that story."

The other committee members were Melissa Critchley-Rodriguez, Kristi Liu, Pam Stenhjem, Joe Timmons, Mai Vang, and Amanda Webster. Jerry Smith, Pam Stenhjem, and Joe Timmons emceed the event.

Staff Update

- **Staff Hires:** None. **Staff Departures:** None.
- **Angela Amado** presented at the College's Saturday Scholars program at Coffman Memorial Union on November 6. The title of her presentation was "Inclusive Communities: What is the Progress on Communities Including People with Disabilities?"
- On November 4, Arc of the United States presented **Charlie Lakin** with its 2010 Research Matters! Award at their 2010 National Convention in Orlando.
- **Angela Amado, Matt Bogenschutz, Amy Hewitt, David R. Johnson, Charlie Lakin, and Derek Nord** presented at the 2010 Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD) Annual Meeting in Arlington, Virginia, October 31-November 3. **Charlie** received an award for serving on the AUCD Board of Directors. **Joe Timmons** and **Chris Ospal** also attended the conference. In October, **Matt** also presented at the 56th Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education in Portland, Oregon.
- On October 31, **Renáta Tichá** presented at the Council for Exceptional Children's Division for Learning Disabilities conference in Baltimore.
- **Sharon Mulé** is staffing the Pathways to Employment booth at the Second Annual Disability and Employment Conference in Brooklyn Center, November 15-16.

Dates to Remember...

- November 25-26: University Closed
- December 3: ICI Winter Gathering, 11:30-1:30, 325 Education Sciences Building
- December 14: ICI Council, 10-12, 118 Pattee

From the Front Office

News from ICI's Administrative Staff

- **Vacation Eligible Staff and Supervisors.** Workgroup Calendar, the College's online vacation tracking/reporting tool, is live. Effective November 8, all requests for time off should be submitted via Workgroup Calendar. Paper forms and absence cards are no longer used. To access Workgroup Calendar and view user guides, visit Orpheus at <http://ici.umn.edu/intranet/> and look under "Quick Links." For any questions, contact Amy at kuro0008@umn.edu.
- **Open Enrollment.** UPlan Open Enrollment is November 1-30. This is the only time during the year when employees can change their health plan coverage. An announcement was sent to staff via campus mail. Provider directories can be found in 102 Pattee. FFI, visit www1.umn.edu/ohr/benefits/openenroll/index.html.
- **ICI Winter Gathering.** On December 3, ICI will hold its annual Winter Gathering in Room 325 of the Education Sciences Building, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. RSVP to kuro0008@umn.edu or 4-2380 by November 30.
- **Academic Personal Holiday.** Professional and Administrative (P&A) staff and all Graduate Research Assistants (GRAs) receive an Academic Personal Holiday to use between December 23, 2010 and

January 17, 2011. P&A staff should enter their Personal Holiday in the Workgroup Calendar, and GRAs should e-mail their supervisors, indicating their personal holiday use (tracked via supervisor). Questions? Contact Beth at 6-8042 or nelso106@umn.edu.

- **University Closure and Furlough.** The University of Minnesota Twin Cities campus will be closed from December 24, 2010 through January 2, 2011. The closure period includes two weekends, official holidays on December 24 and 31, and a floating holiday on December 27. In addition, the closure includes three furlough days, December 28-30. CEHD administrative units will not provide any services during the winter closure and all administrative offices will be closed. The College will send a communication to all staff in all employee groups within the next few weeks. In addition, frequently asked questions (FAQs) about the campus closure, mandatory furlough, and salary reduction during 2010-11 for academic personnel can be found on the University's Office of Human Resources Web site at www1.umn.edu/ohr/economyanduqanda/index.html. Questions? Contact Beth at 6-8042 or nelso106@umn.edu.

Miscellaneous

- **CEED Biennial Report.** The Center for Early Education and Development (CEED), ICI's partner center, recently published *CEED Stories: 2010 Biennial Report*. The publication is available on the Web at www.cehd.umn.edu/ceed/; click on "View *CEED Stories: 2010 Biennial Report*."
- **ACT Dance.** Advocating Change Together (ACT) will hold a Winter Dance Party at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in St. Paul, December 16 to raise funds for the 2011 Minnesota Self-Advocacy Conference next May. The fundraiser will feature a raffle and cash bar. FFI, visit www.selfadvocacy.org/programs/conference.
- **PACER Center's "Reference Points."** PACER Center has established "Reference Points: Transition Updates from the Technical Assistance on Transition and

the Rehabilitation Act (TATRA)," a free weekly e-mail to subscribers that features resources and updates to help parent organizations, advocates and professionals better serve adolescents and young adults with disabilities and their families. Subscribers receive several short e-mail messages each week featuring resources on issues affecting young adults with disabilities and their families. To subscribe, visit www.pacer.org/tatra/list/index.asp.

- **Birthdays.** **Laurene Christensen** (11/19), **Maureen Hawes** (11/20), **Lynn Albee** (11/22), **Sherri Larson** (11/26), **Meredith Peterson** (12/3), **Karen Stout** (12/5), and **Erica Hagelberg** (12/13). Did we miss your birthday? Let us know! Call 4-2380 or e-mail kuro0008@umn.edu.

Bits & Pieces

Information on New Publications and Web Sites

- **New Publications.** The following new ICI publications are available:
 - *ICI Annual Report, 2009/10* (October 2010). Published by the Institute. Available from the Publications Office and on the Web at http://ici.umn.edu/welcome/annualreports/ICI_AnnualReport_09-10.pdf.
 - *NCEO Synthesis Report 78: Computer-based Testing: Practices and Considerations* (September 2010). Published by the Institute's National Center on Educational Outcomes and available on the Web at www.cehd.umn.edu/NCEO/OnlinePubs/Synthesis78/default.htm.
- **Quality Mall Anniversary.** ICI's Quality Mall Web site (qualitymall.org) celebrated its 10th anniversary on October 31, 2010. The site is a clearinghouse for resources from around the U.S. and abroad that relate to person-centered supports for people with disabilities. Operated by ICI's Research and Training Center on Community Living, it contains almost 2,300 products and receives an average of 32,000 visitors per month.
- **Journal Article on Direct Support.** Matt Bogenschutz, Amy Hewitt, and Jennifer Hall-Lande of ICI, along with Traci LaLiberte (formerly of ICI), published the article, "Status and Trends in the Direct Support Workforce in Consumer Directed Supports" in the October 2010 issue of *Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities*, 48(5), 345-360. The article is on the Web at www.aaidjournals.org/doi/full/10.1352/1934-9556-48.5.345.
- **Journal Article on Lifetime Assistance Planning.** Amy Hewitt, Matt Bogenschutz, and Lori Sedlezky of ICI, along with Robert Doljanic (formerly of ICI), and Elizabeth Lightfoot and Katey McCormack, published the article, "Parental Caregivers' Desires for Lifetime Assistance Planning for Future Supports for Their Children with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities" in the October 2010 issue of *Journal of Family Social Work*, 13(5), 420-434. The article is on the Web at www.informaworld.com/smpp/section?content=a928649159&fulltext=713240928.
- **FYI Deadline.** Items for the next *FYI* should be submitted to Tom (donag003@umn.edu) by December 9.