



Access & Equity:

Empowering Professionals To Make a Difference

March 28-30, 2007

The Radisson Hotel Columbia and Conference Center

Sponsored by

The South Carolina Professional Association for
Access and Equity (SC-PAAE)

The South Carolina Commission on Higher Education
(SC-CHE)

Host Institutions:

The University of South Carolina
USC Sumter
Midlands Technical College

**12th Annual SC-PAAE Conference
22nd Annual Access and Equity Meeting**



Conference Overview



Have you ever felt overwhelmed by the duties of your job, or thought that the resources you have been provided with are not sufficient to have a significant impact on the diversity efforts of your institution? The major issue for most professionals is pulling it all together to ensure that your actions are effective and yield positive results. Diversity, Multiculturalism, Access and Equity, and other term variations promoting inclusion and achievement are often referenced in our strategic plans and campus initiatives. While using these terms gives the notion that an institution is forward thinking, further examination reveals the uncertainty of how to accomplish specific goals relative to the advancement of minority students, faculty and staff. Make plans to attend this conference to learn how you can make a difference and blaze a trail for others to follow!

Access and Equity: Empowering Professionals to Make a Difference, is the theme for the 2007 conference sponsored by the South Carolina Association for Access and Equity and the Commission on Higher Education. As in years past, conference sessions have focused on successful access and equity programs and strategies that encourage all institutional constituencies to move forward in ensuring a solid educational environment that is culturally rich and conducive to learning and creative interaction among students, faculty, and staff. This year, we have decided to include a pre-conference workshop entitled, "Leader of a One Man Band." This workshop will emphasize best practices and approaches for multicultural professionals in one-person offices. In addition, conference workshop topics will cover educational opportunities for professionals, updates on racial and ethnicity guidelines, and provide an opportunity for dialogue among conference attendees and an exceptional group of speakers and presenters that will be enlightening, inspiring and educational.



Conference Schedule

■ WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2007

- 12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m. Registration
- 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Pre-Conference Workshop - Leader of a One-Man Band: Multicultural Professionals at Work
- 3:00 p.m. Hotel Check-In
- 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. CHE Access & Equity Coordinators' Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. New Member Orientation
- 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Evening Reception and Networking Social with State Legislators

■ THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 2007

- 8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. **Session I**
Topic: Accessing PhD programs in South Carolina
- 10:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. **Session II**
Topic: Roundtable Discussions on (1) Building Administration buy-in; (2) Creating Diversity/Multicultural/Access & Equity Programming; (3) Marketing Diversity/Multicultural/Access & Equity Programming
- 11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. **Session III**
Topic: U.S. Dept. of Education's Proposed Race and Ethnicity Guidelines: Implications for Institutions in South Carolina
- 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. SC-PAAE Awards Luncheon with the College Presidents
- 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. SCHOLARSHIP BANQUET

■ FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 2007

- 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Breakfast Roundtable with State Legislators and Conference Closing
- 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. SC PAAE Business Meeting
- 11:00 a.m. SC PAAE Executive Board Meeting

Conference Registration

Registration (on/before February 28)

\$150 - SC PAAE Members

\$175 - Non-Members

Checks and/or money orders should be made payable to SC PAAE
(Federal I.D. #: 571041493)

Registration forms should be mailed to:

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Conference Lodging



Radisson Hotel Columbia and Conference Center

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<http://www.radisson.com/columbiasc>

The Radisson Hotel Columbia & Conference Center is conveniently located in our state's beautiful capitol city just off Interstate 20. When it's time to relax, guests can enjoy an outdoor swimming pool and oversized fitness center. Other convenient amenities include a 24hr business center, laundry, valet service, complimentary airport transportation and complimentary parking. Also, the hotel has a full service restaurant Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner, called **Columbo's Italian Eatery & Prime Steaks**, which features superb Italian cuisine, 2 private dining rooms and the finest Prime Beef. Also located in the hotel is **KC's Corner**, which features freshly brewed Starbucks® Coffee and Tazo Teas.

Room Rates: \$99/per night • Reserve Rooms on/before February 27, 2007

Group Reservation Code: SCP

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Conference Registration Form

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT

Name: _____

School/Organization: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Do you have any food allergies? If so, please explain. _____

Registration Fees

Registration

(Postmarked on/before February 28)

SC PAAE Members	\$150
Non-Members	\$175

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Method of Payment: Check Money Order Purchase Order

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