

## MACRAO UPDATE

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### Web Site Updates

**Do you need to log in?** Do you need to [log in](#) to [www.macrao.org](http://www.macrao.org) but can't remember your user name or password? Visit the [membership directory](#) to find your personal listing, which includes your user name. Reset your password by clicking on the "Can't remember your password?" link on the log-in page. You'll receive your new password in an email. If you need more help, contact your [institutional directory editor](#).

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### Michigan Transfer Network Wins National Award

MACRAO was one of three state or regional organizations awarded the Elbert W. Ockerman Award at the AACRAO annual conference held March 24-27, 2008 in Orlando, Florida. The award winning Michigan Transfer Network (MTN), initiated by MACRAO in May 2005 and launched in September 2007, was recognized as an outstanding program and example of a top quality professional activity among peer organizations. The award carries a \$500 monetary prize.

Howard Shanken also presented MTN to colleagues at a luncheon for state and regional officers, while Paul Schmidt, Kristin Schuette and Mark Ulseth hosted a session for the general membership.



*From left, Kristin Schuette, Paul Schmidt, Dugald McMillan, Howard Shanken, and Mark Ulseth accept the Ockerman award at the AACRAO annual meeting.*

### President's Update

MACRAO president Howard Shanken extends his thanks for the thoughts and prayers during his recovery from a recent heart surgery. Howard is recovering well and looking forward to returning to being "back in no time," to work and to MACRAO!

## Support Staff Workshop

The Support Staff Workshop will be held on June 13, 2008 at Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge Campus, located in Farmington Hills. This year, the theme is "Effort Makes the Difference!" and will feature Mary Ann Troy, who was so popular at last year's event.

The registration fee will be \$55 per person. Please watch your email and check the MACRAO web site for information on how to register for the workshop. Please note that the last day to cancel a reservation for a full refund will be June 2, 2008.

Take a moment this year to recognize your support staff by nominating them for the 2008 Outstanding Support Staff award. Share with the state why your staff is special!

- Download a [nomination form](#) online
- Nomination deadline is Friday, May 2, 2008
- Submit nominations to Ms. Katherine M. Lichtenberg, Director of Student Service for Oakland Community College at: 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48334-4579; fax forms to (248) 522-3515; or email to

## New Professionals Workshop

Save the date—the New Professionals Workshop will be held Thursday and Friday, September 4-5, 2008 at the Sheraton Hotel in Lansing, MI. We hope to see some bright new faces! This is a great opportunity to have your new admissions officers or recruiters learn about the world of college fairs, MACRAO, and higher education. More information on the web site will follow this summer.

## Summer Summit

The Articulation Committee is pleased to announce that the 2008 Articulation Summer Summit will be held at the beautiful Garland Resort in Lewiston, MI, June 19-20. Details regarding the workshop format will be coming to you soon.

The Articulation Committee extends a hearty welcome and invitation to both new and veteran MACRAO members. As a new member of the organization, you may have questions about the articulation process and what it entails. In fact, you may have asked, "Where can I find a forum with a long-standing history that addresses such important issues?" Well, look no further—this is the workshop for you! Whether you're new to the profession, or a seasoned veteran, the Summer Summit is a diverse forum for all. As the premier workshop devoted to articulation and transfer issues, we invite you to join us as we discuss key areas affecting articulation development, building strong and productive relationships between two and four year institutions, legislative issues and much more!

We promise engaging dialogue, a quest for collaborative strategies and a renewed enthusiasm for charting a progressive course within your respective institutions. You don't want to miss what promises to be a great time for one and all. The Articulation Committee looks forward to seeing you at the Garland!

## Upcoming Events

- Support Staff Workshop  
June 13, 2008
- Summer Summit  
June 19-20, 2008
- New Professionals  
Workshop  
September 4-5, 2008
- Annual Conference  
November 12-14, 2008