

The Odyssey



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Updates!

Officer Elections

The semester is beginning to wind down with final exams looming in the near future. As the academic school year comes to a close that means that plans for the 2008-2009 school year will soon commence. A new year brings new student officers for the Odyssey Peer Mentor Student Association. OPMSA will be conducting officer elections after final exams are finished. All officer positions will be available, and I strongly encourage you to seriously consider becoming an officer with a student organization. As an officer you gain a sense of pride in your school and your organization. The experience gained will be beneficial when it comes time to apply for a job in the workplace plus demonstrating that you held a role of leadership while in college always looks great on a resume. You will meet so many new and interesting people and the experience is rewarding in itself. In May the newly elected officers will attend a day retreat to discuss new ideas, make plans for the upcoming academic year, and participate in some team-building activities. If this interests you, please contact us at Odyssey@kennesaw.edu.

Award Nominations

The Annual Awards Ceremony is fast approaching and that means it's time to nominate your mentor or your mentee for recognition. Nomination forms will be posted online soon and an email will be sent out as a reminder. Awards that are given are Certificate of Excellence, Shining Star Certificate, and Peer Mentor of the Year Award.

On the Horizon: Odyssey Awards Ceremony

Odyssey's Annual Awards Ceremony will be Friday, May 2nd at 6:30pm at the Legacy Gazebo on KSU campus. Invitations will be mailed and a RSVP will be required. Come join us for dinner, listen to live jazz music, and honor nominated mentors and mentees.




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Mentor Focus Spotlight: Oprah Winfrey & Maya Angelou

Virtually anyone can benefit from having a mentor in their lives. Most well-known, accomplished, and successful people can identify people in their lives who acted as mentors. This section will focus on well-known celebrities and the mentors in their lives.

Who hasn't heard of Oprah, a self-made woman who has turned her name into a multi-million dollar media empire. Oprah has claimed numerous times that famed author Maya Angelou is her mentor. Oprah has stated that a mentor is someone who allows you to see the hope inside yourself. She says, "I think mentors are important and I don't think anybody makes it in the world without some form of mentorship—nobody makes it alone in the world." These are pretty powerful words coming from one of the most successful and influential women in pop culture. If Oprah attributes part of her success to having a mentor in her life, imagine what having a mentor or being a mentor can do for you or those that you mentor.

Did you know? CineKAB

Did you know that we have our own little Blockbuster Video here on campus? Well, actually it's called CineKAB sponsored by KAB (Kennesaw Activities Board) and is located in the Student Center on the 2nd floor directly above the deli in the food court. CineKAB offers free movie rentals with a student KSU ID. They are conveniently open and staffed by volunteers Monday-Thursday. Stop by and check out their selection of new releases and old time favorites. And don't forget it's completely free for KSU students. To check out what movie selections they offer or to make suggestions on what they should carry in the future, check out their website at <http://www.ksukab.com/>.



Congratulations Graduates Spring & Summer 2008

Class of '08



Spring 2008 Graduates

Keith Deininger - CSIS
 Fernando Rosero - MBA
 Linda Schutze - Finance
 James Price - MSIS

Summer 2008 Graduates

Eniko Baranyi - Int'l Affairs
 Lisa Richard - Nursing
 Kerri Hartman - Biology