

I would like to thank everyone that attended the 2009 NATYCAA Convention in Orlando, which started out at the Hawk's Landing Golf Club. Special thanks to Ron Case and Gary Broadhurst for their efforts. The Presidents welcome by Dave Evans started the Convention on Thursday morning. Dave's leadership last year was outstanding and is appreciated by everyone. We were extremely fortunate to have our keynote speaker Bernard Franklin, executive vice president for membership services and student-athlete affairs of the NCAA, speak to the NATYCAA members. A special thanks goes to Carlyle Carter for all of his hard work in getting Dr. Franklin.



Carl Heinrich



The "Two-Year Relations" speakers of Joe Castiglione, AD, Oklahoma and Dan Guerrero, AD, UCLA provided us much insight in two-year college relationships with the NCAA. The featured speaker at the luncheon, Oval Jaynes, AD, Jacksonville State, was outstanding. Another special thank you goes to Greg South for his help with securing Oval as the speaker. The topic of "How to Keep Growing" was presented by Jim Senter of the University of Colorado. One of the most interesting topics, which was a favorite of the Convention, was presented by JoAnn Rust and was entitled "Leadership Challenges — Why Athletics?" Art Becker needs to be thanked for his efforts in bringing JoAnn to the Convention. A final thank you goes to Mary Mahan, Ron Warnock and the Connections Committee for the presentation of "Safe Money-Retirement Programs" with Kevin Fringer from Collegiate Financial Services. Another popular session was the round table discussion on social networking and ways for young administrators to advance. These are just a few of the highlights of the Convention. Thank you all for such a great experience.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE AWARD WINNERS AT THE 2009 CONVENTION:

NATYCAA Cup Winners

NCJAA Scholarship Division-Iowa Central CC
 NJCAA Non-Scholarship Division-College of DuPage
 State Association-Mt. San Antonio

The L. William Miller Award

Scott Geddis, Phoenix College

Scholar-Athletes of the Year

Heather DiCrescenzo, Gloucester County College
 Lauren Penc, Mohawk Valley Community College
 David Hernandez, Santa Rosa Junior College

I am honored to serve as president of NATYCAA for the 2009-10 year. It looks to be a very exciting year, as the Convention will be in Anaheim, California. John Volek of Sierra College, along with many of the California athletics directors, have been working extremely hard getting ready for the Convention.

The executive committee will be meeting in January to prepare and finalize the Convention. Our association will only be as good as we make it. Please get involved, and you can do so by contacting any of the executive committee members.

A special thank you goes to NACDA and specifically Pat Manak, our national office contact, for all of the support in making NATYCAA a first-class organization. Check out the NATYCAA Web site at www.natycaa.com.

Thanks for this article to Carl Heinrich, director of athletics at Johnson County Community College and NATYCAA President.

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