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# The Access Point

News of the West Virginia Access Center for Higher Education, Inc.

## WVACHE Boards Welcome New Members

The WVACHE welcomes five new members to its Board of Directors and Board of Advisors.

**Mr. Vernon Oakes** is president and founder of Oakes Management, Inc., a property management firm based in Washington, DC. He is also a native of Bluefield, W.Va. Mr. Oakes will serve as treasurer for the WVACHE Board of Directors.

**Dr. Brenda Haas**, the new executive director of the Ohio Appalachian Center for Higher Education, fills the Board of Directors seat left by her predecessor, the late Wayne F. White.

**Mr. Randy Shillingburg**, new to the Board of Directors, is the executive director of College Summit West Virginia and a native of the Mountain State.

**Ms. Rebecca Fillinger**, new to the Board of Advisors, is an attorney and

a co-founder of the Mountain Laurel Art Scholarship, which funds post-secondary art students from West Virginia and Virginia's Appalachian Highlands.

**Mr. Jack Wiseman** is also new to the Board of Advisors. He is the director of WVPASS (West Virginia Partnerships to Assure Student Success) in the West Virginia Department of Education and the Arts.

Welcome to our new board members, and thanks to all board members for your service! ◀



Vernon Oakes



Jack Wiseman



Brenda Haas

## Apply for a Team Stipend to Attend the 12th Annual Conference!

The WVACHE is again offering stipends for teams of faculty and administration from West Virginia high schools that do not currently have WVACHE Access Project grants to attend the annual OACHE/WVACHE Conference. This year the 12th Annual Conference will take place October 6-8 at Rio Grande Community College in southern Ohio.

The stipend program enables high schools that do not have a WVACHE Access Project to learn more about the proven low-cost strategies that other high schools are using to encourage more students to go to college. Attendees can also learn more about the WVACHE's Access program and network with current and past Access Project grantees.

The WVACHE will provide Team Stipends on a first-come, first-served basis to send teams of two per qualifying high school to the confer-

ence. Team Stipends will cover registration fees, basic hotel accommodations (room and tax) and travel costs (subject to the conditions identified in the application).

There is no match requirement in order to receive a Team Stipend. Teams are, however, required to register for and participate in the entire conference. (The Thursday-evening reception is optional).

To apply for a Team Stipend to attend the 12th Annual OACHE/WVACHE Conference, please download the two-page application from the WVACHE Web site or contact WVACHE Executive Director Sarita Gattuso to request a copy by mail. Applications will be accepted by mail or fax on a first-come, first-served basis until **September 23**.

*The Team Stipend program is made possible by the financial support of the Appalachian Regional Commission.* ◀

A higher education can help your students attain a better quality of life for themselves and their families. But many students who have the ability to succeed in higher education don't see themselves as "college material."

Get the strategies, resources and support your school needs to help those students see that college is an option for them. Attend the 12th Annual OACHE/WVACHE Conference October 6-8!





# 2005-07 Access Project Grants Awarded

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The WVACHE Board of Directors has approved 14 Access Project grants for the 2005-07 funding biennium.

The 14 grantee high schools are listed below; first-time grantee schools are indicated with an asterisk, and county name(s) are provided in parentheses where appropriate:

**Berkeley Springs High School\*** (Morgan);  
**Buckhannon Upshur High School\*** (Upshur);  
**Cameron High School** (Marshall); **James Monroe High School** (Monroe); **Jefferson High School** (Jefferson); **Mineral County**

**Technical Center; Nicholas County High School; Pendleton County High School; Petersburg High School** (Grant); **Preston High School\*** (Preston); **PRT Technical Center\*** (Pleasants, Ritchie, and Tyler); **Richwood High School** (Nicholas); **Roane County High School\***; and **Valley High School** (Wetzel).

Congratulations to our 2005-07 WVACHE Access Projects! The WVACHE looks forward to helping all of these schools achieve significant increases in the number of graduates who go on to pursue higher education. ◀

Breakout Sessions   Plenary Speakers   Entertainment   Networking Reception   Displays   Outstanding Educator Awards

## Register Today!

The 12th Annual OACHE/WVACHE Conference  
October 6-8, 2005  
Rio Grande Community College, Rio Grande, Ohio




Register online at [www.oache.org/wvache\\_home.htm](http://www.oache.org/wvache_home.htm)  
or  
download the conference brochure and register by mail.

**Register by September 15** to receive the regular conference rate!

Networking   Appalachian Culture   Door Prizes   Best Practices   Reality Store   Friday Banquet

Access Project Training   Campus Tours   Team Stipends   Thursday-Evening Reception   Book Signings

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