JOIN US!

- Find out what you need to know about developing Human Capital in your organization at two events on March 15 with global expert, Rebecca L. Ray, Ph.D., Senior Vice President, Human Capital with The Conference Board:
  - Breakfast- 7:45 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
  - Great Southern Club- located on top of the Hancock Bank Building
    2510 14th Street
    Gulfport, MS 39501
  - Roundtable Discussion- 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
  - Southern Miss Gulf Coast Campus
    FEC 104

To secure your complimentary seat for either event (or both), R.S.V.P. to Suzy Robinson (s.robinson@usm.edu) by Tuesday, March 13

SUCCESSFUL DISSERTATION DEFENSE

Congratulations to Dr. Rich Stewart who successfully defended his dissertation entitled
A Study of the Leadership Code and Employee Engagement.

PROMOTIONS/NEW POSITIONS

- Robin Gaudet, MSWTD graduate, accepted a new position as Organizational Development Specialist with Hancock University at Hancock Bank, Gulfport, MS.
- Gwen Dabbs Parker, MSWTD graduate, has been promoted to Director of Workforce Training and Development for Civil Service, State of Louisiana, Baton Rouge, LA.
- Maria Salter, MSWTD graduate, accepted a new position as Associate Relations and Training Manager at Margaritaville Casino and Restaurant, Biloxi, MS.
- Dana Torregano, current MSWTD student, was promoted to Human Resources Specialist II at the NASA Shared Services Center, Stennis Space Center, MS.
- Nikki Towers, current MSWTD student, recently accepted a new job as Retail Merchandising and Training Specialist for American Tire Distributors, Baton Rouge, LA. She trains front-line employees on how to operate ordering systems; educates on programs and products; and handles logistical issues.

PUBLICATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

- Dr. John Kmiec, HCDPHD graduate, had a blog published with The Conference Board. The blog is titled Performance Improvement Planning Puts Business Needs First, Not Last and can be found here.
- Gwen Meador, current HCDPHD student, contributed to a recent edition of Human Capital in Review: Focus on Human Capital Analytics released from The Conference Board.
- Janea McDonald, current HCDPHD student, presented Leadership Skills: Use ‘Em or Lose ‘Em to the MS State Council of SHRM in Jackson, MS.
AWARDS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **Josh Duplantis**, current HCDPHD student, won the *Gulf-South Summit Award for Outstanding Practitioner Contributions to Service Learning in Higher Education*. The award is given to a practitioner demonstrating excellence in creating, providing and sustaining opportunities for engaging college/university students in service-learning.

- **Evelyn Green**, current HCDPHD student, is the winner of the *Exemplary Online Course Award for LEC Connects 2012* through The University of Southern Mississippi.

- **Dr. John Kmiec**, HCDPHD graduate, co-authored a case study entitled *A Learning Intervention for Work Engagement* that is the 1st place recipient of the 2011 Award for Best Published Case Study by the ROI Institute.

- **Dana Torregano**, current MSWTD student, received a grant from the Program for Continuing Education as part of the Philanthropic Educational Organization which provides need-based grants to females furthering their education.

STUDENT/ALUMNI ASTD BOARD PARTICIPATION FOR LOCAL GROUPS

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- Current students must complete the RCR training. Be sure to send your certificates of completion to Janea McDonald.
- All students, past and present, need to complete a bio and send in a picture.

Do you have something you want to share? Please let Dr. Cyndi Gaudet or Dr. Heather Annullis know!


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