



President's Message

Dear Fellow Public Administrator:

On behalf of the membership and council of the Delaware Association for Public Administration (DAPA), I'd like to thank you for your continual support and enthusiasm! Over the past year, we've reached out to a number of public administration professionals, higher education faculty and staff, and students through well-planned and successful programs that many of you have either attended and/or helped plan.

We're hoping to continue this trend and look forward to your participation in the coming year. Here are a few opportunities we have planned this fall:

- **Brown Bag Lunch Panel Session on October 12, 2009, 1:00 p.m. at the Composites Manufacturing Science Laboratory (Room 106/Conference Room)**
"Careers in Public Service," featuring University of Delaware School of Urban Affairs & Public Policy (SUAPP) alumni
- **Joint DAPA and SUAPP Event on November 11, 2009, 6:30 p.m. at the Roselle Center for the Arts, University of Delaware**
"University of Delaware Policy Institute," coordinated by Dan Rich, Professor of Public Policy in the College of Education & Public Policy at the University of Delaware
- **Annual DAPA Awards Dinner on December 3, 2009, 6:00 p.m. at the Embassy Suites, Newark**
DAPA will recognize the recipients of the 2009 DAPA Public Service Award and the 2009 DAPA Outstanding Student Public Service Award. Speaker TBD



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President

These events are intended to carry out our organizational mission of promoting public service and offering important networking opportunities, advice, and information to our members and those that are interested in public administration and related fields. As noted by ASPA President Paul Posner in his August 2009 letter, professional organizations like ASPA and DAPA provide important resources and perspectives for both students and professionals—particularly in these times of change and uncertainty.

As we begin our fall recruitment, we remind you to take advantage of these resources by renewing your membership to ASPA and/or DAPA for the 2010 calendar year. If you are not already a member, we hope you consider joining. ASPA members automatically become DAPA members, and ASPA offers discounted rates for students and new professionals. For additional membership information, please visit: www.aspanet.org or www.dapanet.org/join.html.

As a member, we anticipate your becoming active in DAPA through its various committees as well as opportunities to nominate and support public service leaders and students who are striving to make a difference in our communities here in Delaware. Two award winners will be announced at our Annual Awards Dinner on December 3rd: the **2009 DAPA Public Service Award** and the **DAPA Outstanding Student Public Service**



Award. If you have a candidate(s) in mind, we strongly encourage you to nominate and/or support them by visiting www.dapanet.org/awards.html.

If you have additional ideas for programs, events, or sponsorships, please feel free to contact me at jusmith@udel.edu or 302-831-6224. We look forward to your continued participation and interest in promoting public service here in Delaware.

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