Annual NACC Conference

By Erin Ellis
Not only did we have a large attendance at the conference, but every person representing UNCG either presented on a panel, presented a case study, or wrote a research paper.

We were able to take home two awards this year: Graduate tutor of the year and top Faculty paper!

Even if the conference is further away next year, we hope to still have a strong presence allowing UNCG to continue to be a leader among Communication Centers.

BECOMING A CONSULTANT

Students interested in becoming a Consultant first complete CST 390. To apply for CST 390 admission, you’ll need to provide proof of a 3.0 G.P.A. or higher, a faculty recommendation letter, and a letter of personal interest that indicates (after you complete CST 390) a minimum of a one-year commitment to a part-time paid position or a one-semester, 90-hour internship (CST 412). Learn more at: http://speakingcenter.uncg.edu/staff/index.php
A Voice From The Center

BY SHAQ SUGGS

Beginning in Fall of 2011, the Speaking Center became the first job I ever had—ever. In my experience there, I truly learned what it means to have a voice at UNCG. Whether I was a trainee, a consultant, a manager, a Graduate Assistant, or a Graduate Assistant Director—I learned to find my voice and to help other students find theirs. Through team building activities with the staff, hosting community service events that allow students to voice their opinions, facilitating workshops for faculty around campus, and of course, through consulting with a diverse group of speakers—I became less nervous and less shy. Looking back, I am thankful the Speaking Center gives us opportunities to step up and make a difference.

I felt I had no verbal way of expressing myself, but then I worked with speakers who felt the same way—and something about their need for a voice helped me find my own. Then I realized how my roles in the Speaking Center helped in every area of my life. I learned to speak up in the office, in the classroom, and even in every day conversations. In addition to the confidence and courage I gained, the lessons and relationships shall always be valuable to me.

I cannot say what my future holds, but my goal is to create a space where my students or employees can transform in the same ways that the Speaking Center transformed me. It is because I am holding onto the countless, wonderful experiences that I refuse to say goodbye to our people and to our work. It got me to where I am and I am grateful to be here. Like everything in life, becoming a confident and competent speaker is a process. You can be shy, nervous, or even confused. All I knew in my interview for the Speaking Center was that I wanted to help people. I see now that when you help people find their voice, you can help yourself find yours.

OUR GRADUATING COMMUNICATORS

Arshad: Managing Consultant  
Major: Communication Studies  
Minor: English

Kim H.: Managing Consultant  
Major: Communication Studies

Rebekah: Managing Consultant  
Major: Elementary Education

Chanese: Managing Consultant  
Major: Social Work

Mai: Managing Consultant  
Major: Psychology

Shaq: Graduate Assistant Director  
Major: Masters of Arts in English

Moriah S.: Managing Consultant  
Major: Elementary Education

Ty: Managing Consultant  
Major: Spanish and Human Development & Family Studies

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR SENIORS!

Javiette: Senior Consultant  
Major: Communication Studies  
Minor: Sociology

Mariah Gz: Managing Consultant  
Major: Communication Studies

OUR FUTURE IS BRIGHT

Words from our newest student-consultants upon completing the speaking center theory and practice course

"Being in the CST 390 class I’ve learned so much about myself and how I can more effectively help UNCG students become better speakers! I am really excited to become a part of the Speaking Center team and to learn more about speaking than I know now!"  
-Bre

"CST 390 has been an amazing experience. It has allowed me to become more analytical and diligent in my work as well as sharpen my communication skills. I hope to be able to take what I learned in CST 390 and apply it in the Speaking Center to benefit me as well as others".  
-Corey

"Being in CST 390 has enhanced my communication skills and leadership capabilities, and allowed me to join the Speaking Center family."  
-Emily

"Working as a Junior Consultant in the Speaking Center has been one of the best things to happen to me in my three years at UNCG. The encouragement, support and family that you have every time you walk into the Speaking Center can turn the worst of days into the best!"  
-Kyra