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Professional Development Institute
The Learning Specialist: Roles and Responsibilities
N4A National Conference – Miami Beach, Florida
Miami Beach Resort & Spa & Miami-Dade Community College
June 9 (evening) – June 11, 2009

PDI defines professional development as the enhancement of technical knowledge, interpersonal skills, and self-awareness. PDI Faculty and students collectively build a community of learning that honors ethical decision-making, promotes meaningful dialogue, and creates opportunities for personal and professional growth.

In an effort to advance the professional development of those individuals who seek to be or have been in the role of a Learning Specialist, the PDI will offer the “Learning Specialist” track prior to the 2009 N4A National Conference.

The Learning Specialist track is comprised of a series of interconnected intensive and interactive sessions facilitated by seasoned practitioners who are dedicated to the professional growth and career advancement of individuals serving student-athletes on university and college campuses. The Institute will address such topics as follows:

- ❑ Role of a Learning Specialist
- ❑ Collaboration with other Staff
- ❑ Screening Tools
- ❑ Learning Strategies
- ❑ Program Evaluation

The Institute will continue throughout the year through mentoring and continuing education activities.

The Learning Specialist track is limited to 20 participants chosen through a competitive application process.

To apply, submit the “Learning Specialist” application form, personal statement, and a letter of recommendation/nomination from your current supervisor or director **no later than March 16, 2009**. Applicants selected to participate will be notified no later than March 25, 2009 and must submit a registration fee of \$100.00 to the N4A National Office by April 15, 2009. Scholarships are available for those expressing financial hardship on a case-by-case basis.

Participants are responsible for lodging costs (\$149.00 plus tax for single or double occupancy.) Complete hotel reservation information will be sent to each participant after selections have been made.

For more information about the N4A Professional Development Institute, contact Pam Robenolt at:

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Name: _____ Title: _____

Institution: _____ Type: High School 2 yr. 4 yr.

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: () _____ Fax: () _____

E-mail Address: _____ Education/Highest Degree Earned: _____

Ethnic Background: _____ Athletics Conference Affiliation: _____

N4A Region: _____

My current responsibilities include (circle all that apply):

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| Academic Advising/Counseling | Coaching | Diversity/Multi-Cultural Programming |
| Awards and Recognition Programs | Study Hall Supervision | Other: _____ |
| Career Development Services | Initial/Continuing Eligibility Certification or Review | |
| Student-Athlete Advisory Committee | Learning Disability Services | |
| Tutorial Services | Life Skills Programming | |
| Community Service/Outreach | Mentor Program | |

Please submit ALL of the following BY MARCH 16, 2009:

- Completed Application form
- Current Resume
- Letter of Recommendation/Nomination from your current Supervisor/Director
- One-page personal statement (350 words maximum) explaining why being a participant in the N4A Professional Development Institute (PDI) is significant to you. Specifically, how do you feel your participation in the PDI will support your professional aspirations?

The Institute's Commitment _____

Professional Development Institute will provide recognized faculty from, higher education and athletics communities, as well as meals and program materials. The Institute will also provide continuing education in the form of mentoring and distance learning.

The Professional Development Institute will be administered and coordinated by the National Association of Academic Advisors for Athletics.

Institutional Commitment _____

If selected, the participant's institution agrees to:

- Provide travel and lodging costs associated with the 2 day workshop.
- Support the enrollee as necessary with the completion of Institute assignments that will enhance the understanding and application of the content areas of each session.
- Allow enrollee time to connect with mentor and actively participate in distance learning activities.

Signed: _____

Supervisor

Enrollee Commitment _____

If selected, the participant agrees to:

- Attend each of the sessions (June 9 (evening), 10, and 11 (half-day)).
- Complete assignments to enhance the understanding and application of the content areas.
- Regularly connect with PDI mentor to discuss assignments, on-going development, and additional professional development opportunities.
- Actively participate in continuing education activities.

Signed: _____

Applicant

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Application deadline: March 16, 2009