

MDLA Newsletter



From President Richard Schumaker and the Board of Directors

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ANNUAL SPRING CONFERENCE: **NEW STATUS REPORT**

- Our MDLA spring event, *Meeting the Challenge: Guiding the Next Decade of Digital Learners* will be held on March 4, 2010 at the Sheppard Pratt Conference Center, Baltimore MD. Presenters have been notified: thanks to our intrepid Program Committee, the draft of the tracks, sessions, places, and times is ready. If by chance you have not been notified, please email me or csax@ship.edu
- We would be grateful if everyone would sign up as soon as possible. We have the option of overflow rooms but the Sheppard Pratt people would like it if we let them know in advance about our needs.
- I wanted to mention that our awards dinner is both interesting and a lot of fun: please consider attending!!

The registration link is as follows:

<https://ww2.eventrebels.com/er/Registration/RegistrationForm.jsp?ActivityID=4636&ItemID=16911>

ANNUAL AWARDS: **DEADLINE 1 FEBRUARY 2010**

MDLA's is now accepting nominations for its prestigious annual awards on its Web site at <http://www.marylandla.org/nomination.htm> The awards are for the following:

Distance Educator of the Year, Higher Education

Distance Learning Course of the Year

Distance Educator of the Year, K-12

Distance Learning Program of the Year

Distance Learning Administrator of the Year

Instructional Designer of the Year

Although the nomination process is straightforward, several letters of recommendation are required. Some of the awards carry with them modest cash awards.

MDLA WIRED WEDNESDAYS: COMING NEXT WEEK....

The Maryland Distance Learning Association (MDLA) is pleased to announce the January session of Webinar Wednesdays on January 27, 2010 at 3P.M. EST. The program will be presented online via Elluminate. The topic will be "The Online Syllabus and other Lasting First Impressions." The facilitators will be Dr. Buddy Muse and Tom Cantu from Montgomery College.

To register for this webinar, please send an email to Buddy Muse at buddy.muse@montgomerycollege.edu. The session will be capped at 30 participants so it is first come, first served.

Many thanks for your interest in MDLA programs and advancing the field of online learning for all of our students.

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