To Present or Not To Present: That Is The Question
(Overview of the HAPPY Hour Student Showcase and Student Presentation Process)

The HAPPY Hour Student Showcase, the ultimate form of professional development, is a mini-conference in the Teaching Academy and Education Building Complex during which students can share their best work with their peers. This event is a tremendous opportunity for professional development in which students can enhance their scholarship, presentation skills, teaching credentials, and marketability in today’s competitive job market.

The next HAPPY Hour Student Showcase will be 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 30, 2010.

The HAPPY Hour Student Showcase is a fun-filled mini-conference highlighting undergraduate education majors. It includes:

- Interactive, diverse, 30 to 45-minute student workshops representative of best practices in education
- A dynamic and humorous motivational speaker
- Teacher supply vendors
- Door prizes and refreshments
- REALLY cool conference bags
- Team of educational resources
Benefits of the HAPPY Hour Student Showcase to student presenters:

- You will hone your presentation skills and show future employers that you have initiative and the desire to be a life-long learner.
- You will participate in an actual conference experience by learning how to write presentation proposals and how to implement your presentation.
- You will receive special recognition during the Closing Session of the Showcase.
- You will increase your marketability in this highly competitive job market.
- You will achieve a degree of fame!

The following are some ideas for Showcase presentation topics:

- Strategies/activities learned in classes, internships, and workshops (such as HAPPY Hour workshops)
- Course assignments of which you are proud
- A successful strategy used in an internship, some tips for maintaining care during your internship, strategies learned from peers
- Strategies learned from your supervising teacher and/or course instructor

Below are a few examples of past HAPPY Hour Student Showcase workshops:

- New Uses for Everyday Objects
- Shake' Natter' Tips to Manage Your Choo
- Pick Me' Strategies for Effective Questioning
- 8 Ways to Be Smart (Multiple Intelligences)
- Make Power in PowerPoint
- Help My Student Speaks with Hands (ASL)
- Student Work Ordinary? Make it Extraordinary with Foldables

Go to the HAPPY Hour website to check out other workshops from past HAPPY Hour Student Showcases. You will find them under Showcase programs.
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Steps in the Presentation Process

- Attend one of the workshops designed specifically for student presenters. If you cannot attend one of these workshops, you can read the 2009 HAPPY Hour Student Showcase Guidelines on the HAPPY Hour website or meet with one of the HAPPY Hour committee members (they can be found on the website).
- Submit your proposal ONLINE by Tuesday, December 1, 2009.
- You will be notified by Friday, December 6, 2009 of the acceptance of your proposal.
- Try to attend the HAPPY Hour workshop in January designed specifically for student presenters. It will deal with presenting your presentation.
- You will present at the HAPPY Hour Student Showcase on Saturday, January 30, 2010.

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Workshops Designed Specifically for HAPPY Hour Student Showcase Presenters:

- Writing a Presentation Proposal from 6:30-6:40 p.m. on Wednesday, October 7, 2009 in the Teaching Academy, Room TA 130.
- Writing a Presentation Proposal from 6:30-6:40 p.m. on Thursday, October 8, 2009 in the Teaching Academy, Room TA 130.
- Presenting Your Presentation from 6:30-6:50 p.m. on Wednesday, January 13, 2010 in the Teaching Academy, Room USA.

In addition, if you need assistance, faculty mentor will be available to you at all times.

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If you are concerned about the amount of time you need to prepare for a workshop, structure your workshop as follows:

- Do an anticipatory set or “hook” to get your audience immediately involved.
- Spend a few minutes talking about your topic.
- Engage the students in group work for 10-15 minutes.
- Have students share their products, etc.
- Solicit ideas from students regarding how they could apply the topic in their own classrooms. (You might want to give them 5-10 minutes to brainstorm.)
- Allow time for questions and answers at the end of your workshop.
- The time has flown by and your workshop is over!
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HAPPY Hour Student Showcase Scholarship – BRAND NEW!
- To be given for the first time at the 5th anniversary of the HAPPY Hour Student Showcase on Saturday, January 30, 2010.
- Will be awarded to 2 deserving HAPPY Hour Student Showcase presenters.
- Recipients will receive up to $500 to attend a state conference of their choice within a year of winning the award.
- Scholarship application materials can be found on the HAPPY Hour website.

Student Testimonials:
- "We felt good sharing these ideas because these are the skills we have learned that have made us love teaching even more than we already did and have taught us so much about how to be a good teacher, leader, and role model."
- "Presenting furthered my experiences of having to speak in front of people, whether they are peers or students or adults. Also, it made me student a project I had to create a new and revitalized ways to improve it and things that needed to be changed."
- "I know that to be a professional educator I am going to have to continuously learn and also share my ideas with other educators. This was great practice. I also felt the feedback from the audience was constructive and helpful for the next time I present."

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