

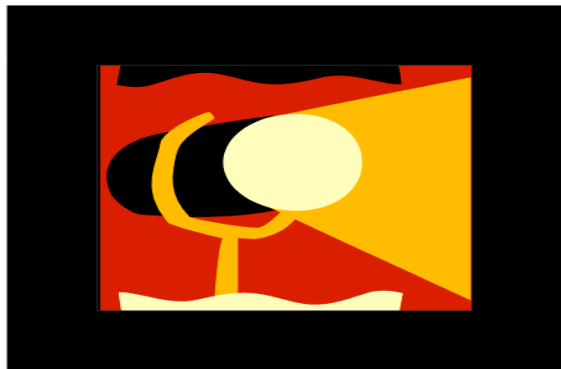
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Midwest ACE SPOTLIGHT ON: Kathleen I. Powell, University of Akron

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This month the Communication & Marketing
Committee is pleased to bring you a
Spotlight on:

Kathleen I. Powell at the University of Akron.

1. Name

Kathleen I. Powell

2. Institution/ Title

University of Akron, Director, Center for Career
Management

3. Work History (Past places of employment and
position titles)

Grinnell College, Director, Career Development
Office

Marietta College, Director, Career Center

Knox College, Director, Career Services,

Ashland College (now University), Director, Career
Planning and Placement Office

4. Education History (School/Degree)

Miami University of Ohio, Master of Science, *The
University of Akron*, Bachelor of Arts



Kathleen I. Powell

5. Past and Current Leadership Roles in Midwest
ACE

Member, Conference Planning Committee, Chicago,
IL, *August 2008 to August 2009*

Member, Conference Program Review Committee,
August 2008 to August 2009

Professional Practices Ad-Hoc Committee, *August
2006 to August 2007*

Co-Chair, Conference Committee, *November 2004 to
August 2006*

- Assembled and oversaw a team of 10 career services and human resource professionals, with 7 committees and a budget of approximately \$230,000 to plan and implement a conference for 400 attendees.
- Worked directly with Executive Director and Board, Hotel and Event Staff, entertainment venues, and dozens of volunteers to ensure a successful conference.

Past-President, *July 2000 to 2001*

- Served as advisor to an 8 member executive board. Chaired the Nominations and Elections Committee.

President, *July 1999 to 2000*

- Served an association of over 1,000 members from 12 states representing both college and employer members. Presided over five annual executive board meetings. Opened the 50th Anniversary Conference in Omaha, NE with over 500 attendees. Managed a budget of over \$400,000 working closely with the Executive Treasurer and Assembly. Provided copy for three annual newsletters.

President-Elect, *July 1998 to 1999*

Secretary, *July 1997 to 1998*

Co-Chair, Publications Advisory Committee, *July 1996 to 1997*

Assembly, *April 1993 to May 1995, August 1996 to 1997*

6. What is your favorite part of your current position?

Developing relationships at a medium-sized research institution. Coming home to my alma mater and seeing all the positive changes that have taken place. Working with a larger staff and larger issues.

7. Where do you see yourself in 5 years?

Continuing my work in career services with continued involvement in Midwest ACE and contemplating more publications.

8. What is your favorite moment in Midwest ACE?

Attending the new member reception and seeing all the energy and excitement in the room!

9. Recent Achievements/ Honors (Work related or personal)

Although not that recent, one of my most memorable achievements was receiving J.W. Paquette Superior Leadership Award.

About the author

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I was surprised and honored and almost at a loss for words, hard to believe, I know! On a personal note, watching our oldest daughter on her wedding day last May and this May, seeing our son graduate from college!

10. Describe yourself in one word
Energy

11. Tell us about your most embarrassing moment

Well, I've had many, but that one that stands out in my mind was after 9/11 and I was travelling on Midwest ACE business. I remember hearing the gate agent coming over the loud speaker and comment that all passengers must have their government issued ID ready to present at the gate. Hmmmm... in my mind I didn't possess such a document. So, to make a long story longer I began asking travelers around me where they secured their government issued ID and chaos ensued! Folks were all asking the same question, panicked they didn't have the government issued ID. The murmuring came to the attention of the gate agent, the situation was explained and immediately following was an announcement from the agent the government issued ID in question was indeed our state issued driver's license. I was very embarrassed and received many different types of looks!

12. What's your favorite (color, ice cream flavor, music, impressionist painter, existentialist, etc.)?

Favorite color is **RED!** Mint chocolate chip ice cream rocks and I love most music!

