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Don't
forget
February
22 is
Recreation
Sports and
Fitness
Day!

ANNUAL NIRSA CONFERENCE

AUSTIN, TX APRIL 2-5, 2008

If you plan on attending the conference, please remember to attend the business meeting and you can also email Jay Gallagher at gallaghe@kutztown.edu so you are informed about the PIRSA Social!!!

The Early Bird Deadline to Register is Wednesday, February 20th!!!

Please go to nirsa.org to register and check out the latest session information!

The NIRSA Conference and Exposition is a wonderful opportunity to join together with professional, student and associate members within the recreational sports field for four days of education and networking possibilities.

NEW PIRSA WORKSHOP SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY !!!

PIRSA would like to announce a new scholarship opportunity for 1 professional and 1 student from your school! Because we know that many schools have a limited travel budget, we would like to give you the opportunity to tell us why attending the state conference would be a benefit to your organization and why a professional and a student from your school should attend. Please also include a statement of why these people have had a positive impact on your program.

The scholarship will be awarded to 1 professional and 1 student from the same school and will include FREE PIRSA membership and FREE PIRSA conference registration to the PIRSA State Conference to be held at Clarion University October 2-3, 2008!

(Transportation and lodging will still be on your own) .

To nominate yourself or someone at your school, please email your statement to Greg Sferra at gregory.sferra@sru.edu no later than March 19, 2008.

The winner will be announced at the Business Meeting at NIRSA.

PIRSA BENEFITS

- *Discount on State Workshops
- *Regional & National Social Events
- *Bill Swan Award for Dedication (\$75)
- *Network with PA Professionals
- *Professional Involvement within the state
- *Newsletters



PIRSA HAS A
NEW WEBSITE!!!

[https://thepirsa.sslpowered.com/
index/pirsa1.html](https://thepirsa.sslpowered.com/index/pirsa1.html)



Join PIRSA!

Not planning on attending the conference? You can still become a PIRSA member. Visit:

<https://thepirsa.sslpowered.com/index/pirsa1.html>

Click on the resource center to download a membership application. Membership rates are:

\$30 New Professional Membership
\$25 Returning PIRSA Members
\$10 Student Membership



NOMINATE A
STUDENT!!!

Bill Swan Award

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While PIRSA was forming, a well-known, long time Pennsylvania Director of Recreation past away. **Bill Swan** from Penn State University Park died at the age of 59 after having worked there for close to 35 years.

PIRSA announced a Bill Swan Award for dedication to be given to a Student from Pennsylvania each year. This award is sponsored by PIRSA, Alan Wendorff from Sayings for You and Penn State University which maintains a perpetual plaque on campus.

We will be giving away both the 2007 AND 2008 Bill Swan Awards at the National Conference this year, please make every effort to recognize an outstanding student from your program!!!

Please email a letter of nomination to Greg Sferra at gregory.sferra@sru.edu
NO later than March 7, 2008. Letters should include student's name, major, year in school and the impact they have had on your program.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Click on links to view more information

- ⇒ [NIRSA Annual Conference](#), Austin, Texas: April 2-5, 2008
- ⇒ PIRSA State Conference, Clarion University, Oct. 2-3, 2008
(elections to be held for PIRSA offices)
- ⇒ PIRSA State Conference, East Stroudsburg University, 2009, Date TBA



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