

## CHARTING NEW WATERS TOWARDS IT EXCELLENCE



### **Welcome to UNC CAUSE 2006**

The annual UNC CAUSE Conference has enjoyed immense success and a strong attendance since its origination over 20 years ago. This year, the eastern region schools are honored to host the conference in picturesque New Bern, North Carolina's second oldest town with over 150 landmarks, the exquisite Tryon Palace, and birthplace of Pepsi.

The diverse conference program—including corporate presentations; birds-of-a feather sessions; panel discussions; formal presentations; and social networking events—offers a variety of ways to learn about UNC campus technology initiatives, meet with peers in the higher education IT community, and share technical knowledge and insight.

Thank you for attending the 2006 UNC CAUSE Conference! Throughout the conference, we hope you learn new ideas, forge valuable collaborations, and discover effective strategies.

-- *East Carolina University, North Carolina State University, Elizabeth City State University, Fayetteville State University, University of North Carolina Wilmington*

**~ Please read the following information in full ~**

### **Registration Table**

Upon arrival at the conference, please visit the registration table in the New Bern Convention Center, inside near the front doors. Conference materials you will need to pick up include: badge holder with name tag, at-a-glance program, folio with paper and pen; full conference program with abstracts; New Bern visitor's guide; drink tickets for evening social activities (2 blue tickets for Monday reception, 2 white tickets for Tuesday reception); corporate booth layout and diagram of convention center; and other important information.

**Throughout the conference, if you have questions or need assistance, please visit the registration table or call registration staff at 252-737-6000/6001.**

### **Wireless Networking**

While in the convention center, you may need to configure your laptop's network connection to use the wireless network. The SSID is "cause". If you experience any difficulties connecting, please ask a CAUSE Conference staff member, designated by a red, white and blue STAFF ribbon, or stop by the registration desk.

### **Presenter Resources**

The following audio/visual equipment will be available in presentation rooms:

- One standing or tabletop podium with microphone
- Projection screen and projector
- Internet access (wireless and Ethernet)

Computers in meeting rooms will NOT be provided. Please bring your own computer and make sure it is equipped with a standard VGA output.

## Convention Center and Sheraton Layout

The CAUSE conference will take place in both the New Bern Convention Center and the Sheraton. A quick glance at presentation room, meeting and meal locations follows:

- **Convention Center:**

Downstairs

Capital Ballroom A – Tuesday and Wednesday breakfasts; Tuesday lunch w/keynote speaker; Tuesday evening reception; closing conference session and raffle

Capital Ballroom B, Heritage Hall – corporate display area; breaks

Capital Ballroom C – presentations

Upstairs

Tryon Room A, Tryon Room B and Berne Room – presentations

Craven Boardroom – corporate meetings

- **Sheraton:**

Hawks Room, Gaston Room – from hotel lobby, to left – presentations

Pamlico, Albemarle Rooms – from hotel lobby, to right – directors' luncheon

Veranda, Morgan and Library Rooms – from rear of convention center, to right – Monday evening reception

## Break Locations

You can enjoy light refreshments and snacks during conference breaks, which will be located in the convention center in Capital Ballroom B and Heritage Hall near the e-mail stations. Break stations will also be set up in the Sheraton.

## Shuttle Service – Monday and Tuesday Evenings

A shuttle service will be available on Monday and Tuesday evenings. Conference attendees can park at their respective hotels and use this shuttle to go to and from the Sheraton/convention center. A 15-passenger shuttle will make trips to hotels and the convention center at hourly intervals. **Stop by the registration desk in the convention center to sign up for the shuttle service** and/or for additional information.

Hours are:

- Monday: 5pm – 12midnight
- Tuesday: 5pm – 10:00pm

Hotels that will be on the shuttle route include: Comfort Suites Riverfront Park, Hampton Inn New Bern, Bridgepoint Hotel and Marina, and Days Inn.

## Evening Receptions and Special Entertainment

Please join us for our evening receptions that will feature special entertainment! These events offer a great opportunity to relax and socialize with both old and new acquaintances.

### **Monday evening's reception, sponsored by Cisco Systems and 4Front Systems, will feature talented musician David Dixon.**

*Bio: Dave grew up with music in the family. He played violin and bass in his early years before falling in love with the guitar at age fourteen. Soon after, Dave formed a rock band with high school friends and began performing. His first major influences were Guns N' Roses, Led Zeppelin, Jimi Hendrix, and The Allman Brothers. After a regional tour with his band, Elastic Bananaphone, Dave moved to the mountains of NC to study music at Appalachian State University. A year later, he transferred to Berklee College of Music in Boston to further his studies. After graduation in 2003, Dave moved back to NC to rejoin former band members Will and Adam.*

### **Tuesday evening's reception, sponsored by Sun Microsystems, will feature comedian Al Ernst, Carnival Cruise Lines' "Entertainer of the Year."**

*Bio: Al is a former Chicago White Sox bat boy, where he earned the nickname "Groceries." Al has performed hundreds of corporate gigs in the last few years, due to his ability to combine rudimentary motivational speaking with non-confrontational humor. He has been a professional wrestling announcer and host of his own show, "A View from the Cheap Seats." His TV credits include all major networks and cable from CNN, TNN, ESPN, A&E, Comedy Central, and HBO.*

## Session Evaluation Forms

Please take a few moments to complete an evaluation form at the end of each presentation. You can leave your completed form with session moderators or drop them off at the registration desk. Your feedback is valuable to conference staff and presenters!

## End of Conference Raffle

Don't miss the closing conference session in Capital Ballroom A, during which exciting prizes will be given away to lucky winners! You can pick up your raffle tickets at the door prior to the closing session. You must be present to win.