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“Come See What’s Brewing” Fall 2007 Conference at Michigan State University a success!

~ Submitted by Renee Rivard ~

The 2007 MI-CUPA Fall conference hosted by Michigan State University at the J.B. Henry Center For Executive Development was a huge success **with over 100 participants** in attendance. The one and a half day conference offered attendees professional growth from a wide range of subjects, such as technology, employment and organizational development as well as an opportunity to network with peers from across the state.



We had a great lineup of inspirational and motivational Keynote Speakers including:



John Powers, a noted best-selling author and native of Chicago, who energized the group with his presentation on “Odditude: Finding The Passion of Who You Are and What You Do”.



Dan Mulhern, Michigan’s first “First Gentleman” who is an accomplished leadership coach has taken on the lead role in promoting the practices of Michigan’s companies recognized as “great companies to work for”. He recently published a book called “Everyday Leadership: Getting Results in Business Politics and Life”.



Keith H. Hammonds, the former executive editor of Fast Company magazine. Mr. Hammonds has written on a broad range of business topics and spoke with participants about his article “Why We Hate HR”.

While most of the participants were from Michigan we did have special guests joining us from Australia and England who had a chance to network and discuss HR challenges that are similar even though there is vast physical distance.

Conference attendees had a chance to provide feedback to the planning committee electronically and gave the conference an **overwhelming thumbs up**. They enjoyed the relevant topics presented by the speakers and were particularly pleased with the keynote speakers.

We all enjoyed a social hour during the evening and had a chance to get to know one another a little better over light refreshments.



The planning has already begun for next year’s fall conference which will be held on October 2nd and 3rd, 2008 and hosted by Lake Superior State University.