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### **SUMMARY: TEACHING TO GENERATION NeXt PROGRAM AT WAYNE COLLEGE**

Orrville, Ohio, Oct. 30, 2006 – *Generation NeXt Comes to College* will be presented by Dr. Mark Taylor at The University of Akron Wayne College on Friday, Nov. 10 at 9 a.m. The presentation is a teaching in-service sponsored by Wayne College's Faculty Development Committee. The program is open to all college educators in the area free of charge, but space is limited.

According to Taylor's research, students in Generation NeXt present special challenges to the purposes, structures and methods of colleges and universities; challenges complicated by the generational differences between these young people and the age groups that make up the faculty and staff. For most students there is a serious mismatch between their college expectations and college realities. For faculty and staff there is a frustration that many students expect academic success while putting forth very little effort.

Taylor has more than 25 years of experience in higher education, management and the helping professions. He holds bachelor's degrees in psychology and biology, a master's degree in social work and a doctorate in counseling, all from the University of Arkansas. His most recent position was as director of guidance services at Arkansas State University at Beebe where he was responsible for counseling, disability, career, testing, academic advising, orientation, housing/residence life, student activities/leadership, student success programming and other student services. In January 2006, he left that position to continue his research and programs concerning Generation NeXt. A licensed psychotherapist in Arkansas since 1981, Taylor has also worked as a college professor and academic administrator, medical administrator and clinical psychotherapist. His resume reflects more than 100 professional publications and presentations at state, regional and national events in 28 states.

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“Part of our mission is to provide speakers on topical issues relevant to instruction,” says Dr. Dan Deckler, professor of engineering and chair of the Faculty Development Committee at Wayne. “Speakers we’ve had in previous years have covered subjects such as grade inflation and technology and collaboration. Dr. Taylor is a nationally known speaker on pedagogical topics so we wanted to open the presentation to college educators throughout our community.”

For more information or to reserve a seat at the presentation, e-mail [deckler@uakron.edu](mailto:deckler@uakron.edu) by Nov. 6.

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