

NIEHS celebrates and thanks administrative staff

By Richard Sloane

Each year NIEHS holds a special event to thank the Institute's administrative staff. The annual Clerical, Administrative, Secretarial, and Technical (CAST) employee celebration took place April 22 and featured motivational speaker Earl Suttle, Ph.D. Suttle's humorous presentation held the audience totally spellbound for two hours, as he encouraged employees to be their best at work, and to find their passion, power, and purpose in life. Participants learned how to establish personal growth plans to enhance their careers.

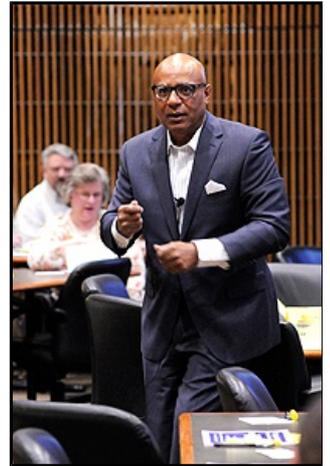
"If you want to grow in this competitive world ... build your skill security" Suttle said. "Do not do what most of the crowd does ... live your life like nobody else!"

Suttle is co-author of five books, and a highly sought-after facilitator and motivator with more than 25 years of experience in team building, leadership, and personal development for corporations, universities, the National Football League, and the National Basketball Association.

"Our administrative professionals make it possible for this Institute to fulfill its research mission and to reach our scientific goals," said NIEHS and NTP Director Linda Birnbaum, Ph.D. "We appreciate them so much, and it's a lot of fun to celebrate all that they do."

Birnbaum and the rest of the NIEHS executive leadership team served ice cream cake and refreshments following Suttle's motivational seminar.

(Richard Sloane is an employee services specialist with the NIEHS Office of Management.)



Suttle clearly loves his job and wanted to instill that same passion in the audience. (Photo courtesy of Steve McCaw)



Kathryn Woods of the NIEHS Administrative Management Branch, left, and Jennie Foushee of the Division of Intramural Research react to one of the many amusing moments during the session. (Photo courtesy of Steve McCaw)



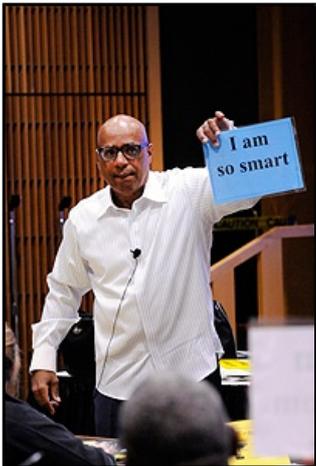
Charletta Fowler of the NIEHS Administrative Management Branch, left, and Richard Sloane of the NIEHS Administrative Services and Administrative Branch both believed this year's CAST employee celebration was one of the best ever. (Photo courtesy of Steve McCaw)



Suttle challenges the audience to not follow the crowd. (Photo courtesy of Steve McCaw)



Kim Holmes of the Office of the Director plans to incorporate several of Suttle's practices in her work responsibilities. (Photo courtesy of Steve McCaw)



Suttle encourages audience members to think positive thoughts about themselves. Doing so will help boost their productivity and moral. (Photo courtesy of Steve McCaw)



NIEHS senior management served ice cream cake and refreshments to CAST employees. From left, Acting Clinical Director Stavros Garantzotis, M.D.; Scientific Director Darryl Zeldin, M.D.; Division of Extramural Research and Training Director Gwen Collman, Ph.D.; NIEHS Deputy Director Richard Woychik, Ph.D.; Birnbaum; National Toxicology Program Division Director John Bucher, Ph.D.; and Associate Director for Management Joellen Austin. (Photo courtesy of Steve McCaw)

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