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Hello OACRAO and Happy Spring!!!

I hope that this edition of the For the Record finds you well. This month's newsletter has some important updates regarding OACRAO. Read on for more information.

Typically OACRAO Dues notices are sent out in June. This year OACRAO will be forgoing assessing dues to our member schools due to COVID19. The Board of Directors felt very passionately about offering benefits to our current members and ensuring continuity for members in these difficult times. Thus, we will not be collecting dues this year and will re-evaluate assessing dues in 2021 to member schools.

The Board of Directors will continue to work to provide benefits to our members with items such as the Residency Workshop etc., and will continue to monitor the COVID19 pandemic to see what other ways we can provide benefits to the membership.

If at any time you have questions, please feel free to reach out to me at chris.dorsten@tri-c.edu.

Be well and stay safe!

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Meet Matthew Barber!



Tell us a little bit about yourself...

My name is Matthew and I currently work in the Buckeye Link office, a one-stop for student service, at Ohio State. I attended my first OACRAO conference in October and was so surprised at how supportive and friendly the environment was, not to mention informative!

When you were growing up, did you think that you would be working at Ohio State University

I certainly did not. I was born and raised in Louisville and was not very familiar with Ohio State until I moved to Ohio for college.

Who is your hero?

Both of my parents without a doubt. Besides them, my high school English teacher Mr. Tucker is very active in organizing for public school teachers, and created a learning environment that got us excited for class every day.

Do you have, or have you ever had, a nickname?

Most have been a variation on my last name, like Barbs or Barbie.

Favorite movie(s)?

The Departed.

Favorite sports team(s)?

Kentucky basketball (Go Big Blue!)

Which OACRAO committees have you served on?

Membership and Mentoring

What benefits have you gained from belonging to OACRAO?

At the recent conference I attended a session on customer service functions for one-stop shops. The session was particularly useful for me in thinking about how our office can avoid pitfalls in email communications (walls of text, lack of clear action required, etc.) and send better communications to our students. I also enjoy reading the emailed questions to the listserv

What is your favorite OACRAO memory?

The Bigfoot hunt was a lot of fun and I still tell people about it.

Where do you see yourself in 5 to 10 years?

I'd like to stay in higher education for work, and if that's with Ohio State I would be happy about that.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I really enjoy playing soccer outdoors once the weather gets nicer. I also like reading and am looking forward to starting a Wendell Berry book this week.

SELF-CARE REMINDERS



OACRAO Residency SAVE THE DATE!

Due to the ongoing restrictions on large in-person gatherings and travel, OACRAO will not be able to hold an in-person Residency Workshop this summer as planned. Instead, we are offering the opportunity to attend an online version of the Residency Workshop free of charge. The workshop will take place on its previously scheduled day via WebEx; a registration link will be sent to the OACRAO listserv as soon as registration is open.

What: OACRAO Residency Workshop
When: Tuesday, June 2 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Where: Online via WebEx
** There is no fee for this workshop! **

Michelle Chavanne from the Ohio Department of Higher Education will discuss changes to residency requirements that were necessitated by the switch to remote and online learning in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and the related stay-at-home and shelter-in-place orders. There will also be a panel of residency professionals from two-year and four-year institutions across the state who will answer questions and provide their insights on topics of interest to attendees.

Registration will open soon, so keep an eye on the listserv for more information. Please pass this on to others in your office who may benefit from the workshop!

- Dan Kall, Vice President Workshops

Working from home can be tough! Don't forget to take a break!

