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By Chris Dorsten

OACRAO President

Welcome to the November edition of "For the Record". I hope that this newsletter finds you well in the middle of the Fall semester and that you got to enjoy some of the fall colors before the next season of weather arrives. I will admit I love the snow but it is too soon for it to fall, but we already had a light dusting in Cleveland on October 31st. The Board is gearing up for our Board Retreat on November 17-19th at the Ohio Northern University Nature Center. During that time, we will review the conference feedback and plan out the next year for OACRAO members. The next annual meeting is a long ways off but mark your calendars for October 7-9, 2020 at the beautiful Maumee Bay Lodge and Conference Center near Toledo, Ohio.

Wishing you all an early Happy Thanksgiving.





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LAC MEMBER SPOTLIGHT!







Tell us a little about yourself:

I am from South Carolina and moved to Ohio almost 13 years ago. I earned a BS in Psychology from the College of Charleston and my MA in Counseling from the University of Cincinnati. I've been married for almost 11 years; and have a 9-year-old son named Wyatt, 5-year-old son named Ellis, a 13-year-old cat named Lola, and a 7-year-old goldendoodle named Phoebe. I've worked in some form of higher education for ten years now, including admissions, advising, and now the registrar world. I celebrated my five-year anniversary at UC in September.

How and why did you decide to volunteer to be a part of the Local Arrangements Committee for the 2019 OACRAO conference?

I helped plan UC's advising conference for a few years and enjoyed working behind the scenes. After attending a few OACRAO conferences, I wanted to get more involved. Molly suggested joining LAC. I signed up to help where needed and ended up helping with technology throughout the conference.

How did participating in this committee help you professionally and personally?

Professionally, participating in this committee allowed me to meet a lot of conference attendees and presenters. I enjoyed interacting with new people and helping behind the scenes with the conference. I'm more of an introvert and participating in the committee provided me with a conversation starter and a way to connect with new people.

What would you tell someone that is hesitant to join a committee and/or be involved with OACRAO?

I think there are a variety of ways to get involved, ranging from a small time commitment, or a larger time commitment. It's helpful to be able to meet other people across the state who deal with the same tasks that you do. Through OACRAO, I've been able to find other people who work with NCAA Certification at their institutions, and other working parents. It's a wonderful way to connect, both personally and professionally.

SAVE THE DATE!



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CONFERENCE
APRIL 5 - 8
NEW ORLEANS



OACRAO MEMBER PROFILE

Tell us about yourself-anything you want to share!

I have worked at Owens Community College for 10 years, and I love the college, NW Ohio and our students. I am also a crazy cat lady.

What do you do at Owens Community College

A lot. One of my favorite aspects of my job is the opportunity to build partnerships and deepen collaboration to further the college mission. Both within and outside the college.

How did you come to your current position?

I have been at the college for nearly 10 years, and working in higher education for nearly 21. I have held a variety of roles at both public and private institutions across Ohio and in Massachusetts.

Outside of work, what do you like to do?

Spend time with my kids, practice yoga, garden, be outside, and travel...among other things...

Are you originally from Ohio?

Yes I am



THROWBACK THURSDAY

OACRAO CONFERENCE PICS!



Jean Paddock, Aultman College



Jack and Chris, ready to par-tay!



Anyone want to go searching for Bigfoot again??