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Winter Greetings!

What a way to begin a new year – frigid temperatures and, for some of us, a lot of snow! It is rare for those of us in higher education to get a snow day, and when we had one on my campus at the beginning of our semester, I know I did a happy dance as if I were in junior high again!

I hope the opening of your semester has been smooth, and all your students are registered and where they need to be, their bills are paid and they are thrilled to be back. (Maybe I am still a little loopy from my snow day happy dance!)

I believe that 2018 will be a great year for OACRAO. We have already begun planning for our Ohio dinner at AACRAO Annual Meeting in March, summer workshops in June and July, Summer Leadership Series, assembling faculty for OSI in August and planning for our meeting at Sawmill Creek in October. Wow!

I hope you know that we are doing all this for you, our members. We want to offer a variety of professional development opportunities for all of us, no matter where we are in our professional lives. That might mean attending an event, taking part in a conversation on the listserve, or just reaching out to a trusted colleague for some guidance. OACRAO is a great organization so make the most of being a member.

There are many ways for you to get involved – share your ideas with us, get involved in a committee, or put in a proposal for a conference session. We are all in this together! Stay warm!

~Beth DaLonzo, OACRAO President

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Scholarship Committee

For the 2017-18 year, the OACRAO scholarship committee reviewed 84 scholarship applicants! Three scholarships were awarded, one from each institutional category: private 4-year school, public 4-year school, and community college.

To be eligible, applicants had to meet all of the following eligibility criteria:

- Currently enrolled, at least half-time, at an OACRAO affiliated college or university
- Currently a student worker within the Registrar, Admissions, Student Services, or Enrollment Management offices
- In good academic standing

In addition, the applicants were judged on the following responses:

- Please list your current involvement in leadership and service activities including the specific years of active participation.
- Select one of the leadership or service activities listed previously and describe in detail how it has shaped you as a leader.
- Which part of your higher education experience do you feel will benefit you most after you earn your degree?

The scholarship committee's task of selecting only three winners was no easy feat! We have an incredible group of students working in OACRAO affiliated offices around the state of Ohio!

And the Winners Are…. Drumroll please!

Scholarship Recipient Dana Christine Johnson ~ Miami University

Major: Speech Pathology & Audiology and Gerontology
Minor: Child Studies
Academic Level: Senior
Expected Graduation: May 2019
Office Employed: Admissions, Graduate School

Dana has been an active member of Kappa Phi, MiamiAGE, Bingo at the Knolls of Oxford, Oxford Empty Bowls, and National Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association (NSSLHA). She holds a babysitting job, and has tutored 1st grade students.

Dana attributes her leadership style to her participation in Kappa Phi, "Being a leader, it is important to not bark orders, but to be compassionate and consider others thoughts and ideas. Oftentimes the best ideas come from multiple people combining ideas together."

Dana also believes that working in higher education, while volunteering in research and inclusion symposiums has helped to shape her educational experiences and allows her to be a more well-rounded adult as she prepares to graduate.

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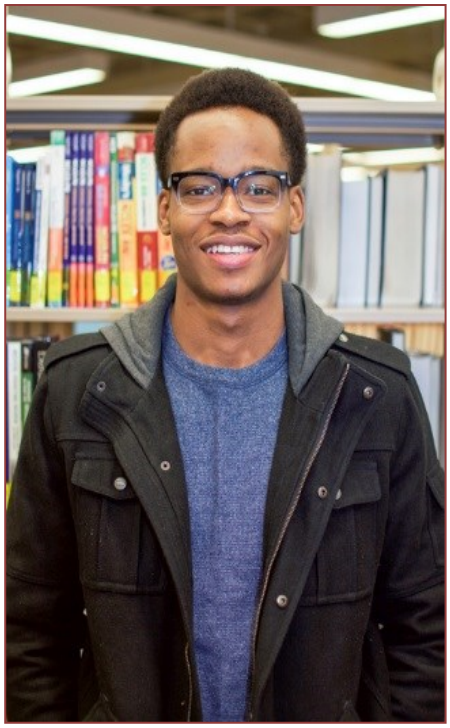
Scholarship Recipient Adekunle Popoola ~ Cuyahoga Community College



Major: Nursing
Academic Level: Sophomore
Expected Graduation: May 2018
Office Employed: Student Services

Adekunle has volunteered for many activities on campus including an Enrollment Center campaign, nurse pinning ceremony, providing hot meals to homeless at St. Malachi's Episcopal Church, and Cleveland Public Theater Station Hope. He is a member of Tri-C's Metropolitan Care team, and an Honor society member of both the college and Phi Theta Kappa.

Serving hot meals to the homeless was a humbling experience for Adekunle that "highlighted the importance of empathy and humility and the fact that leadership and service are two things that should not be mutually exclusive."

Cuyahoga Community College

The educational experience that benefitted him most, "My relationship with people with different backgrounds, age, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, and race. Although nursing is a rigorous program, I know all that would be worthless if I lack the ability to relate with my patients appropriately. Cuyahoga Community College has a diverse population which makes it a perfect place to build interpersonal skills and relationships free of prejudice."

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Save the Date!

Scholarship Recipient Claire Grace LeGendre ~ Otterbein University

Major: Allied Health
Minor: Psychology, Nutrition
Academic Level: Junior
Expected Graduation: 2019
Office Employed: Admissions

Claire has been a Host, Tour Guide and Overnight Coordinator in the Admissions office, as well as a tutor in Anatomy and Physiology. She is Vice President of Love Your Melon (hats for pediatric cancer patients), and is involved in the Health Professions Club, Student Recruitment Council, and 577 Community Garden for the Toledo Food Bank.

Claire's college experience has been an essential component to challenge and refine her leadership capabilities. Student Recruitment Council provided opportunities to be a community peer leader to high school students, exposing them to resources to discover their passion. The organization cultivated self-confidence, provided access to advancement, and helped hone critical leadership skills such as delegation, motivation, commitment, responsibility and positivity.

As an occupational therapy student, Claire has spent numerous hours in rehabilitation centers to gain practical experience. "I hope to shake each patient's world by guiding them across what once seemed like an unreachable personal finish line to propel them into a life worth living."

Save the Dates

This year's Small College Registrars Meeting will be held on **Friday, March 9th** at Ohio Northern University, from 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Registration and sign-in will begin at 9:00 a.m., along with a light continental-style breakfast. A reservation is requested no later than Feb. 23rd. Ohio Northern University will cover the cost of attendance for up to 2 persons from each school. (If you have more than 2 people who want to attend, there will be a $10 charge for lunch for each person thereafter. Make check payable to Ohio Northern University and bring it with you that day.) If you are interested in attending and haven't already registered, please email Aftan Dewese at a-dewese@onu.edu. Please be sure to tell us of any special food needs when you register. If there are items you would like added to the agenda, please email Aftan with those, as well.

Ohio Northern University has a hotel on campus. If you need overnight accommodations, please contact The Inn at ONU, 401 West College Ave., Ada, Ohio 45810. Phone (419) 772-2500, Toll-Free at (866) 713-4513 or see their webpage at https://www.innatonu.com/. For directions to ONU, go to http://www.onu.edu/about/maps_and_directions.

OACRAO Announces 2018 Workshops...

RESIDENCY WORKSHOP

JUNE 1, 2018

The Ohio State University

STAFF DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

JULY 13, 2018

The Ohio State University