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AACRAO Annual Meeting 2015 Baltimore

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It's almost time to go to Baltimore! April 12th – 15th is the 101st AACRAO Annual Meeting; Driving Student Success Initiatives in Higher Education, in Baltimore, Maryland. Whether you have never been to an AACRAO Annual Meeting or are a seasoned pro, it is sure to be filled with excellent information to take back to your institution. Our own Brad Myers from The Ohio State University will be presiding as President of AACRAO at this meeting! The time will be filled with best practices, policy matters, networking and great speakers.

Featured speakers include Scott Simon, Host of Weekend Edition Saturday on NPR and Need to Know on PBS and Madeleine Albright, Former U.S. Secretary of State. Scott's opening presentation will be, "The People Who've Taught Me (After I Thought I Knew Everything)", focusing on interviews he's conducted and imparting lessons he's learned from those interviews.

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WANTED: Who has a beautiful campus or just an eye for photography? Share your campus beauty shots with us! Submit photos to any co-editor for future newsletters.

Introducing **The OHIO Guarantee**

College affordability is a major issue confronting higher education right now. Everyone from the president to the governor has expressed an interest in finding a solution. In our first “Best Practices” feature, we present one unique approach to this issue: The Ohio Guarantee from Ohio University.

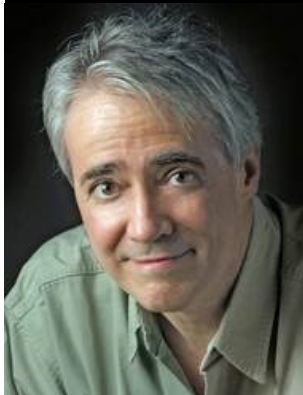
The OHIO Guarantee is a new tuition and fee guarantee program that begins in the fall for new undergraduate students at Ohio University on the Athens campus. The goal of the program is to take the guesswork out of budgeting for college. For each entering cohort of new students each fall, the cost options will remain the same for the next four years (12 consecutive semesters) for that cohort of students. The tuition and fee rates will be constant and the room and board rates will be determined from a rate table that was set that fall.

Technology, graduation application, orientation, and most course fees will be included in the comprehensive tuition rate. There will be no hidden costs!

The benefits of The OHIO Guarantee include transparency and predictability, incentive to graduate within four years, renewable merit scholarships hold their value, and the ability for students and families to budget for the true cost of a college education. This is an innovative approach by Ohio University to try to address concerns about college affordability. For more information, please visit <http://www.ohio.edu/guarantee>.



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AACRAO
Featured Speaker

Scott Simon

*Host of Weekend
Edition Saturday
on NPR*

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The closing plenary session will be an up close and personal conversation with Madeleine Albright. Both sessions should provide considerable insight.

As always, there will be an AACRAO dinner. This year it is on Tuesday, April 14th at Schiaparelli's in Little Italy. Come join us for some great Italian food and company. Reserve your spot for \$40 by visiting this link: <https://www.123signup.com/register?id=ypfzn>.

Ohio AACRAO always has a strong showing so there will be plenty of people you know in attendance. If you cannot make it, be sure to watch for #AACRAO2015 on Twitter and follow us @OhioAACRAO. See you there!



AACRAO
Featured Speaker

**Madeleine
Albright**

*Former U.S.
Secretary of State*

Have you heard of these foundations in higher education? Do you want to volunteer or learn more? Click on the logo's below to find out more about these organizations or publications surrounding higher education.

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OACRAO Planning Meeting Update

On Friday, February 20, 2015 many brave souls went out into the freezing temperatures and traveled to Mount Carmel School of Nursing for the Annual Conference Planning meeting for OACRAO. The results of the meeting were exciting! Almost 60 session ideas were generated. Topics ranged from sessions about College Credit Plus, An Update about State Authorization, How to Deal with Difficult People, and Community College Partnerships. A special thank you to Don Foster (Otterbein), Cindy Suter (Heidelberg), Sue Shepard (Aultman College of Nursing), and Jack Miner (Ohio State) for leading the groups in a lively conversation. A special THANK YOU to Karen Greene for hosting OACRAO.

All sessions and descriptions will be posted by Mid May for the Conference just in time for the Opening of Registration for the conference which will be at Maumee Bay, October 7-9, 2015.



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