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### A Word from the Admissions & International Committee Chair

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Hello OACRAO-ites! As we wind down from another academic year (that is, IF you get the opportunity to wind down), we shift our thoughts to the next group of incoming students, both domestic and international. For most of you, this means making a final push to get students to commit to your institution. As we all know, unfortunately, it also can mean that you will be saying goodbye to students who have decided to go elsewhere, despite all of the time and effort you spent recruiting them. Take heart, though, because as my boss, Beth DaLonzo, says, “not everyone makes the right decision the first time.”

If you know Beth, it is probably from the different admission-related organizations with which she works. If you don’t know Beth DaLonzo, you should meet her. She is the Senior Director of Admission and Financial Services at Muskingum University. Luckily, she is also President Elect of OACRAO. She is an amazing colleague, very caring, knowledgeable, personable, and good-natured. She brings such enthusiasm and fun to the arena of university admission that you can’t help but be positively affected by just being in her presence. Am I exaggerating because she’s my boss? Nope. She really is that cool and infectious.

So, what does OACRAO, President-Elect Beth DaLonzo, and the Admissions and International Committee have to do with all this? We all selflessly recruit talented classes of students, most of whom we give a great deal of personal attention to throughout the process, but what do we do to stay positive and energized throughout the entire process? My work is solely in the international realm; I am responsible for international admission, immigration, study abroad, and ESL/TESL training for our students.

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## OACRAO Residency Workshop

Registration is now open for the  
**OACRAO Residency Workshop**  
to be held on Friday, June 9 from 9:30- 3:00  
at The Ohio State University.

This workshop provides a wonderful opportunity to meet with colleagues from Ohio's state institutions to discuss residency issues. The day will include:

- ◇ An overview of the latest higher education initiatives in Ohio
- ◇ An introduction to Residency
- ◇ A panel discussion on Residency Issues, Policies, Procedures and Improvements
- ◇ An opportunity for Residency Q&A with a representative from the Ohio Board of Regents

This workshop is appropriate for those new to the profession as well as 'seasoned' residency officers. Expect much discussion and information to take back to your offices!

The fee for this workshop is \$50 and includes lunch.

[Click here](#) to register!

## OACRAO Support Staff Workshop

Plan to send your support staff members to the Annual Support Staff Workshop, scheduled for

**Friday, July 21 at The Ohio State University**

This one day event is a great opportunity for those who support us and our offices every day to meet and network with others who do the same thing.

The session topics will be:

- ◇ Mentoring
- ◇ Professional Etiquette
- ◇ FERPA
- ◇ Enrollment 101 (How admission and registrar office go hand in hand).

A nice variety which will be of benefit to them personally and professionally. This is the only workshop for support staffers in the state, and it's **FREE** (to institutional members) so take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.

Please pass this on to others in your office who may benefit from these workshops. Confirmations will be emailed to those registered. Please email Tina Hummons at [tina.hummons@sinclair.edu](mailto:tina.hummons@sinclair.edu) with any questions. See you this Summer in Columbus!

[Click here](#) to register!



## CONTINUED: Admissions & International Committee

Since I am a one-person office, I often feel isolated from my international AND domestic admission peers. I get focused on what I need to do to get my job done, but I rarely take the opportunity to meet with my peers who might have valuable and innovate information to share. Last year, Beth suggested that I submit a proposal to present a workshop at the 2016 OACRAO conference, so I did. Preparing for and presenting at the conference re-energized me about my job, so I decided to stay on and serves as Chair of the Admissions and International Committee. Since I started participating in OACRAO, I have found a place I can go to not only find assistance but to interact with my peers and to share our challenges and triumphs. I feel rejuvenated and re-engaged when I get to converse and network with others in my field.

That is what OACRAO is. It is an organization of generous and amazing people with whom you can share your experiences and learn from the experiences of others. Our [committee](#) is working on a number of sessions for October's annual conference that will get/keep you informed and motivate you. We would love to have more admission professionals join OACRAO and provide your very valuable perspectives.

If you are an admission professional (international or domestic), please consider joining OACRAO and attending the conference in October. We would love to see you there!

## SPRING HAS ARRIVED!



Beautiful roses at  
Mount Carmel  
College of  
Nursing!

Donna Evans'  
special visitor at  
Antioch College!



## JUNE - SAVE THE DATE

**Friday, June 9—Registration is Open**

**Residency Workshop** at The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio

See page #2 for more details or [click here](#) to register.



## JULY - SAVE THE DATE

Support Staff Workshop  
The Ohio State University  
**Friday, July 21 2017**

**9:30 – 3:00**

Lunch and parking are provided

[Click here](#) to register!



## OCTOBER - SAVE THE DATE



**OACRAO Conference**

Mohican State Park

October 4-6, 2017

## 2018 AACRAO ANNUAL MEETING

A promotional banner for the AACRAO 104th Annual Meeting. The background is a blue sky with white clouds and large green palm leaves on the left. At the top, the letters "AACRAO" are displayed in a purple bar. The main text "104<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING" is in large, orange, sans-serif font. Below this, the dates "March 25-28, 2018" and the location "Orlando World Center Marriott, Orlando, Florida / www.aacrao.org" are listed. On the left, there is a purple bar with the AACRAO logo and the tagline "Advancing Global Higher Education". Three small inset images show people at a meeting, a globe, and a cityscape.

### Final Opportunity to Lend Your Voice and Experience to the 2018 AACRAO Annual Meeting

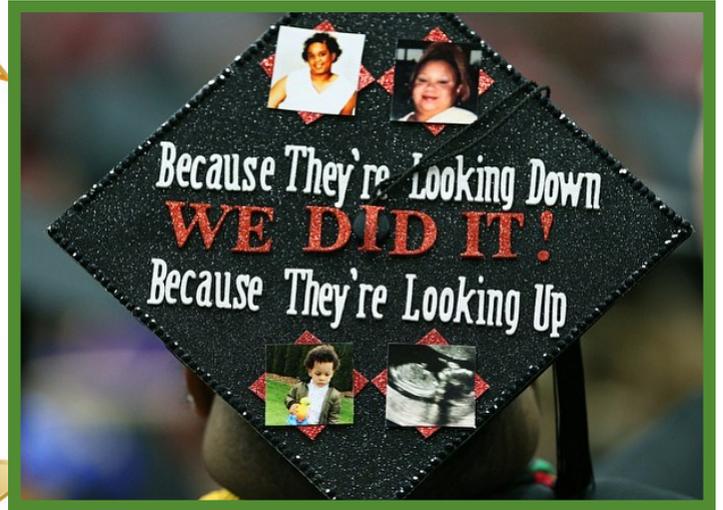
Don't miss your chance to submit a session proposal for next year's Annual Meeting--the deadline is this Friday, May 19. We invite you to submit a workshop, roundtable topic, session, or poster proposal that illustrates innovative or practical steps you have taken to improve higher education. The AACRAO Annual Meeting Program Committee is working diligently to plan four exciting days of workshops and sessions for our 104th Annual Meeting, March 25-28, 2018 at the Orlando World Center Marriott.

[Click here](#) to submit your proposal!

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