



OACRAO News

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Letter from the President.....

Fall or Autumn SEMESTER is off and running!

Well, the time has come when all of our Ohio institutions are now on the same academic calendar system of semesters. It's difficult to believe that all the planning over the past two or three years has now come to fruition. I hope all is going well for you who are beginning the semester experience. I believe this will enhance the ability of students in Ohio to take courses at other institutions to complete their degree. That's what we all want for our students in the end – to see them walk across the stage to receive their degree. If a unified semester system will help, then it's all for the good!



The 2012 OACRAO Conference is just around the corner now.

The Local Arrangements Committee (LAC), headed by Dave Sauter and Tammy Bash, has solidified the conference schedule. Thanks for all their work. Since the conference dates are **October 31 - November 2**, it's time to get registered. Here is the link to the conference registration links: http://www.ohioaacrao.org/conference_home/registration.html

Variations in Sessions at Conference

Over the years, conference feedback told us that we needed to mix up the session lengths, so once again we will have shorter and longer sessions. In addition to two pre-conference workshops that you'll read more about later in this newsletter, we will have sessions of 30, 45, 60, and 75 minutes. This variation in session lengths allows us to give you more sessions for your money, and that is always a good deal!

Exhibitor Demo Sessions

In addition to the typical one-hour exhibitor (vendor) sessions, we will again feature the 15 minute demo sessions on Thursday afternoon. Within one session time, you can view demonstrations from three different exhibitors of your choosing. This is a great chance to compare products and services and to get a quick exposure to a vendor's offerings.

Great Lakes Conference Returns

The Great Lakes Conference (Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan) will occur in 2013. Preliminary plans have already begun for this exciting event. You'll want to mark the dates of November 6-8, 2013 to attend this joint conference held in Indianapolis. Connie Goodman from The Ohio State University is our OACRAO representative on the steering committee and will represent us well.

Mel Severns

OACRAO President

OACRAO Member Spotlight



David Sauter

Tell us a little bit about yourself...

I was the kid from NJ who had never been west of the Delaware River, yet came “to the wild wild west” for an undergraduate degree in architecture at Miami University. Mid-junior year, I forgot architecture, and forged ahead to the profession of higher education. Miami was a life-changing experience for me.

When you were growing up, did you think that you would be the University Registrar at your alma mater?

Not in my wildest dreams. I was ALWAYS going to be an architect – and so I am – I have been known to redesign the offices a time or two! (son #1 and his wife are BOTH architects!)

If you were your institution’s president for a day, what would you do?

I would appoint an Ombuds team to go out across the University and make a laundry list of everything quirky, outdated, and inefficient – and then wave my magic wand (our office really does have one!) and fix it all!

Who is your hero?

Lee Iacocca, who pulled Chrysler out of near-doom in the 80’s by thinking outside of the (Detroit) box at the time.

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

There were about 15 Davids on my freshmen floor at Miami, and one of the Davids announced one night (while consuming adult beverages – Ohio law was 18 at the time, and Oxford was 3.2 beer capital!) that I was “THE Dave” which was shortened to TD.

Favorite movie(s)?

On Golden Pond – been watching it over 40 years and as I watch my parents age, I also see spouse Janet and I slipping into those roles (no broken dishes so far). Plus it takes place on a lake very similar to the one I grew up on in Northern NJ. (NJ is not all turnpike!)

Favorite music?

Truly a diversity – you name it, I’ve played it! When I work at home I put on “Soundscapes” on cable, great background! In the office I have one Christian CD which I play at least once a day – a smattering of artists. On our trip this summer to Germany (wedding of former exchange student) we played U.S. country music while touring Southern Germany (twanging in the Black Forest of Germany!)

Favorite sports team(s)?

Reds – from the times of the mid 70’s! But I can still name the starting lineup of the New York Yankees from the 1960’s.

Which OACRAO committees have you served on?

Most – I’m in my fourth decade of our profession, and now co-chairing my fourth LAC. Most rewarding has been Professional Development.

What benefits have you gained from belonging to OACRAO? Camaraderie, belonging, knowledge, friendships, energy, information, insight, a future!

What is your favorite OACRAO memory?

While working at Miami University Middletown, I went to the Oxford Campus once a week to be part of the voice response project team, MUCARES, (the Committee which I now Chair). I was talking to Linus Ryland, Assistant Registrar at the time, about getting involved. Not long after he brought me to a meeting in Columbus to discuss OACRAO topics of the future. That was “the start” and he helped fuel my OACRAO life, and I like to think I carry that legacy forward – which is why receiving the Linus J. Ryland Award was so special. As a side note, we met at a parking lot off I-75, and he drove. When we returned later, the parking lot had been freshly blacktopped, except where my car sat. ☺



Liz Kirkham

Tell us a little bit about yourself...

I graduated from Miami University in May of 2011 with my Bachelor of Science in Speech Pathology and

Audiology and came to work at the Office of the Registrar (at Miami) in November of 2011. I was very involved as an undergrad and am so thankful to have the opportunity to continue working for the university.

When you were growing up, did you think that you would work for the Office of the Registrar at Miami University?

I have to say I never expected I’d be working as a Student Services Technician with the Miami University Office of the Registrar. I realized toward the end of my senior year at Miami that Speech Pathology wasn’t really for me... my involvement as an undergrad was centered around Student Affairs and my passion has always been serving a community, in this case, a community of students.

If you were your institution’s president for a day, what would you do?

Gosh. If I were Miami University’s President for a day? I think I would do my best to visit as many of the offices and departments on campus as possible. Visibility and interaction with the community would be important to me if I were in this position. I think it would be wonderful to connect with as many people on campus as possible that I wouldn’t ordinarily come in contact with.

Who is your hero?

My hero is my dad.

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

Many of my friends call me Kirks because of my last name, Kirkham.

Favorite movie(s)?

Big Fish and The Proposal are my go-to favorites, although I probably could name a hundred more.

Favorite music?

I can’t say that I have a favorite genre of music or even a favorite band. I like a little bit of everything, depending on my mood.

Favorite sports team(s)?

Sports? What are sports? ☹

Which OACRAO committees have you served on?

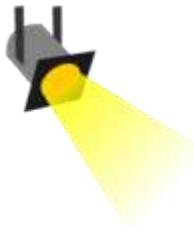
I am currently the Hospitality Chair for LAC 2012.

What benefits have you gained from belonging to OACRAO?

I’ve only been a member for a short period of time but I have loved hearing what other schools are up to and talking to other people that work in a similar office as I do.

What is your favorite OACRAO memory?

I can’t say that I have a favorite memory yet, but I have a feeling the 2012 OACRAO conference in October will be hard to beat. The few meetings that we’ve had as LAC have been a blast and I’m very excited to see everyone’s hard work pay off in the fall.



OACRAO Member Spotlight



Tammy Bash

Tell us a little bit about yourself...

I was the kid in grade school who pulled the fire alarm because it said "PULL" totally missing the "In case of fire". (It probably should have made me the school hero, everyone getting an extra recess that day.) I actually spent a bit of time in that principal's office for the next few years, usually for talking. I think I spent more time in the hall in First Grade than in the classroom. One time I got in trouble for talking while I was standing in the hall because I was talking in the classroom! The principal was a family friend, that was a good thing. He always called me Tabitha, like the daughter on "Bewitched. I often think that principal would be entertained knowing that I am now a Registrar!

My path to becoming a Registrar began as an ad in a Microbiology journal (I started out my career as a microbiologist). I was hired as the Assistant Director of the Medical Technology Program at Wright State University. Work on a degree audit project took me to the Registrar's Office at WSU. The Banner Implementation at WSU opened a door for me at Sungard (now Ellucian) and now I'm the Registrar at Ohio Northern. I have four daughters (the youngest two are 12 days apart!). Three of my girls are attending Wright State this fall, majoring in Motion Pictures, Art Education and International Relations.

When you were growing up, did you think that you would be the University Registrar at Ohio Northern University?

Most definitely not. I wanted to be an entomologist (someone who studies bugs). Even when I was in college all I knew about the Registrar's Office was that I had to go there once a term and stand in a really long line. Look at how far we've come!

If you were your institution's president for a day, what would you do?

Interesting question. I really don't think I'd like to be him for a day unless it would be a non-working day! Seriously, I think I'd like to change it up a bit, make the VPs the administrative staff and the administrative staff be the VPs or something similar. No one knows the challenges that others face until they walk in their shoes. I keep asking my staff if we can change jobs and they don't want to. Wonder why?

Who is your hero?

My grandfather. He had the greatest positive outlook on life. I suppose he sometimes was down like the rest of us but you never saw it. He "invented" all kinds of things (he had a rather archaic method of cracking hickory nuts, an old time broken iron and a hammer - one hour's worth of work yields one cup of nuts!) like a lot of people of his generation trying to make do through the Great Depression. His stories never ceased to amaze me. He always worked hard and went out of his way to help the little guy, like carrying the pack for a little fellow during basic training. This fellow wasn't able to complete the hike with the weight of the pack, so my grandfather asked if the guy could complete the hike if he didn't have to carry the pack. He said he could so Gramps carried both packs. I never met anyone who didn't like him! I know my mom has one story where she wasn't too happy with him, but I suppose you are allowed one lapse in 95 years!

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

Basher when I played Powder Puff football in high school, but most people call me by my usual nickname, Tammy. The other nicknames are things only my family dare call me. We won't go there.

Favorite movie(s)?

This is gonna really ruin my image. I really love chick flicks I guess, Steel Magnolias, Terms of Endearment, and Beaches are some of my favorites. I'm really not a huge movie fan. I love to read, anything by Steve Berry, James Rollins, Greg Iles or Ken Follet. When you travel as much as I did in my consulting days, books become your best friends.

Favorite music?

Anything Beatles. Right now I'm a big fan of Gotye and his blending of technology and sound.

Favorite sports team(s)?

I'm a big fan of Duke college basketball (I really don't follow pro basketball), otherwise Chicago Bears. Until last summer I never watched much baseball, but since I spend one night a week with my aunt and uncle, I've gotten to be a Cleveland Indians fan (I know I picked the wrong year to become a fan).

Which OACRAO committees have you served on?

M&M, Program Committee (Data Management), and LAC last year and this year

What benefits have you gained from belonging to OACRAO?

Networking – being relatively new to the profession, it has been great to make contacts across the state. I sometimes find myself presented with an issue that I question how to handle. It has been nice to have a network of colleagues for just such occurrences.

What is your favorite OACRAO memory?

I really enjoyed the Dueling Pianos at last fall's conference. The music was great, they were funny and our colleagues were equally entertaining!

OACRAO MEMBERSHIP UPDATE



Institutions

Name change

Temple Baptist College now Ohio Midwestern College

New member organizations starting with new enrollment year September 1, 2012

National College Columbus campus

Antioch College

Members

New to the organization:

Steven Kleiner, Registrar, Ohio Midwestern College

Jason Chambers, Director of Admissions, Ohio Midwestern College

Michelle K. Harper, Portia Thomas, and Ammar Al-Sharafi – Student Services Representatives from National College Columbus campus

Jaton Brame, Academic Administrator, Antioch College

W. C. Vance, Director of Admissions, Ashland University

Megan Sherar, Assistant Director of Admissions, Ashland University

Dotty Collura, Assistant Director of Admissions, Ashland University

Change in role:

Juliette Quinonez—left the University of Toledo and is now the Registrar at Owens Community College

Leaving the organization:

Dr. Bill Dykes from Ohio Midwestern College relinquishing membership to another college member

Shalini Kollapara leaving organization membership from Ohio Midwestern College

Becky Barnes, Tom Mansperger and Colleen Murphy from Ashland University

Mabel Freeman, Jefferson Blackburn-smith, Amy Hartman, Chris McDonough and Sarah Sed from Ohio State University

Retirees

OACRAO Membership and Mentoring Committee is attempting to gather information on our retired and honorary members. A component for these entities has been set up in our database. We would like to obtain contact information on our retired and honorary members to allow for the organization to contact them. If you would like to be included in the database please contact me at sshepherd@aultman.com. and provide your preferred email and phone number to be listed as your contact information.

Outreach

If any of you are aware of institutions and personnel that would like to become members or are interested in learning more about the organization please send me their contact information and I will be happy to reach out to them.

Thanks, Sue Shepherd, VP Membership and Mentoring



ACRAO 2012

Hey Shir! Did you hear? There's going to be a MURDER at the OACRAO Annual Meeting on Wednesday evening

I bet THAT got your attention, didn't it!

Actually, it's all in part of the fun expected during Wednesday's dinner. See the OACRAO LAC folks – especially the Entertainment Committee – is planning a full night of fun since we'll be meeting on **ALL HALLOW'S EVE!** They're asking everyone to come to dinner that night in some kind of costume and participate in the "Murder at the Masquerade." It should be LOADS of fun after exercising our brains in the sessions being held earlier in the day. I've even heard some of the Board of Directors need extra time to get their masquerade garb on before dinner. We gotta think of a really cool costume but I hear they'll have a few props and masks available for those who don't take this seriously! Remember when old lady Lambing showed up in that Hawaiian shirt a few years back? Or, when that fun guy from OSU showed up as "Dork" on the golf course? Grab your camera and get ready... Only two months until OACRAO!

Cheers!

Laverne



Laverne,

A "Murder" at the OACRAO Meeting!!! Holy Schotz Brewery!!!

Don't scare me like that! Heck, I'm scared enough right now just knowing that the quarter hour to semester hour conversion is happening NOW!

Thanks for the news on the masquerade fun for Wednesday's Dinner, I'll come raid your closet for some really old and scary outfits! And I can even dress Boo Boo Kitty!! Hey, Laverne, I got a sneak peak at the program sessions being offered at the OACRAO 2012 Conference in Dayton and the presentation topics are FAB!!! There will be everything from "SIS Testing: Trick or Treat?" to all the new fed regulation updates in FA, VA and ADA, too many fascinating offerings this year! Heck, Laverne, there's even a session right up our alley called, "When Opportunity Knocks, Answer" – which reminds me to get registered TODAY!!

Cheers!

Shirley

October 31 – November 2

Dayton Marriott



2012 OACRAO CONFERENCE SESSIONS

This is sure to be one of the best conferences ever! We have 10 sessions starting Wednesday afternoon through Friday morning. Some time slots are offering a choice of up to 5 great topics! The Program Committees have put together a great assortment of presentations geared towards Admissions, Professional Development, Data Management and Records & Registration.

Here is just a small sample of the sessions that will be available to you in Dayton:

[RN Programs – Help, I Can't Keep Up!](#)

Nursing programs are growing in the State of Ohio within private and for-profit institutions. Registrars and Admissions personnel dealing with this population find frequent challenges whether it be international nurses seeking RN licensure recognition from the State, accreditation teams going through student records with a fine-tooth comb, or finding a common ground with the RN-BSN students and addressing their challenges.

[SIS Testing – Trick or Treat](#)

Registrar office staff are asked to “test the system” – but how? Learn the basics and some new best practice student information system testing strategies relevant to any platform and system including developing and executing a testing plan.

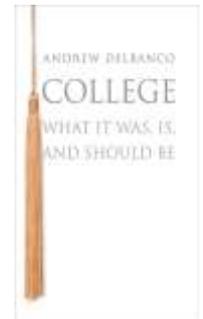
[Positive Politics](#)

Organizational politics is a part of business life and to understand who and how companies make decisions can make you more effective at work. Your understanding of workplace politics can easily mean the difference between advancing in your position or losing it. NOTE: This session will be offered as two separate presentations, back-to-back on Wednesday afternoon. You can attend both or just one based on your availability.

OACRAO BOOK CLUB

The conference will bring back another popular session from last year: the Book Club. This was a great opportunity for members to get even more professional development opportunities. Participants should read the book in advance and come prepared to discuss. The book club will meet on Thursday afternoon (look for time and location in the conference program).

This year's book selection is [College: What it was, Is, and Should Be](#) by Andrew Delbanco. The book is available new or used via Amazon or Barnes & Noble and is available electronically.



Book Summary: As the commercialization of American higher education accelerates, more and more students are coming to college with the narrow aim of obtaining a preprofessional credential. The traditional four-year college experience--an exploratory time for students to discover their passions and test ideas and values with the help of teachers and peers--is in danger of becoming a thing of the past. The author explains the history of college education and then mounts a vigorous defense of a broadly humanistic education for all. Acknowledging the serious financial, intellectual, and ethical challenges that all colleges face today, Delbanco considers what is at stake in the urgent effort to protect these venerable institutions for future generations.

OACRAO SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The scholarship committee is busy seeking items for our annual silent auction, and we hope that everyone can help. If you are planning to bring a basket or other item for the auction, please let us know as soon as possible. In keeping with the conference theme of “Every Campus a Canvas”, we are especially looking for items with an “art” theme – works of art such as photography, paintings, pottery, jewelry, craft items – anything “artfully” created! And, of course, we will welcome anything we can put an “artful” spin on – e.g., tickets to museums, theatres and concerts; artisan breads; recording artists; artfully brewed coffees; those dancer/athletes on the football fields – you name it, we will work it into our theme!

To date, we have collected:

- Passes to art museums and theatres
- Passes to zoos and fun centers
- A wooden toy basket – this was a big hit last year!
- Framed photographs
- Vera Bradley accessories
- A scrap booker’s basket
- A coffee basket
- Prints and paintings by Columbus artists
- An awesome night in Columbus!
- Exciting adventures to Indiana, Michigan and Pennsylvania



Let’s keep the list growing! Keep an eye on the silent auction list on our conference page for updates.

You will see something new at the scholarship auction this year. Instead of the 50/50 raffle, we will be having a “basket raffle” table, where your arm’s length of tickets can be used to place tickets into the basket in front of an item you would be interested in winning. This could be an amazing individual item or a travel package, depending on what donations come in. We will draw winners at the end of the conference for these great prizes!

Remember that every dollar earned goes directly to funding our scholarships for deserving students who work in our offices, so plan to bring your checkbooks to the conference, and let us know if you have items for the auction!

Thank you,
Beth Egan, chair began@jcu.edu
Steven Mentz, vice-chair Mentz.3@osu.edu

Click [Here](#) to Register Today for the Conference!

Make your hotel reservations by 5:00 p.m., Friday, October 15, 2012
to receive the special group rate. Be sure to mention you are with “The Ohio Association of Collegiate Registrar’s and Admissions Officers (OACRAO)” to get the special rate.

Marriott Dayton (937) 223-1000

THURSDAY NIGHT CONFERENCE EVENTS

Dayton Art Institute

Did you know that one of the top art museums in the country was in Dayton? The Dayton Institute of Art is one of the top rated museums and was rated one of the top 10 art museums for children. Sitting atop a hill overlooking the city, the museum itself is a work of art but it also houses a number of significant pieces.

The museum has extensive collections in the areas of African art, American art, European, Asian and Ancient and in mediums from glass to oil to sculpture. There are more than 26,000 items in the institute's permanent collection spanning over 5,000 years.

The interior of the building is as breathtaking as the exterior with both a Gothic style cloister and an Italian style cloister, great hall, and rotunda all of which feature a distinctive style and look.

Conference attendees will have an opportunity on Thursday evening to tour the Dayton Art Institute.



Built in 1930, the building is in the Italian Renaissance style and overlooks Dayton and the conference hotel.



One of the museum's most significant paintings is High Noon by Edward Hopper.



The painting Waterlilies by Claude Monet, one of the most recognizable paintings in the world has been part of the collection at the DAI since 1953.

Dayton Masonic Center

The Dayton Masonic Center was built beginning in 1925 and is one of the larger facilities in Dayton.

Similar in function to the Masonic Hall that can be found in most communities around the country, the Dayton Masonic Center differs because more than a dozen Masonic organizations regularly meet in the building. Because of the history and beauty of the building, most of the events that take place in the building today are Dayton area community events including plays and concerts. The center is also the most popular yet exclusive place to hold your wedding reception in Dayton.

The Masons are a fraternal organization whose history dates back to the 16th century and in the United States dates back to the founding fathers including George Washington and Benjamin Franklin. Known mostly for their charity work the ceremony and legend of the organization traces its roots back to stonemasons.

OACRAO will have its Thursday night dinner at the Dayton Masonic Center (next door to the Dayton Art Institute) and guided tours of the facility will be available.



The Dayton Masonic Center is on the National Register of Historic Spaces and encompasses more than 5 million cubic feet.



The Commandry Room (aka Templar Room) is one of the rooms used for fraternal meetings and ceremonies.



The auditorium is one of the largest theaters in the Dayton area and is regularly used for plays, concerts, and events.

WORKSHOPS UPDATE FROM MISTY MAHEFKEY

Residency Officers Workshop

Our annual Residency Officers Workshop was held at the Columbus State Delaware campus on July 27, 2012. Over thirty participants engaged in meaningful conversation with Michelle Chavanne of the Ohio Board of Regents and other colleagues from around the State. Doug Burgess from the University of Cincinnati facilitated the discussion that included topics such as Forever Buckeye, SB 357 and processes for Colleges/Universities using an on-line application process.

Pre-Conference Workshops

Two pre-conference workshops will be offered before the official start of our annual Fall conference in Dayton on Oct. 31.

Are you prepared? Cutting through the red tape of our growing Veteran Student population!

Would you prefer to cut through the red tape with a plastic knife or sharp scissors? This panel can provide to you the best tools necessary to cut through the “Red Tape” of our evolving Veterans students. Listen to what they have to say and avoid a sticky situation when it comes to helping our military veterans return to the classroom. Our Veterans have given their time and energy to help us, so now let’s return the favor and learn how we can help them.



Gateway: Admissions Review Process for Felon Applicants

Topics Covered:

- How did we get here? Brief history of the increased number of felon applicants to higher ed and the challenges that has presented (specifically for an open-enrollment, urban college campus)
- Noteworthy court cases that indicated the need for closer campus scrutiny of applicant’s legal history
- CSCC’s former process vs. today’s process and the motivation for that change (legal consultants) – letters/forms/interviews/admittance with conditions/denial
- Especially challenging felon issues
- What might we see in the future in higher ed as the number of formerly incarcerated individuals increases
- How safe is your campus?

GREAT LAKES 2013 IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER...

The Great Lakes 2013 planning is underway! The Ohio, Indiana and Michigan steering committee has already begun planning for an educational and fun conference in Indianapolis, Indiana. Connie Goodman (Ohio), Bob Kubat (Indiana), and Chris Marx (Michigan) have conference called several times already to set up budgets and general guidelines. Ohio will be coordinating programs and workshops under the guidance of Janet Duber, Vice President Programs, who is coordinating the session offerings with our colleagues in Indiana and Michigan. The newly elected Vice President of Workshops will coordinate the GL2013 workshops for Ohio. Michigan will be primarily responsible for exhibitors and Indiana will assume the Local Arrangements portion of the planning. We’re sure the joint conference will provide a unique opportunity to learn best practices as well as to network with colleagues both within and outside of OACRAO.

SPONSORED CHARITY FOR THE FALL OACRAO CONFERENCE

This year our opening speaker, [Abe Harris](#), is an art teacher in the Riverview School District. Abe helped select the charity, and in his own words, "I want the donation to go to the Boys and Girls Club in Hamilton. They provide a safe, happy place for the kids at my school to go."

Many of the students have no place to go after school so the Hamilton East Avenue Boys & Girls Club provides a safe, positive place for them. The mission of the organization is: *to inspire and enable all youth, especially those who need us most, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible, and caring individuals.* The group collaborates with both Big Brothers & Big Sisters and the Girls Scouts which help to provide one-on-one mentoring and allow the girls in the organization to participate in scouting and earn badges.

Due to the support of numerous local businesses and agencies including Butler County United Way, Hamilton Community Foundation, Molyneaux Foundation, Hatton Foundation, Dater Foundation, Ohio Casualty Foundation, and West Chester Foundation, and US Bank Foundation, the cost to attend the Club is relatively inexpensive. OACRAO members can help to support their activities by donating supplies or provide gently used clothing or cash to Abe's charity. You can donate by check, which can be made out to the "Boys & Girls Club of Hamilton Ohio", or cash which will be converted to an OACRAO check payable to the Club as well. There is additional information on the OACRAO Conference webpage at this address.

http://www.ohioaacrao.org/conference_home/charity.html

NEWS FROM THE TREASURER AND TREASURER ELECT

We hope you all are having a great start to your academic year! The start of the year means we will be invoicing next week for 2012-2013 OACRAO Annual Dues. An invoice will be sent to all Institutional Reps with instructions. The big news is that we will be able to pay dues by either check or credit card! Look for your invoice via email next week that will include payment instructions.

At various times during the year, we get new schools to join our organization. In an effort to pro-rate the dues, we will be offering the following dues levels for institutions that join OACRAO for the FIRST time. Please see below for our new pricing structure for schools joining OACRAO, who have never been members of OACRAO before.

OACRAO Invoicing Structure

Headcount	Annual Dues
0-999	\$75
1000-2499	\$100
2500-4999	\$125
5000-14999	\$150
15000 or more	\$175

Initial Join After Jan 1	Initial Join after April 1
\$50	\$25
\$75	\$50
\$100	\$75
\$125	\$100
\$150	\$125

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS REPORT

The Nominations and Elections Committee has met and is pleased to announce the following slate of candidates for the board of directors and for next year's N&E committee.

An invitation to vote online will be sent to all members. If you are a voting member and have not received voting information by September 17th, please contact this year's N&E Committee Chair, Jack Miner at miner.10@osu.edu.



Sincerely,

2012 OACRAO N&E Committee

Jack Miner, Chair

Cindy Davis

Beth Egan

Connie Goodman

Frank Yanchak

President Elect - Nominee



Jeannine Shambaugh

Vice President

Aultman College of Nursing and Health Sciences

Jeannine Shambaugh is the Vice President for Internal Affairs at Aultman College of Nursing and Health Sciences which is a health care affiliated college located in Canton. She has been in education for 10 years and prior to that held various positions within Aultman Health Foundation. Jeannine received her BA from Bowling Green State University and her MBA from Ashland University. Jeannine is currently the past President of the Rotary Club of North Canton. She attended her first OACRAO Conference in 2004. Since that time she has participated on the Membership & Mentoring, Professional Development, LAC, Scholarship, and Fiscal Committees. She also held the position of Vice President of Membership and Mentoring.

Vice President for Workshops - Nominee



Cheryl Gloege

Assistant Registrar

Otterbein University

Cheryl Gloege began working at Otterbein University (then College) in 1991 in the President's Office and moved to the Registrar's Office in 1992. Definitely a step in the right direction! Over the past 20 years she has been an active member of OACRAO serving on many committees including: Local Arrangements, Records & Registration, Admissions & International Education, Membership & Mentoring, Scholarship, Communications, Nominating and Auditing. She co-chaired the 2001 LAC with Connie Goodman and also served as the Newsletter Editor from 2004 to 2012. She is appreciative of this new opportunity and knows that involvement in OACRAO has proven to be a benefit in many different ways over the years.

Nominations and Elections Committee – At Large Nominees (two will be selected)



Kathy DiFranco
Registrar
John Carroll University

Kathy has been the registrar John Carroll University and a member of OACRAO since 1986. During that time, she has served as OACRAO Treasurer and in that capacity was a member of the Executive Committee. She has also been on the Records and Registration Committee, the Professional Development Committee, the Scholarship Committee and Nominations and Elections Committee. Kathy has also been a presenter at OACRAO conferences.



Ned Donnelly
Associate Director, Educational Services
Office of the University Registrar
University of Cincinnati

Ned Donnelly is Associate Director of Educational Services at the University of Cincinnati. He has been a member of OACRAO since 2008. He has served as a conference presenter and member/chair of the Data Management and Research committee.



Mark Frys
Director of the Enrollment Center
Cuyahoga Community College – Eastern Campus

Mark Frys has worked at Cuyahoga Community College for nearly 20 years. He began his career at Cuyahoga Community College working in the Account Receivable/Third Party billing area. In 2001, Mark was hired as the Admissions and Records Manager at the Eastern Campus and was immediately exposed to OACRAO since Cuyahoga Community College was the Local Arrangements Committee Chair for the Cleveland area conference that year. In 2005, Mark was hired as the Director of Admissions and Records at the Eastern Campus. Effective July 1, 2010, Mark became the Director of the Enrollment Center at the Eastern Campus which integrates admissions, registration, business office, student financial assistance and information desk operations into a single unit. Mark has served on several OACRAO committees including 2001 Local Arrangements Committee in Cleveland, Registration, and Admissions and International Education Committee.



Mary Holland
Associate Registrar
Wright State University

Like so many in our organization, Mary Holland's education did not launch her toward a career as a Registrar. She holds a B. A. from Knox College, with an Independent Major in Women's Studies, and her M. A. and Ph. D. are from the University of Iowa in Health, Leisure and Sports Studies. In 1998, after 5 years coaching Division III basketball, she accepted a position at Wilmington College's Cincinnati Branch campuses for adult learners. In 2005, Allen Cole of Xavier University took a chance on this "nontraditional," and offered Mary her first opportunity to work in a university registrar's office. Allen introduced her to a complex ERP system and to committee work for OACRAO. These positive experiences were perfect preparation for Mary's current position as an Associate Registrar at Wright State University, where she has benefited from Marian Brainerd's mentoring since 2008. OACRAO has been an integral part of Mary's career development and advancement, and has provided a fun and generous "learning community" for which she is deeply appreciative and strives to repay in small ways. Since 2005, she has served on the Records & Registration Committee 4 times, chaired it twice, served on LAC twice, and presented twice. She is a current member of the Scholarship Committee. Over the past three years the work to convert from a quarter to a semester curriculum and calendar has involved her in collaborations across the state, on curriculum conversion and space management. Through these diverse experiences in private and public higher education she has worked with a broad cross section of our membership and would be pleased to share these perspectives as a new member of the Nominating Committee.



Nominations and Elections Committee – Past President Nominees (two will be selected)



Marian Hogue Brainerd
University Registrar
Wright State University

Marian Brainerd (formerly Hogue) is University Registrar at Wright State University, a position she's held since 2006. She spent the

previous 27 years at Case Western Reserve University, serving as Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs and Registrar, with stints as financial aid administrator and working with judicial affairs, for the Weatherhead School of Management. She holds a B.S. from Springfield College and an M.B.A. from Case Western Reserve University. Marian has been involved with OACRAO since 1986, serving on various program committees, working with exhibitors for three conferences, serving on various local arrangements committees and serving on the board as Vice-President for Programs and then for an additional three years as President-elect, President and Past President. She has also presented sessions on various topics at OACRAO, AACRAO and for the Registrar 101 class held in Cleveland. She has served as a committee member and then Chair of the State and Regional Association Committee of AACRAO. Recent attention has been on transitioning to semesters this Fall and the start-up of Raider Connect, a consolidated service center for Wright State students, scheduled to open this Fall. I have thoroughly enjoyed my involvement with our professional organization and have learned much from colleagues across the state as well as forming life-long friendships. I welcome the opportunity to identify members who would like to continue or begin increased involvement with OACRAO. We are fortunate to have a strong organization, due to the contributions of many over the years, and I am pleased to be considered to help continue this great tradition.



Linda Young
University Registrar
Office of the University Registrar
Baldwin Wallace University

Linda Young has been a member of OACRAO since 1985. During that time she has served on the Records and Registration Committee, LAC and Membership and Mentoring. She was a member of the Executive Board from 2005-2010 serving in several roles from Treasurer to President. Linda has enjoyed the many leadership roles OACRAO has given her and looks forward to helping select a good slate of future leaders.



Dave Sauter
University Registrar
Miami University

Currently University Registrar at his alma mater Miami University since 2006, Dave was University Registrar at Wright State University 1999-2006, University Registrar at Xavier

University 1991-1999, and Director of Records, Registration, and Academic Advising at Miami University Middletown 1984-91. He has held OACRAO offices including President, Treasurer, and VP Workshops, and within AACRAO been Vice-Chair of Nominations and Elections Committee and chair of the Financial Aid Committee. Presentations have included topics such as fraudulent credentials, enhancing services, linking registrar/academic advising, and drama in the workplace. He authored a chapter in the AACRAO publication Registrar 101: Best Practices, "Budgeting 101, as well as "Fraud on the Electronic Campus" in *College and University*. Dave's committee service has been varied, most notably within Professional Development OACRAO Committee. He is honored to have received the Garland Parker Award for service to AACRAO and OACRAO in 2005 and the Linus Ryland Award for service to OACRAO in 1998. In 2011 while serving as Treasurer for The Ohio Transfer Council, he received the "New Member Award" as a newer member of the Council. Dave's most proud OACRAO accomplishments have included playing a key role in establishing the OACRAO Scholarship and Membership and Mentoring initiatives, as well as working alongside talented professionals who have gone on to higher levels of responsibility.



Don Foster
University Registrar
Otterbein University

Don Foster is a 20-year member of OACRAO and returned to Otterbein University as Registrar in 1992.

Previously, he was an Admission Officer and then Director of Financial Aid at Otterbein from 1973 to 1981. In between, Don was with JCPenney Insurance in various capacities. OACRAO involvement includes: 2010 and 2011 LAC Exhibitor Co-Chair; 2007-08 Immediate Past-President; 2006-07 President; 2005-06 President-Elect; 2003-04 Vice President of Programs; 2002-03 Vice President of Programs; 2001-02 Local Arrangements Committee and also Exhibitor Chair; 1998-99 Local Arrangements and also Records and Registration Program Committee Chair; 1997-98 Records and Registration Program Committee Vice Chair; 1996-97 Records and Registration Program Committee; 1995-96 Local Arrangements Committee. On the home front, Don serves on the Board of Directors of his condominium homeowners association and is a member of the Clark County Historical Society and the Delaware County Historical Society.

OACRAO TO LAUNCH RESIDENCY TASK FORCE



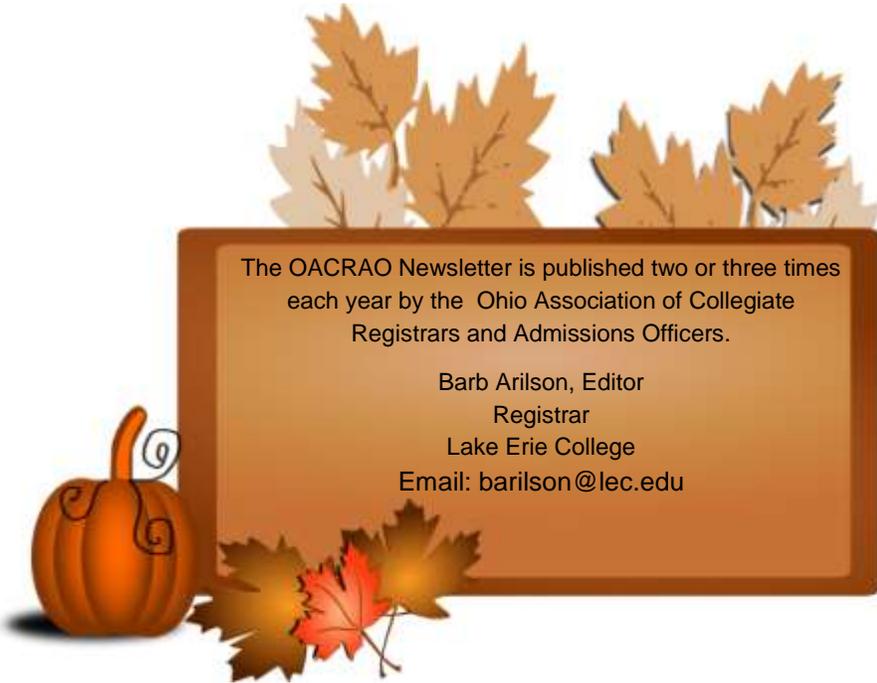
One of the most popular services OACRAO offers each year is its annual Residency Workshop where state institutions share best practices on determining Ohio Residency for purposes of tuition and state subsidy.

Encouraged by the participation in the past few workshops and the partnership we have had with the Ohio Board of Regents, OACRAO will be forming a task force to improve the residency process for all of us and our students. The goal is to create a uniform set of definitions, guidelines and practices and to work with OBOR to serve as an advocate for our offices and institutions.

If you are interested in serving on the task force, please contact Jack Miner at miner.10@osu.edu.

OACRAO DINNER IN SAN FRANCISCO

Planning to go to San Francisco for the 2013 Annual AACRAO Conference? Don't forget about OACRAO Dinner Night! We'll be meeting April 16th, 2013 at 7:00 PM at Jillian's, in downtown San Francisco. Featuring a blend of part fine-dining, part sports-bar, with pool and other game options, Jillian's is a great place to unwind and catch up with your OACRAO friends and colleagues! Details and registration information will be made available at a later date.



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Letter from the President.....

Is Spring Already Here?

Wow, what a mild winter we've had so far here in the central part of Ohio. I hope it's been a good and healthy winter for you so far. Things are moving along in OACRAO as we move toward the spring. All the program committees met on Friday, February 17th at Mount Carmel College of Nursing for our annual program planning meeting. It was a success all around – a beautiful day for traveling, fun fellowship with friends, and a great start on planning sessions for our fall conference in Dayton. Thanks again to Karen Greene for offering her facilities to us. It's an ideal place for us to meet and plan!



Just Say "Yes"

As I stated above, we just held our annual program planning meeting. In the near future several of you will be asked to present or facilitate a session at the fall conference. As I think about it, the primary reason why our organization is so strong is that most are willing to say "yes" when asked to do something for OACRAO. This is a great quality of our organization, so I hope you'll just say "yes" when it's your turn.

LAC Stuff

Tammy Bash (Ohio Northern University) and Dave Sauter (Miami University) are the co-chairs of LAC this year. For those who need to know, LAC means Local Arrangements Committee. When I first entered OACRAO, all of the acronyms were confusing to me, so I wanted to spell it out this time for anyone new to this type of organization. Tammy and Dave are pressing forward. It's amazing how much time and effort goes into planning for the fall conference. I want to thank them and the LAC members for their service even at this juncture.

Looking Ahead...Mark Your Calendar

Several events in both OACRAO and AACRAO are coming your way. Our fall 2012 conference is October 31-November 2 in Dayton. Our fall 2013 conference will be held in conjunction with Indiana and Michigan, will be in Indianapolis November 6-8. This web link highlights these and other meetings, so check them out.

http://www.ohioaacrao.org/professional_development/upcoming_meetings.html

Our website has many other links to help you network with others here in Ohio, so use it often.

Here to Help You

If you have suggestions for how OACRAO can help you and your institution, please feel free to contact me or any board member. We will be happy to listen to you. My email is mseverns@mvnu.edu. The other board members are listed on our website.

Mel Severns - OACRAO President

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AACRAO Names a New Executive Director

Michael Reilly will join AACRAO as Executive Director on June 1, 2012. Mr. Reilly was selected from a highly qualified pool of candidates after a national search. He will succeed Jerry Sullivan, who is retiring from AACRAO after a very successful fourteen-year tenure. Members will have an opportunity to meet Mr. Reilly at the annual conference in Philadelphia.

Currently serving as the Executive Director of the Council of Presidents in the state of Washington, Mr. Reilly brings to AACRAO extensive experience in public policy and higher education. The Council of Presidents is an association of the presidents of Washington State's six public baccalaureate degree-granting institutions. Mr. Reilly had previously served as the Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management at Humboldt State University and Central Washington University and in the admissions office of Washington State University, Seattle University, and Iowa State University.

The Executive Director search was coordinated by the personnel committee of the Board and the final candidates were interviewed by the Board (including Brad Myers), senior staff in the national office, and the Nominations and Elections Committee (including Jack Miner).

AACRAO Accepting Session Topics for San Francisco

Yep, you read that right, it is already time to start thinking about the AACRAO conference next year in San Francisco. Have you ever wanted to present a session at the national conference? Have you presented there before and just gotten away from it the past few years? Is your school doing something new and exciting that you want to share? Do you just want to go to San Francisco? **Well, here is your chance...**

AACRAO is now accepting program sessions for the 2013 conference. If you are interested in submitting a session to present, visit: http://www.aacrao.org/meetings/2013AnnualMeeting/2013call.aspx#.TzwYd_mOduw

Around half of the topics that are presented at the annual conference are submitted by members using this form (the other half are suggested by the program committee). The program committee will review the ideas for next year when we meet in Philadelphia in just over a month.

This is a great chance for professional development and to share your ideas and experiences with a broader audience than just Ohio.



On Friday, February 17, members of the Program Committees met at Mount Carmel College of Nursing to develop the 2012 OACRAO Conference sessions. We had 39 attendees from 20+ institutions who came on a spring-like day to brainstorm and select a great variety of programs. We will be offering presentations and panel discussions on topics including Veterans Affairs, nursing programs, new Financial Aid regulations, electronic transcripts, data management, professional development and enrollment management. The popular book club and debates from last year will be repeated—stay tuned for more details!

Exhibitors will also host individual sessions, and we will schedule shorter sessions for those that are interested in a quick overview of their services/products.

If you have any additional presentation suggestions, please contact Janet Duber, Vice President Programs, at jduber@bw.edu. It is sure to be a very educational and informative conference!

OACRAO Membership Update:

Members:

New to the organization:

Dr. Rose Reinhart, Registrar, Rhodes State College

Vandra Robinson M.Ed. , Registrar, Herzing University Toledo Campus

Leaving the organization:

Aaron Minnick from OSU moving to a new position outside of student services and tendering resignation from the membership.

Institutions:

Herzing University, Toledo Campus joined OACRAO in November 2011

Retirees

OACRAO Membership and Mentoring Committee is attempting to gather information on our retired and honorary members. A component for these entities has been set up in our database. We would like to obtain contact information on our retired and honorary members to allow for the organization to contact them. If you would like to be included in the database please contact me at sshepherd@aultman.com and provide your preferred email and phone number to be listed as your contact information.

Outreach

If any of you are aware of institutions and personnel interested in membership or simply in learning more about the organization please send me their contact information and I will be happy to reach out to them.

Sue Shepherd, VP Membership and Mentoring



Facebook

When searching for OACRAO on Facebook you need to search for Ohio Association of Collegiate Registrar's and Admissions Officers. Oklahoma's association comes up when searching for OACRAO. They might have beat us in the search engine but we beat them in likes and friends!!!!!!



While visiting OACRAO on Facebook be sure to check out the pictures of the program committee members busily planning sessions for the upcoming fall conference. The photos were taken at the planning meeting on February 17th at Mount Carmel College of Nursing

2012 OACRAO WORKSHOP UPDATE

The month of March will host two great professional development opportunities that are free to OACRAO affiliated schools.

◇ Veterans Benefits Summit

OACRAO will hold its first Veterans Affairs Summit on Friday, March 2nd at Ohio State University. The summit has attracted over 100 registrants all eager to discuss their experiences as VA Certifying officials. There will be no VA or State Approving representative in attendance, so this will be a great opportunity to discuss, share and compare notes with other VA Certifying colleagues.

◇ Support Staff Day

Support Staff Day will be held Tuesday, March 20th at Ohio State University. The event is intended for support staff that would not normally attend the state conference. It will give attendees the chance to meet colleagues from around Ohio while enhancing their skills for the workplace.

Training Sessions Offered:

FERPA: Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, Microsoft Word 2010 (Basic and Advanced) and Diversity

For more information, go to the OACRAO website, click on Professional Development then Workshops or contact Misty Mahefke at mmahefke@csc.edu

Update from the Ohio Board of Regents

The Articulation and Transfer Clearinghouse is a computer system administered by the Ohio Board of Regents that allows the public colleges and universities to exchange electronic transcripts for free. This past year there was a large effort put forth to get all of the University System of Ohio (USO) schools connected so they may take advantage of the benefits of this system. This effort resulted in some noteworthy statistics for the ATC in 2011.

15 USO schools got connected to the ATC in 2011 in order to exchange electronic transcripts!

10 out of those 15 schools that got connected to the ATC are in 100% compliance utilizing the ATC's automated web services

34, 827 transcripts were sent through the ATC in 2011 o

This is a 56% increase from the previous year and the largest year-to-year increase since the ATC has been up and running

At the end of 2011:

25 of 36 (69%) Institutions were 100% implemented using web services

33 of 36 (92%) Institutions are using web services to either send or receive transcripts

32 of 36 (89%) Institutions are using either web services or manually sending and receiving transcripts



Many of you visit our website for information and many of you also know it is maintained by Connie Goodman. We bet what most of you do not know is that Connie did some smart shopping for OACRAO! She contacted the web service providers and found out how we could get a 25% discount on our web services! The Executive Board of OACRAO voted to prepay our site for two years at the cost of 18 months. A big shout of thanks to Connie for saving our organization money!

Have you sent your dues in for the 2011-2012 academic year?

Our FREE workshops are helping us ensure membership dues are current as our institutions want to take part in the great **information sharing network we have**. **Sign ups have begun for our FREE Support Staff Workshop**. **Don't miss out on the fun** and get the most out of your institutional membership!

The next 2 pages are from a scan of the OACRAO 50th Anniversary Program. . .

While it may be a little difficult to read it provides an interesting glimpse back to our past and provides information on the beginnings of this organization. It is interesting to note that many of the topics which were discussed at early meetings are still being discussed today!

A Summary of the History of . . .

The Ohio Association of Collegiate

The history of the Association dates back to the early 1920's. Lawrence C. Underwood, former registrar at Hiram, noted while he was Chairman of the Historian's Committee, that registrars from six Ohio colleges met in 1922. Thomas E. Steckel of Ohio Wesleyan University had charge of the meeting. While Mr. Underwood in his notes mentions other informal meetings, neither he, nor any of the records of the Association give information on meetings taking place.

A serious effort was made to organize a state association in 1925. In that year Miss L. Bernice Garritt, Registrar of the College for Women of Western Reserve University, sent letters to registrars throughout Ohio. The replies which she received were favorable to a meeting and possible organization. She then arranged with her colleague at Western Reserve, Sidney S. Wilson, Treasurer of Western Reserve and President of the Ohio College Treasurers, to meet with his group in Akron, May 5-6, 1926. It was from this meeting that the first formal organization was founded and officers were elected. Minutes of that meeting read: . . . "the organization should invite to membership all registrars of Ohio colleges, irrespective of the grade of the institution, and that examiners also be included in the membership". Miss Garritt was elected president and Fred E. Nessel, Registrar of Hiram College, as secretary. They were to serve for one year. The new organization was called the Association of Ohio College Registrars and Examiners.

The first full professional meeting was held in Cleveland, November 19-20, 1926. With twenty-six institutions represented by forty-four individuals the success of the organization was assured. The program of this first meeting included formal papers on topics which have been repeated at the annual meetings from time to time, although under different headings — the value of a state association of Ohio registrars, the necessary equipment of a registrar's office, the registrar's responsibilities and opportunities, the registrar in the field of administration, basis of selective choosing of applicants from high school, and the evaluation of irregular credits. The host institution for the first meeting in 1926 provided a complimentary dinner to the Association members.

While the admission officers were, and have always been represented in the Association, they decided in the thirties to form their own organization. As a result our organization changed its name in 1938 to the

Registrars and Admissions Officers

Association of Ohio College Registrars. Thirty years later in 1968 the name was again changed to its present form, the Ohio Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admission Officers.

The Association grew and prospered during the late twenties, the thirties and the forties. Therefore, it is not surprising to note that the Association held its Silver Jubilee Meeting in 1950 in Cleveland at John Carroll University. Three other Cleveland institutions, Case Institute of Technology, Fenn College and Western Reserve University, shared the host responsibilities. Like the first meeting, this one began with a complimentary steak dinner. The program indicated that the interests of the members were similar to those of the first meeting — the registrar and the admission officer, the registrar as a general administrative officer, tests and examinations. A question box period was a part of the program. Forty-six institutions were listed as members.

Since 1950 the Association has continued to grow in member institutions, professional stature, and in contributions made to the national organization as would be expected by noting the purpose as stated in the present Constitution originally adopted in 1956:

The purpose of this Association shall be to provide, by means of annual conferences and otherwise, for the spread of information and interchange of ideas on problems of common interest; to foster a friendly spirit of unity and cooperation among its members; to assist in any way possible the registrars and admissions officers of newly created institutions of higher education; and to promote a spirit of professional pride.

Two members have served the AACRAO as president, Robert E. Mahn of Ohio University and Garland G. Parker of the University of Cincinnati. Many others have been contributors to a wide range of committees, to publications, and as participants at the national meetings. Equally important to all members, new and old in the organization, has been the friendship among all members, and the sincere interest to be helpful to each other, the varied programs at the annual meetings, and the workshops to provide new expertise for the members. Today the Ohio Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers includes eighty institutions represented by over two hundred seventy-five individuals.

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2011 OACRAO Scholarship Recipients

Melinda Ruberg, Ohio University

Melinda is a junior at Ohio University studying Pre-Med and Latin American Studies. She was born and raised in the small town of Edgewood, KY. On Campus she works three different jobs as Peer Mentor, Campus Tour Guide, and Tutor. In addition to these positions she holds the office of Vice-Commissioner of Off-Campus Student Life for the Student Senate. Melinda also volunteers at the local homeless shelter, Goodworks. Her inspiration and drive comes from her large family which includes three siblings and over thirty Aunts and Uncles. Her passion and primary reason for studying medicine is to eventually be involved with Doctors without Borders which she heard about in the eighth grade and has dedicated her life to being a part of this program. All these experiences have carried her to where she is today. Best described in her own words, "I am addicted to helping people."



Rebecca Kapusta, Baldwin Wallace College



Rebecca is a junior at Baldwin-Wallace College studying to be an Intervention Specialist K-12, with a minor in Psychology. Studying to be a Special Education teacher has been a dream of hers since she was a child. Seeking to make a difference both in and out of the classroom Rebecca is involved with Newman Campus Ministry, Student Ambassador to the Alumni and College President, Circle K, Students Athletic Conference Council and numerous other organizations. As a student athlete Rebecca has played golf. Her team won the OAC championship in 2011.

Rebecca's inspiration to become a teacher comes from her drive to make a difference. She does this on and off campus. Most rewarding she says was serving as Student Ambassador representing Baldwin Wallace College to visitors and alumni. This allows her to give back to a school which has given her so much. Rebecca plans to be a Special Education teacher and to fulfill her aspiration best described in her words: "I realized I had a passion for making a difference in the lives of children who were different."

Kristen Lewis, Cedarville University

Kristen is a junior at Cedarville University studying Special Education/Early Childhood Education. As a resident assistant in Faith Hall, her all-time favorite dorm, Kristen focuses on the social, physical, spiritual, and emotional development of the girls in her care. She is involved with many different university sponsored social events, including taking a lead role in planning CedarMania. Besides work and study, Kristen sings in Cedarville's Gospel choir and participates in intramural sports.

Kristen's passion is working with at-risk youth. She has served intermittently with several different programs including: Springfield Christian Youth Ministries, God's Girls, and The Barn. She volunteers in several capacities serving children with intellectual disabilities. From her experience Kristen says, "I have learned how to better lead and love my peers, lessons necessary to being a teacher. Thank you so much for your gift towards my education!"



Michelle Jakubowski, Chamberlain College



Michelle is in the Associate Degree program at the Chamberlain College of Nursing. Previously, she earned a Bachelor degree in Music Therapy. As she was providing music therapy to help with emotional release, Michelle realized that she wished she could do even more to assist patients. This led her to return to school for a degree in nursing. Her passion is in the field of Oncology. She participates in the Oncology Nursing Student Interest Group (ONSIG), Oncology Nursing Society, and American Cancer Society. Michelle is also a founding member of the Rotaract club and is working on volunteer opportunities with that organization.

Michelle is currently the President of ONSIG. This allowed her to be involved with a lot of events within the Oncology community in and around Columbus. As she is about to graduate in March, she looks forward to finally entering the field of nursing and, eventually, the field of Oncology. Michelle exemplifies the idea that, in her words, "The field of nursing requires an individual to be caring and have a true regard for those whom he/she serves."

OACRAO Member Spotlight



Beth Egan

Tell us a little bit about yourself...

I am the Assistant Registrar at John Carroll University. I love my work, and I love being part of our university community. I also love to travel, golf, bake, read, garden and spend time with my family.

When you were growing up, did you think that you would be the assistant registrar at John Carroll University?

Yes! In fact, the first words I ever uttered were “I want to be an assistant registrar when I grow up!” My mother, however, insisted that I wanted to be a nun or a nurse.

If you were your institution’s president for a day, what would you do?

It is a challenge to accomplish very much in one day, but I would hope that I could continue our university’s mission to inspire individuals to excel in learning, leadership and service. And maybe I would throw an ice cream social!

Who is your hero?

Right now, I have two heroes: my husband who has survived and managed to thrive after so much loss in his life, and a dear friend who powered through chemotherapy with optimism and grace.

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

Only “Bethie”.

Favorite movie(s)?

Hmmm. Fargo?

Favorite music?

Rock and roll, of course! I am particularly fond of Counting Crows and my brother’s Canadian band Blue Rodeo.

Favorite sports team(s)?

Cavs and Indians for pro sports; Buckeyes, Cornhuskers and Badgers for college football.

Which OACRAO committees have you served on?

I have served on the professional development, data management and scholarship committees. I also served on the board of directors as vice-president for workshops. I am currently the vice chair of the scholarship committee and am a member of the professional development and nominating committees.

What benefits have you gained from belonging to OACRAO?

For me, OACRAO has been a tremendous resource for information, a tool for professional development and personal growth, an opportunity to contribute to the development of others by becoming involved, and a way to develop long-lasting relationships with those in our field.

What is your favorite OACRAO memory?

I have so many great memories – Cleveland’s rock and roll guru Jane Scott giving that rambling closing speech, casino night, bowling in Toledo, the dueling pianos, the session on Big Foot sightings, sessions on our millennium students, one of our former president’s speech regarding the usefulness of our conference bags, and working on the local arrangements committees to name just a few.



Nicole Boatright

Tell us a little bit about yourself...

I live in Massillon with my fiancé Tony and my future step daughter Alex. I am getting married this August and am busy planning all the details. I have an adorable four year old pug mix named Buckeye and a ten year old cat name Tiger. I recently graduated with my MBA from Walsh University and I own a Pino Gelato (Italian Ice cream franchise) with my dad and sister. I enjoy golfing and volunteering with Paws and Prayers, an animal rescue organization.

When you were growing up, did you think that you would be the Enrollment Management Coordinator at Aultman College?

No, my career aspirations changed frequently while I was growing up. It was in 2009 that I decided I wanted to work in higher education and I found the opportunity at Aultman College in 2010.

If you were your institution’s president for a day, what would you do?

I’m not sure I would know what to do, but I think I would institute jean days on Fridays and bring your dog to work day J

Who is your hero?

My dad.

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

Yes, my family and close friends call me Coley.

Favorite movie(s)?

Love Actually
Sixteen Candles

Favorite music?

Country - Blake Shelton, Eric Church, Miranda Lambert, and Lady Antebellum are some of my favorites.

Favorite sports team(s)?

I’m not a big sports fan, but if I am watching a sporting event it’s the CAVS, Indians, Browns, or Buckeyes.

Which OACRAO committees have you served on?

I am currently on the Admission and International Education Committee

What benefits have you gained from belonging to OACRAO?

I have gained a network of knowledge and an opportunity for professional development.

What is your favorite OACRAO memory?

The 2011 conference was my first OACRAO conference and I really enjoyed the dueling pianos and karaoke night! The friendliness of everyone really made the conference welcoming and enjoyable!

OACRAO Member Spotlight



David Putman

Tell us a little bit about yourself...

Well, what is there to say? I'm a proud lifelong resident of the great city of Cleveland (which unfairly gets a bad rap in my opinion). I'm lucky enough to have married the love of my life and best friend. We have the coolest dog and share tons of interests. My favorite things include going to the movies & dinner, going hiking, running, and bicycling. I am a very spiritual person with strong faith in God. I have been working in higher education for close to a decade, and I love my chosen career more and more all the time. Overall, I'm a just a person who always tries to see the good in everything.

When you were growing up, did you think that you would be the Director of Student Academic Services at The Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine?

Since we are such a small school, I wasn't really aware of OCPM growing up. That being said, I have always wanted to work in higher education in some capacity. I just thought that working on a college campus seemed really exciting and fun.

If you were your institution's president for a day, what would you do?

That's a tough question because I really believe that OCPM is run extremely well from top to bottom.

Who is your hero?

Growing up, my hero was Roberto Clemente. That someone in his position gave so much of himself was an inspiration to me. I try to live up to that example as much as I can.

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

I really never had. Sorry, that's kind of a boring answer.

Favorite movie(s)?

I love movies a lot, so it's difficult to narrow it down to a few favorites, but I would probably say anything by Terrence Malick, Star Wars, Apocalypse Now, and the original King Kong (my favorite movie when I was a little kid).

Favorite music?

I know it's a generic answer, but I really do like a little bit of everything. Pop, rap, classic rock, alternative, country, folk, etc. I don't really have a favorite because my tastes change depending on my mood.

Favorite sports team(s)?

The Indians, Mets, Pirates, Cavaliers, Steelers, Knicks, and Tottenham Hotspur. Overall, it's probably the Cavaliers.

Which OACRAO committees have you served on?

I am currently serving on the Data Management and Research committee. It is my first OACRAO committee.

What benefits have you gained from belonging to OACRAO?

The biggest thing is the ability to make connections and friendships with colleagues at other colleges.

What is your favorite OACRAO memory?

Attending my first OACRAO annual meeting.



News from B-W.....

Baldwin-Wallace College will become Baldwin Wallace University effective July 1, 2012. The Board of Trustees believes that the new name will more accurately reflect B-W's **current structure and program offerings** as well as the institution that is emerging for tomorrow.

Robert C. Helmer, president of Lourdes University in Sylvania, Ohio, has been named the ninth president of Baldwin-Wallace College. The appointment is effective July 1, 2012. He will succeed Richard W. Durst, the Baldwin-Wallace president since 2006, who retires June 30.

Noted for academic quality across its curriculum, Baldwin-Wallace College is a vibrant institution serving approximately 3,000 full-time undergraduates, 600 part-time students in evening/weekend programs and more than 700 graduate students in education and business. Its Conservatory of Music is internationally renowned.

Federal Roundup.....

Scorecard on Colleges and University

A big focus of the President's recent State of the Union speech was college affordability. One of the newest initiatives to come out of the White House is a "College Scorecard". The scorecard would collect a series of data points for all colleges and universities in one place so students and families could begin comparing a set of consistent statistics on the schools they are choosing from. The tool would provide information about an institution's cost, graduation rate, average debt burden, loan-repayment rate, and job-placement rate.

As part of the review and discussion process, the general public can comment on the format and questions on the scorecard. For more information and for a draft of the scorecard, visit: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/issues/education/scorecard>.

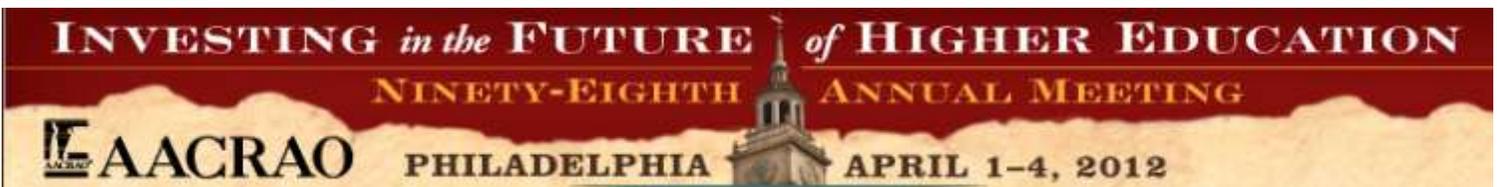
Federal Budget Notes

A draft version of the federal budget was released last week. Higher Education was a significant focus of the draft specifically the areas of teaching prep, job training, and quality and affordability. Some examples held in the proposal includes doubling funding for Work-Study over the next five years, Pell funding of \$36.1 billion (Pell maximum will be set at \$5,635). Also included was an extension of the American Opportunity Tax Credit (would have expired later this year) and a series of accountability and affordability initiatives including the College Scorecard.

Department of Defense MOU Update

Progress is still being made in the rewrite of the MOU. DoD officials have been meeting for the past month with higher education representatives including AACRAO to discuss concerns and with help in preparing a new draft.

Stay tuned for more updates in the coming months. A new version isn't expected for at least a month and there will likely be an opportunity for an AACRAO preview shortly before. Because of the timing, this will be a major topic at AACRAO's annual meeting.



Planning to go to Philadelphia for AACRAO this year?

Well you're in "Luck"! On Tuesday night (April 3rd) we're holding our OACRAO Dinner at Lucky Strike, a bowling themed night club 3 blocks from the Conference Center. We have reserved a private suite at Lucky Strike for OACRAO members and their guests from 7-9 for food, fun, and maybe even a game or two. The event is \$40 per person, and includes dinner of BBQ Chicken Pizza, Margherita Pizza, Finger Foods (Coconut Shrimp, Sweet N Spicy Beef Skewers, Pillows of Vegetables, etc.), and non-alcoholic drinks (alcoholic drinks are available, but not included). Also included is free unlimited bowling at one of the suite's 4 private bowling lanes (shoe rentals are free), or billiards at the suite's 2 pool tables!

To sign up, just click the link below. Please register by March 30th so we can have an accurate count of attendees!

<https://www.credentialsops.com/CGI-BIN/gacgiord.pgm?ALUMMT8OACRO>

See you in Philly!

Daniel B. Wilson OACRAO—President-Elect

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Letter from the President.....

Maintaining Our Momentum...Behind the Scenes...for the 2012 Conference

A lot is happening behind the scenes in OACRAO these days. The Local Arrangements Committee (LAC), headed by Dave Sauter and Tammy Bash, has been busy at work planning details for a great fall conference. Since the conference dates are October 31 - November 2, it's no surprise that we'll enjoy the Halloween theme as part of the conference. It's sure to be a howling time, so mark your calendar and plan now to attend! Other committees are also diligently working to maintain our momentum. Thanks again to all who make OACRAO strong!



Conference Session Details

Janet Duber, VP of Programs, is busy planning the fall conference sessions. For those of you who volunteered to secure a presenter or to present yourself, please make sure you are getting those details to Janet via email at jduber@bw.edu. At our board meeting on May 30th, we will be reviewing these sessions to outline the program.

Excellent Workshops

Misty Mahefkey did a great job of planning and running our spring workshops. Details about each workshop will follow in this newsletter, so be sure to read about them. The board of directors believes in the value of these workshops and hopes to continue offering them at no charge to attendees, especially in these days of tight budgets. Workshops are a valuable benefit of your OACRAO membership!

Great Lakes Conference Returns

The Great Lakes Conference (Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan) will occur in 2013. Preliminary plans have already begun for this exciting event. You'll want to mark the dates of November 6-8, 2013 to attend this joint conference held in Indianapolis. Connie Goodman from The Ohio State University is our OACRAO representative on the steering committee and will represent us well.

Two New Listservs

David Schneider has created two new listservs for us – one for residency issues and one for veterans issues. David recently sent emails explaining how to sign up for these discussion lists, but here's a link in case you overlooked them. Be sure to join in and stay informed. <http://www.ohioaacrao.org/services/listserv.html>

As always, if you have suggestions for how OACRAO can help you and your institution, please feel free to contact me. Visit the website often to keep up on OACRAO happenings. Here is the link: <http://www.ohioaacrao.org/index.html>

Mel Severns

OACRAO President

Government Relations

Mitt Romney comes to Otterbein to have lunch with students, President Obama kicks off his re-election campaign at the Ohio State University; yes, election season is underway and Ohio will be the heart of it all.

Federal Update:

The biggest news right now is the student loan rate battle. That latest effort to lower rates failed this week in the Senate. Stay tuned for further developments. If an agreement is not reached, this will be a big issue on our campuses. We continue to follow the news on the Department of Defense MOU and expect that will be announced this summer. Barmak Nassirian from AACRAO will be testifying before the Economic Opportunity Subcommittee of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on May 16th. I encourage folks who are interested to subscribe to AACRAO's Advocacy list serve to follow this more closely. As you may know, Barmak will be leaving AACRAO in a few weeks and we will be very sad to see him go. I enjoy his willingness to share information with us as well as his sense of humor in doing so.

Locally, as Mel mentioned in his letter from the President, OACRAO has two new list serves: one for Residency and one for Veteran's Affairs. I encourage you to sign up for those and take advantage of these services.



OACRAO 2012

October 31 – November 2

Dayton Marriott

“Schlemiel, schlimazel, hasenpfeffer incorporated. We're gonna do it!”

Do you remember Laverne and Shirley? Well, they don't have anything over on Wendy and Lew Rita! As the publicity folks for this year's annual conference, we're ready to "make all your dreams come true" and get you fired up over the happenings being planned for Dayton – "doing it our way!"

Annual golf scramble at Yankee Trace – voted "Dayton's Best Golf Course" for the 7th year in a row!

Motivational speaker, Abe Harris, who teaches us to "trust our wings",

More than 30 outstanding breakout sessions crafted to make us more effective on our campuses,

Trusted exhibitors eager to share their newest products,

Beautiful Marriott conference space and hospitable staff,

And you won't want to forget your costume for Wednesday evening's events!

“On your mark, get set, and go now.” Stay tuned to the listserv for the latest information and updates. For questions, please contact LAC Co-Chairs Tammy Bash (t-bash@onu.edu) or David Sauter (sauterdm@muohio.edu).

2012 OACRAO Conference Sessions

If you attended the OACRAO conference at Deer Creek last year, you'll recognize some of the great sessions we are planning again for this year! We had tremendous success with our Book Club, Bright Ideas and Debate sessions.

We have presenters lined up to cover several new topics: RN Programs (a first for OACRAO hosted by the VP of Healthcare Education Initiatives from CCC), Social Networking, SIS Testing: Trick or Treat?, Understanding First Generation Students, and Title IV Regulations among others. We will also have some panel discussions, exhibitor sessions and new member programs.

There is sure to be something for everyone whether you work in the office of Registration or Admissions! We learn a lot from each other so please plan on bringing your experiences to share in the discussion.

Ohio Articulation and Transfer Network (OATN) Meeting Update

On May 3rd, the Board of Regents held the Ohio Articulation and Transfer Network (OATN). The meeting was attended by a number of OACRAO members from Admissions and Registrar Offices. While the focus audience was public institutions, a number of private institutions also attended in order to learn more about the initiatives.

Some topics and themes are below. A full set of reports and minutes is available at <http://www.ohiohighered.org/transfer/atc/atcinitiatives>.

Ohio e-Transcript Project

ODE explained that the new SSID will be created when a student enters the public K-12 school system. That should be a data element that is shared on the electronic transcripts from high schools to colleges. ODE is confirming with schools the expectation that the SSID is communicated.

One of the most significant concerns raised is that public high schools are not required to participate. The concern among the attendees was that until a critical mass of Ohio schools participated, it was not worthwhile making an investment in the technology needed to support the initiative.

Look for future communications and summits on this topic.

Articulation and Transfer Clearinghouse

The meeting provided an opportunity for schools to share feedback with OBOR on the ATC. There was an overwhelming response from our constituents that those who have been connected to the ATC for a considerable amount of time are ready to go paperless. OBOR is verifying which institutions would like to go paperless in order to post that information on their website.

Beyond compliance with the existing mandate, schools who have already gone paperless expressed concerns that they were forced to maintain duplicate systems to support those not in compliance and felt as if they have been penalized for complying while others had not. Even though they have complied, they have not been able to fully take advantage of savings and efficiencies expected (because of supporting communication with schools who have not gone paperless).

OBOR will be working on developing a strategy for all schools to go paperless and is developing an ATC steering committee to work on governance issues.

Importing XML Transcripts

OACRAO and OBOR will be co-sponsoring a working summit for schools to learn more about importing the XML data into their student database to save data entry and to create a more efficient process. Schools who have done this successfully will share their strategies. The target audience will be both operations staff and technical or systems support staff.



Treasurer's Report

Another tax year is over and all of the non-profit taxes are filed for both IRS and the state of Ohio. Speaking of another year, it's almost time for OACRAO dues. This year Jack Miner and I are working with a solution that will allow dues to be paid by credit card! Stay Tuned!

--Carol Jones, Treasurer

Workshops Update - Misty Mahefkey

OACRAO offered two valuable workshops in the month of March. Both professional development opportunities were free to members of OACRAO affiliated schools.

The **Veterans Benefits Summit** was held on Friday, March 2, 2012 on the Ohio State University campus in Columbus. It attracted 82 participants from 38 different institutions from around the state. Doug Burgess from the University of Cincinnati facilitated the lively discussion that many found to be pertinent and useful. Here are some of the comments about what participants found valuable:

"As a fairly new "Certifying Official," I found the summit to be very valuable in terms of critical discussion, open exchange, and networking."

"The gentleman from University of Cincinnati (Doug) did a great job of monitoring the discussion. The topics were relevant and it was good to have some knowledgeable people in the room for 'final answers'. Having it in Columbus was also convenient for me."

"I found it nice to talk with those that are doing similar jobs and get their ideas on how to do things, veterans on the job as well as newbies!!! Love it!!!!"

Our **annual Residency Meeting will be held in late July. More information about the meeting will be sent out soon.



OACRAO Support
Staff Day 201
-Ice Breaker

The annual **Support Staff Day** took place on Tuesday, March 20, 2012 at OSU as well. Forty-Five support staff members from institutions around Ohio took advantage of the professional development workshop. The sessions offered were: *Introduction to Word* and *Advanced Word* presented by Judy Madtes of Mount Vernon Nazarene University, *FERPA 101* presented by Brad Myers of Ohio State University and *Challenging Your Concept of Diversity* presented by Jack Miner also from the Ohio State University. Not only did the participants partake in informative sessions, they also had the opportunity to network during an ice breaker activity, conversed during lunch about their respective student systems and participated in a raffle.

Participant comments included:

Introduction to Word and Advanced Word

"For the most part I'm self taught. Her tips helped me go beyond what I already figured out so that I can work in a more efficient manner going forward."

Challenging your Concept of Diversity

"It dealt with materials that had not been covered in any diversity program I have attended previously. Very enjoyable and enlightening."

FERPA 101

"This provided for a much-needed refresher on FERPA. This session really broke it down and made it easier to digest. I also appreciated all of the information and handouts that we were able to leave with."



OACRAO Member Spotlight



Steven Mentz

Tell us a little bit about yourself...

Oh wow, where do I begin? There are so many uninteresting things to say... Well, I graduated from Bowling Green State University in December 2009 with a Bachelor's degree in Tourism & Event Planning. During those 4½ years, I changed my major four times and went to two different schools (yes, I was one of *those* students). I am the middle of 5 kids and the first to earn a college degree. I have two brothers and two sisters, 3 nieces and 1 nephew (no kids of my own yet, but my parents are impatiently waiting). I started working at The Ohio State University a year ago in the Registrar's Office and enjoy every minute of it. Within the office, my bosses Jack and Brad, and my sidekick Connie, and I keep busy hosting events and creating mischief. Outside of the office, I enjoy hanging out with my friends and family, camping, traveling, long walks on the beach, dinner by candlelight, and pyrotechnics.

How did you become a Staff Assistant at The Ohio State University?

It wasn't until my last semester at BGSU that I even considered a career in higher education. I always thought I would move either out of state or out of the country. I actually took an internship at Ohio State (Rec Sports) my senior year and I enjoyed everything about it so much that I didn't want to leave. It surprised me how much I fit in and how much opportunity there is in higher education, so I started applying for jobs within Ohio State as of the last day of my internship. After a year and a half and 40 applications, I'm back. Thanks, Jack!

If you were your institution's president for a day, what would you do?

Preside over the institution.

Who is your hero?

My older sister Sarah and my dad. And Jack Miner, of course!

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

No, but I am open to suggestions.

Favorite movie(s)?

Anchorman, The Da Vinci Code, Ghostbusters, Harry Potter, The Hunger Games, The Lion King, Pirates of the Caribbean, The Producers, Rent, Star Trek, Star Wars, Walk the Line (there are many more but these are just to name a few).

Favorite music?

Seriously?! I don't even have enough room to list them all! I'll try anyway... Adele, The Beatles, Boston, Florence and the Machine, Foster the People, Johnny Cash, Kelly Clarkson, Lady Antebellum, Journey, Mumford and Sons, Muse, Pink Floyd, Queen, Simon & Garfunkle, Sugarland, The Who, not Justin Bieber.

Favorite sports team(s)?

Because I was born in Pittsburgh, it's been forced upon me to be a fan of the Steelers, Penguins, and Pirates. Of course, I'm also a fan of The Ohio State Buckeyes!

Which OACRAO committees have you served on?

I am currently serving on the Local Arrangements Committee (Chair of the Entertainment Committee) and the Scholarship Committee (Vice Chair).

What benefits have you gained from belonging to OACRAO?

Because I've only been part of OACRAO for a year, I haven't done a whole lot, but I see how it benefits others and I'm excited to get to that point. New friends, networking, professional development, the occasional adult beverage (or three), and creating mischief!



Patrick Beatty

Tell us a little bit about yourself...

I'm in my 9th year at Ohio University, working now as the associate registrar. I got into the registrar field by chance, having started in residence life at the University of Minnesota as an undergraduate. The higher education administration bug bit me then and I am still hooked. Registrar-related work was a pretty recent addition and I happened upon it by chance. In 2000, I was working in an advising office that neighbored the Registrar's Office at the University of St. Thomas (in MN, not the island). They had an opening and encouraged me to apply. The rest is history.

When you were growing up, did you think that you would be the associate registrar at Ohio University?

Definitely not! While I expected to go to college, I thought I would end up being a pharmacist (like my father) or a diplomat of some kind, working in the Foreign Service.

If you were your institution's president for a day, what would you do?

I would have an open house/garden BBQ at my on campus home, grilling out and talking with students, staff, and faculty.

Who is your hero?

I'll call them my professional heroes – I have been fortunate to have some terrific supervisors in my pre-professional and professional career. This goes all the way back to residence life days in the late 1980s and continues through today. I have been encouraged, supported, and have learned so much from them.

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

If you visit my hometown with me, you'll hear me called Pat (just Pat). Beatty eyes. P.J.

Favorite movie(s)?

As a pre-teen in the mid-70's, Star Wars is the one. I saw it 12 times in 1977. I think I still have the two-album soundtrack by John Williams. I never got it on 8-track.

Favorite music?

I enjoy a super-eclectic mix. To help illustrate... my first live concert was Styx (their Paradise Theater Tour). I also like Billy Joel; Elton John; other 80's rock; George Winston; classical; acoustic instrumental; music from other countries and cultures ...Lots of different things.

Favorite sports team(s)?

Ohio University Women's volleyball!

Which OACRAO committees have you served on?

I've been on the Local Arrangements, Nominating, and Scholarship committees.

What benefits have you gained from belonging to OACRAO?

Professional experience, camaraderie, and opportunities to learn from terrific colleagues across many different types of institutions in the state.

What is your favorite OACRAO memory?

My first OACRAO – Dayton in 2003. I was brand new to Ohio and to Ohio University. I felt welcomed and encouraged from the start!

OACRAO Membership Update

Institutions

Akron Institute of Herzing University joined our organization in April 2012

Members

New to the organization:

Mary Maxwell, Registrar, Akron Institute of Herzing University

Phaedra Fawcett, Assistant Registrar, Kenyon College

Sarah Kessler, Associate Director of Records, Youngstown State University

Cory Stine, Director of Admissions, Owens Community College

Leaving organization:

Kim Smith from Kenyon College is moving to a new position outside of registrar's office and tendering resignation from the membership.

Deborah Garcher is leaving organization membership from Youngstown State University.

Retirees

OACRAO Membership and Mentoring Committee is attempting to gather information on our retired and honorary members. A component for these entities has been set up in our database. We would like to obtain contact information on our retired and honorary members to allow for the organization to contact them. If you would like to be included in the database please contact me at sshepherd@aultman.com. and provide your preferred email and phone number to be listed as your contact information.

Outreach

If any of you are aware of institutions and personnel that would like to become members or are interested in learning more about the organization please send me their contact information and I will be happy to reach out to them.

Thanks,

Sue Shepherd, VP Membership and Mentoring

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