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Summer Greetings from the OACRAO Board of Directors!

July Greetings!

As the summer days unfold, we hope you've managed to step away from the office and soak up some sunshine, especially on those milder and non-rainy days! We're thrilled to bring you this edition of our newsletter, packed with exciting updates on our upcoming events, meticulous planning for the future, and highlights of engaging activities happening across our member campuses.

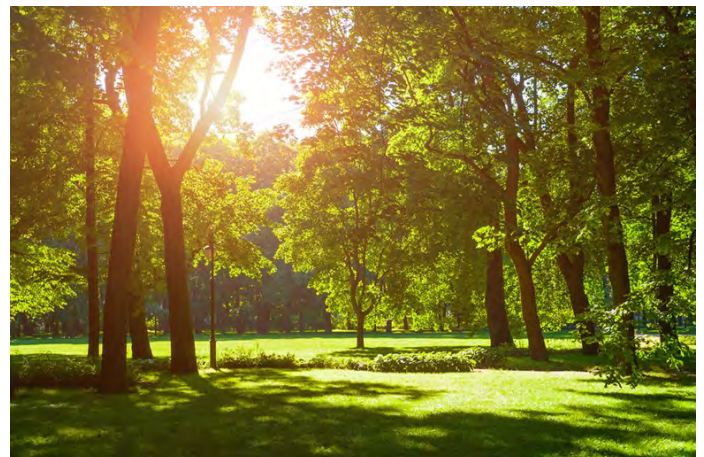
The Board of Directors recently met in late June with the LAC chairs to put the finishing touches on plans for the highly anticipated 2025 Fall Conference, which will be held at the beautiful Salt Fork Resort and Conference Center. We're confident this year's conference will offer invaluable opportunities for professional growth and networking.

We are incredibly excited about the programming and opportunities we're developing; all designed with your professional needs and growth in mind. Remember, this organization is truly here for our members. Your feedback and involvement are what make our community so vibrant and effective. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me or any of our dedicated board members if you have any questions, suggestions, or simply want to connect.

Wishing you a fantastic remainder of the summer!

Warmly,

The OACRAO Board of Directors



Connecting, Leading, and Looking Ahead: Reflections from the 2025 AACRAO Leadership Meeting

This article was submitted by Sun Jamerson, OACRAO Past President

I had the privilege of attending the AACRAO Leadership Meeting in Washington, D.C., on June 27–28, 2025, a gathering that brings together AACRAO board members, committee chairs, and regional leaders from across the country to connect, collaborate, and help shape the future of our profession.

The meeting agenda was filled with important conversations and forward-looking discussions. Key topics included updates on the AACRAO Strategic Plan, insights from the Tech & Transfer Reimagination Report and Survey, and progress and results from the Impact and Engagement Initiative. We also reviewed federal policy updates, engaged in the State & Regional Leadership Gathering, and participated in early PAC planning for the 2026 Annual Meeting. A standout moment was Dr. Marc Booker’s inspiring session on “Leading Through Uncertainty,” which provided practical strategies for navigating change with resilience and clarity.

Getting there, however, was an adventure of its own. What was supposed to be a smooth arrival by 4 PM Thursday turned into a travel nightmare: multiple flight delays, a luggage fiasco, and I didn’t get into my hotel room until 3 AM next morning, just five hours before the meeting’s 8 AM kickoff. Thankfully, Chris Dorsten was a key fellow traveler who helped me stay somewhat of a manageable human being through it all. Despite the exhaustion, I’m so glad I made it. The conversations were rich, the energy was high, and the commitment to our shared mission was truly inspiring.

Outside the meetings, I had a chance to explore the historic charm of Old Town Alexandria, a beautiful and welcoming part of the D.C. metro area. A memorable highlight was sharing Thai cuisine with colleagues from around the country, an evening full of great food, laughter, and meaningful connection.

As if the trip hadn’t tested my resilience enough, the return journey brought another round of delays, and I didn’t get back until late Saturday night. Still, I wouldn’t trade the experience. I came home tired but energized, carrying new ideas, stronger relationships, and a deeper appreciation for the AACRAO community and its collective purpose.



2025 AACRAO Leadership Meeting | Pictured from left to right: Chris Dorsten, OACRAO Past President; Molly McDermott-Fallon, OACRAO Past President; Heather Pritchard, President Elect; Sun Jamerson, OACRAO Past President.

2025 OACRAO Conference at Salt Fork Lodge and Conference Center

Registration is now open for the annual OACRAO Conference!

This year's theme is **"Leaving Our Mark,"** and we are excited to return to the beautiful Salt Fork State Park in Guernsey County. The conference will take place **October 15–17** and will feature engaging and innovative programming.

Our exhibitors will be onsite throughout the event to showcase how their products and services can support various aspects of student success and institutional operations.

We are looking forward to a fantastic conference this fall. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to the LAC co-chairs Molly McDermott-Fallon and Sarah Marcini.



OACRAO Staff Development Workshop

This article was submitted by Kristy Taylor, Vice President of Workshops

We had over 30 staff members attend this free event at Marion Technical College, which is offered to employees of OACRAO member institutions. It is designed to support the professional development of Registrar and Enrollment Services staff. The agenda was full and engaging, featuring dynamic speakers and timely topics such as an AACRAO update, workplace ergonomics, the role of AI in higher education, and holistic student support.



OACRAO Staff Development Workshop Attendees



Presenter: Jack Miner, Vice Provost for Enrollment Management, University of Cincinnati.

Scholarship Committee Update

This article was submitted by Jennifer Fry, Scholarship Committee

The Scholarship Committee is grateful for your continued support in developing the next generation of professionals in our field.

This year, we kicked off our fundraising efforts with a new initiative: **Days of Giving**. Each month, we designate one day to rally donations in support of three \$1,000 scholarships for deserving student workers at OACRAO member institutions—particularly those working in the Registrar’s Office, Admissions, Student Services, and Enrollment Management.

Our initial goal was to raise \$1,000—and thanks to your incredible contributions during last month’s Day of Giving, we surpassed it by raising **\$1,165**! We couldn’t have done it without you.

But just because we met our goal doesn’t mean we’re stopping here. Every dollar raised goes directly to supporting students on their educational and professional journeys.

Mark your calendar: our next Day of Giving is August 12th.

Let’s keep the momentum going!

Celebrating the OACRAO Community

Thank you for all that submitting photos to share. We appreciate being able to showcase our campuses while celebrating the OACRAO community.



Mercy College of Ohio, Madison Avenue Entrance



A beautiful day at Sinclair College!



Case Western Reserve’s Interdisciplinary Science and Engineering Building (ISEB) under construction. Expected to open in Fall 2026!



Sunny days on the Case Western quad!

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Beautiful day on the beautiful campus of Marion Technical College (MTC). Photo credit to Kelly Flinchbaugh, a staff members at MTC.



The Carnegie Building at Oberlin College, originally constructed in 1908, served as the main college library until 1974. It now houses the Office of the Registrar.



A golden autumn morning at the Belvedere, where vibrant fall colors and warm sunlight welcome a new day at Zane State College.



Tiffin University will open a new academic building in August – the Center for Innovation and Learning

CALL FOR UPDATES!

Do you have ideas for articles for upcoming newsletters, or photos from your campus that you would like to share???

If so, please email OACRAO Secretary Carlier Myers at cmyers@case.edu