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Greetings from OACRAO President Lauren Martin, University of Cincinnati

I am not going to pretend to know the right thing to say to folks working in higher education in the state of Ohio. These first three months of 2025 have been a whirlwind of digesting significant news headlines and then disseminating what that means to our teams and our campuses.

As I shared during the October OACRAO conference, I chose to work in higher education because it always felt like home to me. Whether it was as a student worker in the orientation office at the College of Charleston, or as a member of the registrar's office at the University of Cincinnati, the people that I collaborate with, and the values and ideals that we pursue together make showing up for work meaningful. To be honest, I've struggled with feeling differently over these past few months. In a place and space that formerly felt safe, whole, and protected, now feels uncertain and unstable. As we wait for the inevitable outcome of SB 1, it appears that the road ahead will continue to be rocky and uncertain.

As an organization, it is my hope that we can lean on one another over these next few months. I hope we take advantage of seeing one another on virtual calls, at local meetings, and national conferences. I hope we find meaning in collaboration and continue to believe in the good that we do and the populations that we serve.

In closing, I would be remiss not to include inspirational words that Jack Miner recently shared with Enrollment Management at UC, *"I know that this has been an extremely tough time for a number of you as well. These changes are emotional for many of us because making sure that we were creating educational opportunities for all students, especially those who have been underrepresented in higher education, has been at the heart of many of our careers. I also acknowledge that for many of us (not you, but us), there are times in our lives where we many have questioned whether college would welcome us or that we could be considered a "diversity hire". Know that you are all worthy of being here, we are all worthy of being here and that the students we have been serving will continue to be welcome, worthy, and celebrated here."*

Sending everyone good vibes and looking forward to seeing those of you in person at AACRAO in Seattle!

AACRAO Appointment



OACRAO would like to congratulate Molly McDermott-Fallon, Assistant Vice Provost and University Registrar at the University of Cincinnati, on being elected as a member of the 2025-2026 AACRAO Nominations and Elections Committee. Molly will formally begin her role during the 110th AACRAO Annual Meeting in Seattle.



Please join us in congratulating Molly!

Upcoming OACRAO Workshops and Education

Residency Workshop

April 24, 2025

Mount Carmel College of Nursing

Cost—\$50 (lunch provided)

To Register Click Here: [Residency Workshop webpage](#)

9:30-10:00 AM—Registration and Welcome

- ◆ Kristy Taylor, VP of Workshops, OACRAO; College Registrar, Marion Technical College

10:00-11:00 AM—Ohio Residency: Overview and Best Practices

- ◆ Sue Hyun Strakowski or Baylee Min

11:00-12:00 PM— Questions about Residency

- ◆ Jeff Fogel, Ohio Department of Higher Education

12:00-12:30 PM— Lunch and Networking

12:30-1:30 PM— Ohio Grants

- ◆ Dr. Amy Adams, Executive Vice President of Planning & Student Engagement, Marion Technical College



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Upcoming OACRAO Workshops and Education

Staff Workshop

June 5, 2025

Marion Technical College

Cost—FREE

To Register Click Here: [Staff Development Workshop](#)

Workshop Agenda:

9:00-9:30 AM—Registration and Welcome

- ◆ Kristy Taylor, VP of Workshops, OACRAO; College Registrar, Marion Technical College
- ◆ Dr. Amy Adams, Executive Vice President of Planning & Student Engagement, Marion Technical College

9:30-10:30 AM— AACRAO Update and Opportunities for Involvement

- ◆ Jack Miner, Past President, AACRAO; Vice Provost for Enrollment Management, University of Cincinnati

10:30-11:30 AM— Desk Ergonomics: Sitting is the New Smoking

- ◆ Chad Hensel, Associate Dean of Health Programs/Director of PTA, Marion Technical College
- ◆ Josh Line, Director of Occupational Therapy Assistant Program, Marion Technical College

11:30-12:00 PM— Lunch and Networking

12:00-1:00 PM— The Future of AI in Higher Education

- ◆ Michael Augenstein, Director of Workforce Solutions, Marion Technical College

1:00-2:00 PM— Holistic Student Support: Best Practices

- ◆ Laura Emerick, Executive Director of Student Success Engagement, Marion Technical College

2:00-2:10 PM— Closing and Adjournment



OACRAO Summer Institute

July 30-August 1

Salt Fork Lodge and Conference Center

A three-day intensive workshop for members who are new or relatively new to the profession, OSI is structured to provide an affordable experience for those who may not be able to attend out-of-state training opportunities. Experienced professionals from the Board and beyond will provide not only instruction, but a great chance to develop informal connections in a relaxed, beautiful location.

Please be on a lookout for registrations to open up the week of April 7!

New Member Spotlight Tasha Hutchison, Ohio University

Tell us about yourself - anything you want to share!

Hi everyone! My name is Tasha Hutchison and my hometown is Reynoldsburg, Ohio. I graduated with my BA from Capital University in 2004 and in 2021, I received my master's degree from Ohio University. I reside in Radcliff, Ohio – which is a little spot in the road in Vinton County (I mean small, my house literally sits between the two Welcome to Radcliff signs). I am big on my family and will do anything for them. I am the oldest sibling to Laura and Matthew, and Aunt T to Allison and Cheyenne.



How did you come to your current position?

I started at Ohio University in 2007 in the Classroom Scheduling department in the Registrar's Office. (Fun fact – I was Bob Bulow's first hire). In Scheduling, I assisted departments with their class schedules and reserving classrooms on campus, and was the web editor for the Registrar's website. In 2016, I was transferred to the newly created department, Technology & Communication in the Registrar's Office. In T&C, I answered the phones and email accounts for departments within the office. With a restructuring in 2020, I was given the task of becoming the lead grades contact person. In 2021, I moved into my current position, Registrar Services Analyst, where I maintain requisites, course fees, provision access/security to the systems we use, and a back-up to the Registrar Services area.

Did you attend the October 2024 OACRAO Conference? What did you take away from it?

I have not attended an OACRAO conference yet. But I look forward to attending one in the future.

Outside of work, what do you like to do?

I love to read and can usually be found with a book or my Kindle in hand. I also love to spend time with my family in the Smoky Mountains, which is my absolute favorite place, we try to go once a year. I also support my niece, Cheyenne, with her 4H projects and going to the Best Beef shows to support her. As of right now, she is currently 10th in her showmanship division statewide. My parents and I are in the process of remodeling the house from top to bottom. It's been a long process, but will hopefully be completed by this June.

What is on your bucket list?

I have two bucket lists; a Smoky Mountain list and an all-time list. On my Smoky Mountain list, I would love to meet Dolly Parton; but not as her stage self, I would love to meet her in public as herself. On my all-time list, I would love to camp in all 50 states and visit each of the national parks.

OACRAO Presenters at AACRAO 2025!

We are proud to announce that several individuals from Ohio institutions and members of OACRAO will be presenting at AACRAO. Their presentations will be unmissable! We want to highlight their sessions to showcase our state's contributions on the national stage. Please see the list below.

◆ **Chris Dorsten—University Registrar, Kent State University**

- ◇ March 31 (9:00-9:50 AM) Building Resilient Teams: Risk, Compliance, Succession
- ◇ March 31 (1:30-2:20 PM) Understanding Intersectionality: A Discussion with AACRAO's Caucus Chairs
- ◇ March 31 (5:00-5:50 PM) Managing through Crisis as a Higher Education Professional

◆ **Jeremy Garber—Registrar, Methodist Theological School of Ohio**

- ◇ April 1 (5:00-5:50 PM) Degree Audit Checks: Are you Student Ready?

◆ **Ryan Hunt—University Registrar, The Ohio State University**

- ◇ March 31 (10:15-11:00 AM) Stellic: Transforming the Student Journey with a Degree Management System

◆ **Sun Jamerson—Registrar, Lorain County Community College**

- ◇ March 31 (11:10-12:00 PM) Roundtable: Community College Focus
- ◇ April 2 (11:00-11:50 AM) Empower to Persist: Advocacy Resource Center (ARC) Supporting Student Success

◆ **Portia LaMarr—Product Manager, The Ohio State University**

- ◇ March 31 (1:30-2:20 PM) Understanding Intersectionality: A Discussion with AACRAO's Caucus Chairs
- ◇ April 1 (2:30-3:30 PM) Tuesday Afternoon Plenary Session: Cultivating Community
- ◇ April 1 (4:00-4:50 PM) AACRAO Black Caucus Meeting

◆ **Becki Lawhorn—Executive Director of Academic Policy Coordination and Strategic Initiatives, University of Dayton**

- ◇ March 31 (11:10-12:00 PM) Igniting Transformation: Best Practices from Four-Year Institutional ASCEND Scholars in SEM, Part 1

◆ **Dr. DeRecco Lynch—University of Cincinnati**

- ◇ April 2 (11:00-11:50 AM) Promise and Partnerships in the Urban Core: A Research University's Student Success Story

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- ◆ **Molly McDermott-Fallon— Assistant Vice Provost and University Registrar, University of Cincinnati**
 - ◇ March 31 (12:00-12:50 PM) AACRAO Women’s Caucus Meeting (Chair)
 - ◇ March 31 (10:15-11:00 AM) Eliminating the Pain of Manual Transcript Data Entry at the University of Cincinnati
 - ◇ March 31 (11:10-12:00 PM) Mentorship and Sponsorship: Developing the Next Generation of Leaders
 - ◇ March 31 (1:30-2:20 PM) Understanding Intersectionality: A Discussion with AACRAO’s Caucus Chairs
 - ◇ April 1 (4:00-4:50 PM) Credential Chats: Get Chatty with the Chatters
 - ◇ April 1 (5:00-5:50 PM) Managing through Crisis as a Higher Education Professional
 - ◇ April 2 (9:00-9:50 AM) Navigating Leadership in Higher Education: Insights from Women Leaders

- ◆ **Michael Murray—Registrar, Columbus College of Art and Design**
 - ◇ March 31 (9:00-9:50 AM) Jack of All Trades, Master of Some: Navigating the Evolving Role of College Registrars
 - ◇ March 31 (1:30-2:20 PM) Roundtable: Small College Registrar

- ◆ **Nicholas Rejebian—Assistant Director of Strategic Engagement, University of Cincinnati**
 - ◇ April 1 (1:30-2:20 PM) Strategizing as a Start Up: Operationalizing Efficiency and Innovation in Recruitment Strategy

- ◆ **Sue Strakowski—Associate Registrar, University of Cincinnati**
 - ◇ April 1 (9:00-10:15 AM) Changing Lanes or Shifting Gears: Lessons Learned in Career and Job Changes

- ◆ **Tara Warden—Assistant Vice Provost, University of Cincinnati**
 - ◇ April 2 (11:00-11:50 AM) Promise and Partnerships in the Urban Core: A Research University’s Student Success Story



OACRAO 2025 Call for Proposals: Share Your Ideas!

The OACRAO 2025 Conference is just around the corner, and we need your help to make this year's event the best one yet! The members of the Program Committee will begin working on the 2025 conference program and invite you to share your session ideas and contribute to the success of our annual conference. The Program Committee will convene in April to review all proposals and discuss session ideas to create a robust program agenda.

Why Submit?

It's easy to contribute, and your ideas can make a real impact. Here's what you need to know:

You don't have to be the presenter: If you know someone who would be a great fit, feel free to suggest them as the presenter, or submit an idea without a designated speaker.

Ideas don't need to be fully developed: We're looking for your initial thoughts! Broad ideas are welcome, and you don't have to have everything finalized.

Suggest topics from other conferences: If you've seen something at another event that would resonate with the OACRAO audience, don't hesitate to submit it.

Take this opportunity: share innovative ideas, best practices, staff training techniques, business process improvements, or practical solutions.

Important Dates:

Proposal Deadline: April 14

Go here →→ <https://forms.gle/CXQkFynj9kFSXZUw5> to fill out the form.

Your input is key to developing a meaningful, well-rounded, and impactful October conference. Submit your ideas through the online form and help shape an unforgettable **OACRAO 2025!**

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
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