



For The Record

OACRAO
MONTHLY
NEWSLETTER



OHIO UNIVERSITY

President's Opening:



HEATHER PRITCHARD

Hi everyone!

I wanted to take a minute to share a few things the Board has been working on lately and what's coming up for OACRAO over the next several months.

First, we are doing a deep dive into our membership roster. It's not glamorous work, but it's really important. We want to make sure we have an accurate, up-to-date list of members as we prepare to move our listserv over to MemberClicks. This change will help us communicate more effectively and keep everyone better connected to what's happening in OACRAO.

You may hear from your institutional rep or from us directly if we need to confirm your information—thank you in advance for helping us keep everything current!

We are also looking ahead to Ohio Summer Institute (OSI) this summer. If you haven't sent someone before, it is one of the best things we do for new and emerging professionals in our field. And this year, the \$350 registration fee includes a free registration to the OACRAO annual conference in October, which makes it an even better deal. If you have someone in your office who is new, growing into a new role, or just ready to get more involved—please consider sending them.

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And finally...conference planning is officially underway! It is hard to believe, but we are getting ready for our 100th OACRAO Annual Conference, and we want it to reflect the strength and creativity of our membership. If you have an idea, a process you've improved, a policy you've navigated, or a collaboration to share—please submit a proposal. We truly want to hear from all corners of our membership.

As always, thank you for everything you do for your students, your institutions, and for OACRAO. I'm excited for what's ahead and can't wait to see many of you this summer and again in October as we celebrate this big milestone together.

Warmly,
Heather Pritchard
President, OACRAO



Rising in Leadership: Molly McDermott-Fallon Takes on National Role with AACRAO



We are delighted to share some wonderful news about one of our esteemed colleagues, Molly McDermott-Fallon, who has recently achieved a significant milestone in her career. Molly, who serves as the Assistant Vice Provost and University Registrar at the University of Cincinnati, has been selected as the Program Coordinator for Group V by the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admission Officers (AACRAO).

Group V committees focus on crucial issues such as Access & Equity in Higher Education, including AACRAO Caucuses, Community College Issues, Graduate and Professional School Issues, Professional Access and Equity, Small College Issues, and Student Access and Equity.

This is a testament to Molly's dedication and expertise in these areas.

Her new role will commence at the 2026 Annual Meeting.

Molly's commitment to AACRAO is well-documented. She is currently the Women's Caucus Chair and has previously served as the Co-Chair of Volunteers for the Annual Meeting in Columbus, Ohio, in 2024. Additionally, Molly is a regular presenter at AACRAO's annual meeting, and has been a podcast presenter.

Roslyn Perry, Registrar & Associate Dean of Records at Allegheny College and AACRAO's current Vice President for Access and Equity and prior OACRAO member, had high praise for Molly, noting, "Molly has been a great steward for the association and is eager to continue her work as the program coordinator. I know she will do great things as the Group V Program Coordinator."

Please join us in extending our heartfelt congratulations to Molly McDermott-Fallon on this well-deserved achievement.



What's Happening On Your Campus?

Owens community College

At Owens Community College, innovation, growth, and student success continue to define our momentum. In fall 2025, Owens proudly welcomed students into our inaugural Bachelor of Science in Nursing program. Students can now complete their BSN fully online at a fraction of the cost of a traditional four-year university, making high-quality, affordable education more accessible than ever.

In the fall, Owens launched the Penta Express program, creating a seamless pathway for students at the career center to begin their higher education journey at Owens.



This partnership strengthens access, accelerates progress, and reinforces our shared commitment to workforce readiness and student success.

Our commitment to student success extends beyond the classroom; our women's Basketball team captured the conference championship this year, showcasing the strength and determination of our student-athletes.

On April 17, Owens will host a doubleheader at Fifth Third Field, home of the Toledo Mud Hens. This exciting event gives our Express baseball team the opportunity to compete on a professional minor league field and further connects our campus community with the greater Toledo area.

This spring, Owens will host its 60th spring commencement ceremony at the Huntington Center in downtown Toledo. Since the pandemic, ceremonies have been held separately by college. This year, we are excited to return to one large celebration, allowing graduates to bring more guests and walk together as one unified student body in a truly memorable setting.

Attending AACRAO in New Orleans?

If you will be attending AACRAO this year, I am pleased to invite you to join fellow Ohio colleagues for an OACRAO evening dinner at Mulate's The Original Cajun Restaurant on Tuesday, April 21, at 7:00 p.m.

This gathering is intended to foster connection and conversation among colleagues in a relaxed and welcoming setting. We would be delighted to have you join us for this opportunity to reconnect and build community.

Please register and pay using the online form:
<https://oacrao.memberclicks.net/aacrao-dinner-2026>.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact **President-Elect, Frank Yanchak** at frank.yanchak@franklin.edu.

Look forward to seeing you in NOLA!





COLE CLOONAN

Coordinator
Miami University



Member Spotlight!

What do you hope to get out of OACRAO?

I hope to make connections and meet others in an industry that I am relatively new to. I really gained a lot from my experience at my first OACRAO conference last year, and hope to build more connections and look for ways to improve as a professional and as a person each day.

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?

Cape Town, South Africa

If you weren't in the Registrar's Office, what other role could you see yourself in?

I previously worked in college athletics and media relations, so that would be the most natural fit for me.

Membership Roster Update – Action Required

The OACRAO Membership & Mentoring Committee will soon be sending an important email to all active institution Key Contacts regarding membership roster updates for accuracy. Institutions will be asked to:

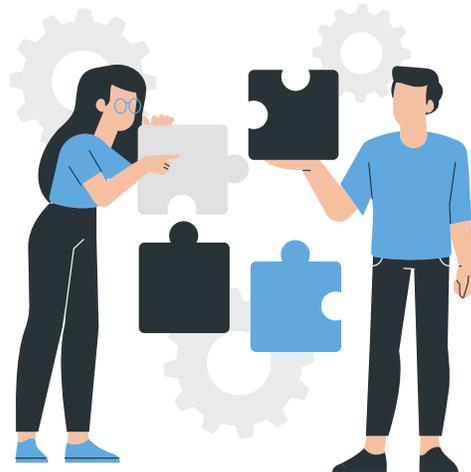
- Confirm their Key Contact
- Designate voting member(s) based on institutional headcount
- Remove individuals who are no longer at the institution
- Add new members
- Verify member information

Please watch for the upcoming email with full details and instructions (check spam box, just in case!).

We appreciate your prompt attention!

If you have questions in the meantime, feel free to reach out to Sarah Marcini smarcin1@kent.edu or Kathleen Pugh brownk16@ohio.edu.

Coming soon – Mentorship program!



Professional Development Corner



AACRAO Exchange

The AACRAO exchange is an online community forum for the members, a place designed for interactive, digital engagement between higher education professionals.

Not already signed up? You can do so here: [AACRAO Exchange](#)



OACRAO Coffee Hours

March 10, 2026 – 8:30-9:30am

Discuss any registration issues/topics/questions or general conversation from others from across the state.

[Join here!](#)



If you have ideas for professional development you would like to see OACRAO provide, please contact **Kathleen Pugh**, chair, at brownk16@ohio.edu or **Kensey Love**, vice chair, lovek@ohio.edu.

Program Committee Corner

The 2026 Program Committee is still accepting session proposals for OACRAO's 100th Annual Conference!

We are still seeking topics and sessions across all tracks and areas with interest in:

- Admissions & Enrollment Management
- Records & Registration
 - Transfer
 - Graduation
 - Records management

Deadline to submit an idea or session proposal for the conference is February 27th.

If you're interested in presenting, please submit your proposal using the link below:

[Session Proposal Form](#)

Reminders/Save the Dates

2026 Residency Workshop

[REGISTER NOW!](#) April 2, 2026 9:30 am - 1:30 pm at Mount Carmel College of Nursing

- An informative session on best practices for determining residency. A representative from Ohio Department of Higher Education will be available to answer any questions. In addition to residency best practices, we will also have a presentation on AI.

To register, visit the [Residency Workshop webpage](#).

Staff Development Workshop

SAVE THE DATE: June 4, 2026 at Marion Technical College.

- There will be a \$10 fee.
- More information to come, please check the [Staff Development webpage](#).

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2026 OACRAO Summer Institute: Registration Now Open

July 29 - July 31 at Salt Fork Lodge and Conference Center.

Registration is now open for the OACRAO Summer Institute (OSI),

This workshop is open to all members, as the focus is on growing in leadership and strengthening our professional practice across the division. While it is especially beneficial for those newer to the profession, it is designed to provide meaningful value to staff at all experience levels.

The workshop offers an affordable and accessible professional development opportunity for individuals who may not be able to attend out-of-state training. Current and past Board members, will provide meaningful instruction and share practical insights. Participants will also have opportunities to build informal connections in a relaxed and engaging environment.

To register for the Institute, please visit the [OSI webpage](#).

The cost of the Institute is \$350.00 with free registration to the annual OACRAO conference in October.

For lodging, call 740-435-9000, select option 1, and mention that you are with the Ohio Summer Institute Group to receive the discounted rate up to the June 22nd.

Final day to register is June 22

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Kristy Taylor. Taylork@mtc.edu

We hope to see you at OSI in July!

100th Annual OACRAO Conference

October 13-16, 2026 at Deer Creek Lodge and Conference Center

Join us in celebrating A Century of Connections at OACRAO's 100th Annual Conference!

We hope to see you there as we mark this milestone event.

Keep a look out for more information



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