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OACRAO MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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President's Opening:



HEATHER PRITCHARD

As commencement season is here, I just wanted to take a moment to wish everyone a happy graduation season! This is such a busy time in higher ed, especially for so many of us in admissions, records, registration, and student services. It's a season full of celebration, but also a whole lot of moving pieces, deadlines, and long days. Thank you for all that you do to help students reach this milestone.

It was so great seeing many of you at AACRAO in New Orleans! AACRAO is always such a great opportunity to learn, connect, and come back with new ideas (and maybe a slightly longer to-do list!).

A special thank you to Frank Yancheck for putting together our OACRAO dinner—it was a wonderful evening and such a nice chance to spend time together outside of conference sessions.

As we start looking ahead, registration for our 100th Annual OACRAO Conference will officially open on June 1st! I'm really excited for this year's conference—not just because it's our 100th, but because it's a chance to celebrate the people and connections that have made OACRAO what it is.

For now, though, I know many of us are in the thick of year-end work, so I'm wishing you a smooth commencement season, cooperative systems, and maybe even a chance to breathe once it's all over.

Take care,
Heather

President

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A New Way to Connect: The OACRAO Listserv is Moving to MemberClicks

For years, the OACRAO listserv has been a place to share policy updates, troubleshoot technical hurdles, and stay connected with colleagues across Ohio. To enhance this experience, we are excited to announce that we are moving our official listserv from the legacy OSU platform to MemberClicks.

Why the change?

As OACRAO grows, so does our need for integrated tools. By moving our communications to MemberClicks, we are uniting our discussion forums with our membership database. This transition offers several key advantages:

- **Integrated Profiles:** Your listserv participation is now linked directly to your OACRAO member profile, making it easier to manage your preferences and contact information in one central location.
- **Sustainable Infrastructure:** Moving to our primary membership platform ensures more consistent support and technical reliability for our community communications.

What you need to do

We have designed this transition to be as seamless as possible. Here is what to expect:

- **Watch your inbox:** On May 29th, you will receive a "Welcome" email from the MemberClicks listserv email address.
- **Update your settings:** If needed, you can subscribe or unsubscribe from the listserv as well as update your email address.

The Sunset of the OSU Listserv

Once the MemberClicks platform is fully live, the OSU listserv will be retired.

We are incredibly grateful to our colleagues at OSU for hosting our community for so many years. This move marks a new chapter in how we manage our collaborations and membership.

Questions? If you have any questions or do not receive an email on May 29th from the new listserv, please reach out to Angela Kiszka angela.kiszka@utoledo.edu.

Scholarship Committee Updates

Thank you for your continued support of the OACRAO Scholarship Fund and for helping invest in the next generation of higher education professionals.

In April, we launched our first Days of Giving for the year to support three scholarships for student workers at OACRAO member institutions. Thanks to your generosity, we raised **\$630** toward our **\$4,000 annual goal**—a strong start to this year's fundraising efforts!

Adding to the excitement this year is a friendly competition between participating institutions! Recognition will go to the top contributors in three categories: 4-year public, 4-year private, and community colleges. Right now, **The University of Cincinnati, Mount Vernon Nazarene University, and Cuyahoga Community College** are setting the pace. Is your institution ready to challenge them?

Our next Day of Giving is June 10th. Be sure to mark your calendar and help us keep the momentum going.

Every dollar makes a difference and directly supports students on their educational and professional journeys.



Ohio Voices at AACRAO 2026: The Big Easy Recap

The 111th AACRAO Annual Meeting is officially in the books! Now that we've had a chance to digest all the café au lait, beignets, and more importantly, the wealth of knowledge shared in New Orleans, it's clear that Ohio didn't just show up; we led the way.

From the University of Cincinnati's integrated data frameworks to Ohio State's deep dives into leadership and change management, our state's professionals were on the front lines of student **success and technical innovation. Here is the vibe check on how Ohio rocked the Big Easy.**

Celebrating Our Own

Chris Dorsten (Kent State) discussed career moves between community college and four-year universities and Jayme Arnett (Ohio University) shared insights utilizing latest technologies. DeRecco Lynch (University of Cincinnati) led a discussion on building integrated administrative networks, breaking silos to improve retention and impact. Jeremy Naab (Case Western Reserve University) sat on a panel discussing the ins and outs of final exam scheduling. This proves once again that our state is a powerhouse in the AACRAO community. We're bringing these ideas home to the Buckeye State to make our offices more efficient and our student experiences even better.

Missed a session? Reach out to the speakers! They're back on campus (likely catching up on 500+ emails) and ready to share their insights.

Jayme Arnett	Ohio University
Katelynn Barnett	University of Cincinnati
Kathy Cody	Youngstown State University
Chris Dorsten	Kent State University
Kathy Fryman	University of Cincinnati
Brian Harris	University of Cincinnati
Ryan Hunt	Ohio State University
Sun Jamerson	Lorain County Community College
Portia LaMarr	Ohio State University
DeRecco Lynch	University of Cincinnati
Molly McDermott-Fallon	University of Cincinnati
Michael Murray	Columbus College of Art & Design
Jeremy Naab	Case Western Reserve University
Rachel Parks	University of Cincinnati
Heather Pritchard	Muskingum University
Andrew Shrigley	University of Cincinnati

Pictures from New Orleans



Member Spotlight!

What do you hope to get out of OACRAO?

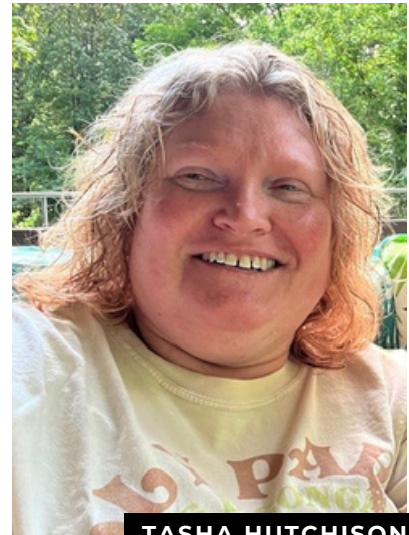
I hope to continue building relationships and being an active member. I also want to gain professional knowledge from others across Ohio to help me strengthen my own knowledge and experiences.

Do you have a favorite movie you can watch over and over?

I am torn between two movies, Wizard of Oz and Twister.

If your job had a theme song, what would it be?

9 to 5 by Dolly Parton - The unofficial anthem of keeping systems, people, and processes on track.



TASHA HUTCHISON

Assistant Registrar for
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OACRAO Dinner in New Orleans

We gathered in the heart of the Big Easy to trade our laptops for a night of authentic NOLA flavor. The OACRAO dinner was the perfect reminder that while we work for different institutions, we are all part of the same incredible Ohio team.

A special thank you to Frank Yanchak for organizing the evening!



Private College/University Meeting

I'm excited to share that the private college and university registrars are planning to gather online for the first time since COVID. This virtual meeting is a wonderful opportunity for us to reconnect, share experiences, and discuss current challenges and ideas in our field.



Looking ahead, we're also hoping to return to in-person meetings next year, which promises to be even more engaging.

If you're interested in joining us for the online meeting on Teams, please email Frank.Yanchak@franklin.edu for more information. We'd love to have your participation and input as we build a stronger community together.

Looking forward to hearing from you!
-Frank Yanchak

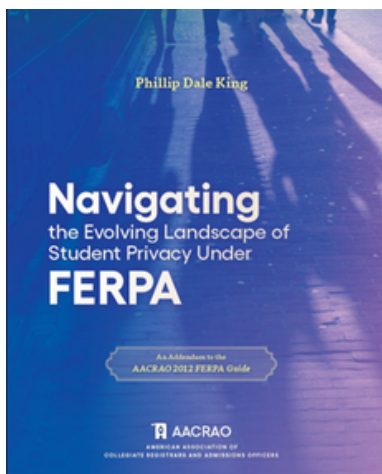
Professional Development Corner

Did you know that you can present a webinar through the National Student Clearinghouse? Anyone that uses the Clearinghouse services and has valuable insights and/or innovative uses can share their expertise with their colleagues. Simply email NSC with a brief description of your topic.

Featured upcoming AACRAO webinars:

Reduced Credit Bachelor's Degree
May 26, 2026, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Community College Focus Forum
July 15, 2026, 2:00-3:00 p.m.



Just out!! New Addendum to the AACRAO 2012 FERPA Guide entitled Navigating the Evolving Landscape of Student Privacy Under FERPA by Phillip Dale King. New chapters presented include an expansion of the student privacy policy, data governance and protection, immigration enforcement, the intersection of FERPA and HIPAA, and artificial intelligence and FERPA. Get your copy today! Additional resources regarding FERPA including past episodes of the FERPA Professor series which answers submitted in real time questions about complex FERPA scenarios can be found here: <https://www.aacrao.org/resources/ferpa>

Membership & Mentoring Committee Update

Last call! The OACRAO Membership & Mentoring Committee have send numerous emails regarding membership roster updates for accuracy. We appreciate the responses we have received so far, but still have some institutions that need have not replied.

If your institution has not yet submitted updates, we kindly ask that you review your roster and send any revisions as soon as possible. Institutions were 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 for accuracy

Updating rosters helps ensure accurate communication, correct voting representation, and proper access to member benefits. If you did not see the email, please check your spam/junk folder or contact us and we will resend the information.

NEW! If you have an institution logo you would like added to your member directory (or any other questions) please reach out to Sarah Marcini, Chair at smarcin1@kent.edu or Kathleen Pugh, Vice Chair at brownk16@ohio.edu.

Mentorship Program Update

The committee is continuing to work on plans to relaunch the OACRAO Mentorship Program with an expanded format. Applications for Mentors and Mentees will be out this month!

Look for an email coming soon and a Mentorship Program Coffee Hour in June for more details!

Program Committee Update

The Program Committee has worked hard to confirm session presenters for our 100th Annual Conference!

Be on the lookout for an overview of the confirmed sessions when registration open!

Reminders/Save the Dates

Staff Development Workshop

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

- There will be a \$10 fee.
- Registration is open until May 15th.
- More information to come, please check the [Staff Development webpage](#).

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.

Registration opens June 1st

Keep a look out for more information



Reminders/Save the Dates

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!

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