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## Spring Greetings!

Spring greetings to all of our OACRAO members! I hope that this month's newsletter finds you well and in good health. I do want to apologize for the delay in our regular newsletter, For the Record. All of us have been so busy with COVID-19 that we needed a little additional time to get this month's newsletter together.

The Board has been very busy and involved in many discussions around how OACRAO will respond to COVID-19. It is with a heavy heart that I announce the cancellation of the Ohio Summer Institute and our Annual Meeting to be held in October. At this time there are so many uncertainties due to COVID-19 that we had to make some significant decisions. We are hoping to hold virtual meetings for things like the Residency Workshop and the Support Staff Conference. We appreciate all of your support and patience during this time.

OACRAO is also reviewing House Bill 595 and the impact it may have on our institutions. We encourage all of you to reach to your representatives regarding the bill to voice your concerns/suggestions on how this may impact your institutions. You can find more information on the bill by reviewing the link below. <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-595>

For now, I wish you all good health and stay safe. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to email me at [chris.dorsten@tri-c.edu](mailto:chris.dorsten@tri-c.edu).

Take care,  
Chris Dorsten  
President, OACRAO



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## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT!

### Meet Meghan Gibbons!

#### Tell us about yourself-anything you want to share!

My name is Meghan Gibbons and I currently live in Willoughby, Ohio— about thirty minutes east of Cleveland. I started my work in Higher Education in my undergrad at Case Western Reserve University as a student office assistant for International Affairs. I graduated from CWRU with a Bachelor of Arts degree and then went on to pursue a Master's degree in Higher Education Administration and Student Personnel from Kent State University. In my Master's program, I worked in Residence Life as a graduate assistant and interned at a few different Northeast Ohio institutions— one of which was the Cleveland Institute of Ark. I have been in my position at CIA since January 2019 and graduated from my Master's program in August. I love learning about higher ed and working in higher ed, and I feel I have found my niche in the Registrar's Office.



#### What do you do at the Cleveland Institute of Art?

In my position at CIA, I oversee daily operations of the Registrar's Office (transcript processing, degree verifications, FERPA permissions, etc.), evaluate and award transfer credit, assist with the scheduling and registration process, and take part in a variety of other pieces of the office's operations. At CIA, we are a two-person Registrar's Office and there's always something different going on each day.

#### Outside of work, what do you like to do?

My boyfriend and I have a cat, a hedgehog, and about 20 fish, so I am kept busy, in part, with our menagerie of animals. I also love trying new foods and making new foods, so I like looking up recipes and experimenting with cooking and baking. Recently, I have been working to perfect tiramisu.

#### Are you originally from Ohio?

Yes! I am originally from West Chester, Ohio, a northern suburb of Cincinnati.

## IDEAPALOOZA!



Thanks to all of you and your planning committee members, another successful Ideapalooza is in the books. Over 70 great session ideas were submitted through the online form, from 35 OACRAO members. Thank you! This provided our 4 committees with a great place to start when we met on March 6 at Mount Carmel College of Nursing. Group discussions were facilitated by committee chairs: Lauren York (Records & Registration), Nita Teeters (Information Systems & Data Management), Cherise Olmo (Professional Development), and Amanda Means (Acting chair for Admissions & International Education).

Finally, a huge thank you to Michelle Livingston from Mount Carmel. Michelle again graciously agreed to coordinate use of campus space and resources as well as catering for the meeting, and we very much appreciate all of her hard work.

## Government Relations Update

On March 25, 2020, State Representatives Bride Rose Sweeney and Jeffrey Crossman introduced House Bill 595 to the House. This bill is intended to enact section 3345.60 of the ORC to require colleges and universities to release student transcripts regardless of student-owed institutional debt. If you are interested in reading about this proposed legislation, below is a link to the Ohio Legislature website with the legislative text:

<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-595>

As this is a topic that is of interest to our institutions of higher education, the Government Relations Committee of OACRAO would like to invite you to a virtual Roundtable Discussion to discuss HB 595.

The roundtable will be held on **Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 to 3:30 PM** via WebEx. If you are interested in attending this session, please complete the form at the link below and an invitation will be emailed to you closer to the date.

<https://form.jotform.com/UCRegistrar/hb-no-595-round-table-registration->

We hope to see you at the roundtable!!!



## Spring Cleaning



Dear Members,

As you begin your spring cleaning projects in the coming weeks, please take some time to evaluate and clean up your institution's membership roster.

To do this, simply navigate to the [OACRAO website](#) and click on the "Directory Search" tab at the top of the page. Then, enter the name of your institution in the "Organization" field and click "search". You might see some names of former employees that need to be removed, or realize you haven't added some new hires to your roster. In either case, please email me and let me know who to add or remove.

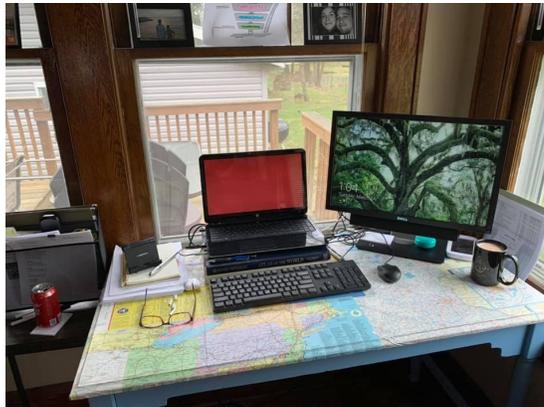
Keeping our association's membership rosters accurate will help us keep everyone informed throughout the year. Thanks for your cooperation!

## OACRAO from Home

Thank you to OACRAO members who shared photos of their home offices on Facebook!!!



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