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By: Carol Jones, Associate Registrar, Miami University

What an exciting event the AACRAO planners pulled together. From the very beginning, where our own OSU Registrar Brad Myers called the 101st Annual Meeting to order, to the truly inspirational Madeleine Albright as closing speaker, there was never a dull moment.

Baltimore AACRAO was my first AACRAO and I was unsure what to expect. Several other OACRAO colleagues were sharing the newbie experience with me and here are some of their thoughts:

- Amanda Euen, Senior Associate Registrar from Miami University stated that she thought the breadth of topics covered, from professional development to financial aid to best practices made it hard to choose between sessions.



Madeleine Albright speaks during the 2015 AACRAO Annual Meeting

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LEADING THE WAY AT MAUMEE BAY

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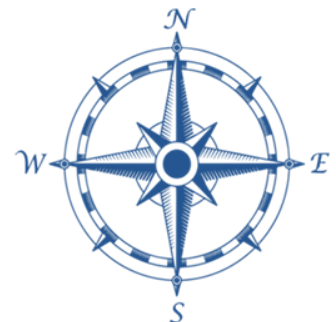
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**Save the Date!
OACRAO 2015
October 7, 8, 9
Maumee Bay State Park**

Conference registration will open in June. The LAC and Program Planning committees are busy preparing for a great fall conference. Mark your calendars now and watch for additional registration information in your email inbox.

LEADING THE WAY



AT MAUMEE BAY

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WANTED: Who has a beautiful campus or just an eye for photography? Share your campus beauty shots with us! Submit photos to any co-editor for future newsletters.

- Amanda Derico, Associate Registrar from Cincinnati Christian University shared, "As this was my first AACRAO meeting, I was overwhelmed by the experience. I was educated, energized and encouraged by the information shared in the sessions and thoroughly enjoyed the plenary speakers. However, for me, the professional connections I made, especially with the Ohio group, were the most valuable takeaway."

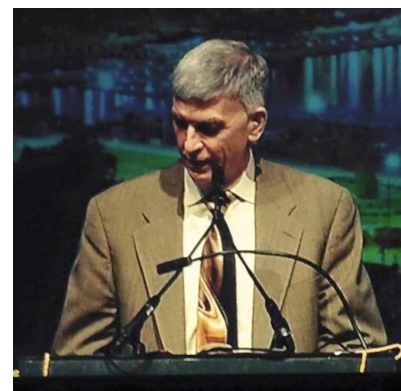
I was impressed by the number of exhibitors represented, especially since the annual meeting overlapped the Ellucian Live conference. There was time built into the day to be able to visit with the exhibitors and hear about their products. The other piece that impressed me was the speakers, who really gave me quite a bit to think about. Opening speaker, Scott Simon from NPR and PBS, while he was entertaining to listen to, made me stop and think about this: "If you have a rich, full life, you won't have the same convictions in five, ten years." Madeleine Albright shared stories from many perspectives of her fascinating, trailblazing life and said, "Education is the answer to how countries develop functioning citizens." Quite a bit to think on!

It was a big meeting for Ohio with Brad Myers presiding and Jack Miner, Director of Operations at The Ohio State University, receiving the Thomas A. Bilger Award. This award is presented to a member in recognition of consistent vision, service and/or leadership in AACRAO and with seven or more years of volunteer service. Congratulations to Jack for the recognition of his hard work and to Brad for a successful Presidency.

Of course we had great representation at AACRAO with over 40 Ohio attendees! Colleagues shared these thoughts:

- Janet Duber, Associate Registrar at Baldwin Wallace was also impressed by the plenary speakers. "The highlight for me was the Diversity speaker, Maura Cullen. I would love to have her speak at OACRAO! She nailed the topic in a very entertaining way and I will think twice before I speak from now on."
- Sessions were diverse and amazing. Patrick Beatty, Associate Registrar at Ohio University stated, "I feel better prepared to work with my financial aid colleagues related to enrollment reporting and compliance. I also appreciated the lighter (but helpful) approach to FERPA in the session, "Talk FERPA To Me" with Oregon State."
- The sessions can help prepare you for upcoming discussions on your campus as Siu Yan Scott, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine Registrar found. "I attended 2 sessions on co-curricular transcripts that helped me understand how to communicate to my school about a preliminary process. Although we haven't started formally considering it, I have been getting questions and know that it is heading to a formal basis at some point. I feel ready to start a discussion from a better place than no place at all!"
- Sometimes just being with other colleagues can make you stop and ponder your own world. Dan Wilson, University Registrar at Muskingum University shared, "Here's an idea I picked up from Steve McKellips from The University of Memphis. Steve has banned the word "busy" from his office. He said if you tell someone you are busy, you are inviting them to compare their workload to yours and make their own determination of your amount of effort. Instead, when asked by a colleague or supervisor whether you have time for an additional item or project, respond by letting them know what you are working on and how long you expect it to take. This places the person in a position of evaluating priorities rather than performance and moves you from being a whiner to a winner."
- Dave Sauter, University Registrar at Miami University had this take-away from the annual meeting. "I saw "Student Success" initiatives everywhere, confirms that Miami has been on the right "success" track for years...and I learned some subtle but successful tips...such as seeing "super seniors" (those with well over the required credit hours to graduate) as a sub-population waiting to be contacted so they GRADUATE! And a SHOUT OUT to Brad Myers for his Presidency!"

The time we spent together in Baltimore was capped off by the OACRAO dinner at Chiapparelli's. The evening was filled with great comradery, conversation and wonderful food. This was a great conference that stuffed my brain with a lot of ideas to think about and implement. If you have not had the opportunity to attend an AACRAO Annual Meeting, it was a great investment into professional development and a very worthwhile experience.



*Brad Myers, AACRAO President
speaks during the
2015 AACRAO Annual Meeting*

See you in Phoenix, Arizona on March 20-23, 2016!

We have a different format for the Member Spotlight this month. We are presenting an article from *The Columbus Dispatch* about one of our members, Hilary Seif, who is the Assistant Registrar at Otterbein University. Hilary organized a 5K for K-9 Cancer held on April 25. This is a chance to get a glimpse into what members do in the rest of their lives. If you've done something that you'd like to share, or know someone who has, please let one of the editors or board members know.

Double dose of sorrow spurred creation of run benefiting dogs

By Allison Ward *The Columbus Dispatch* • Thursday April 23, 2015

As she cried on the way home from putting her 7-year-old golden retriever to sleep, Hilary Seif explained her plan to her mother: She wanted to help veterinarians and families combat canine cancer. "I thought, 'I've got to do something,'" the Westerville resident said. "This is the second dog I've lost to cancer before the age of 8."

Although she acknowledged that, given the sobbing, her mother probably had difficulty understanding her, her mission was clear almost immediately after losing Newman in June 2013. She would host a 5-kilometer race and donate all the proceeds to the MedVet Charitable Foundation at MedVet, a pet hospital in Worthington, to be used for research and clinical studies. With the help of some students and professors at Otterbein University, where Seif works in the registrar's office, she organized the inaugural 5K for K-9 Cancer last spring — and raised more than \$20,000 for her cause.

On Saturday morning, Seif and her friends — both the two-legged and four-legged types — will be running again on the cross-country course at the Westerville college to raise money and, more importantly, awareness of canine cancer. Seif's experience, unfortunately, is similar to what many of her clients endure, said Dr. Lisa Fulton, director of oncology at MedVet. "She had no idea how prevalent cancer is in our canine companions," Fulton said. "It's much higher than with humans." Pet owners need to pay attention, Fulton said, to any lumps on their dog or changes in behavior, such as loss of appetite and weight, lethargy or vomiting. They should take their pet to the vet at least once a year for checkups, or more often if the dog is older. If a dog is diagnosed with cancer, she added, vets can often use the same types of treatment as are used with humans: surgery, radiation and chemotherapy. But her staff works to ensure treatment isn't at the expense

Hilary Seif with Stephanie Giese and Sarah Wendel of The Ohio State University, at the 5K for K-9 Cancer held on April 25th



Hilary Seif with Newman

of the pet's quality of life. "One of the major questions all my colleagues get is a concern from clients that the quality of life will not be maintained," Fulton said. "If treatment is going to make the pet miserable, it's probably not going to work for that animal."

More than 100 dogs and 700 humans participated in the 2014 race, Seif said.

She will think of Newman and Sye, the other dog she lost to cancer, while walking the trail. She'll also find solace in knowing that her work could help find a cure for other dogs.

"We're our dogs' voice," Seif said. "This was my way of speaking for my dogs."

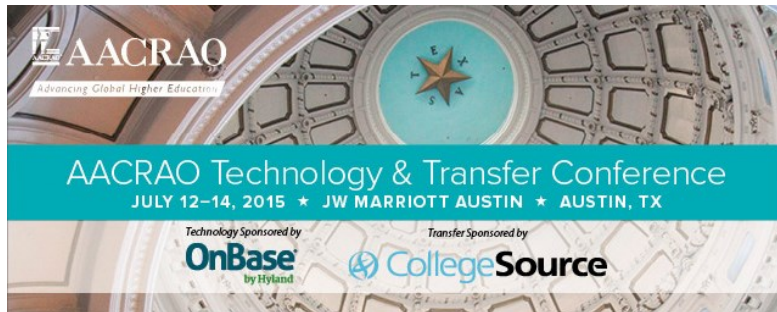
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[Double Dose for full story.](#)

[OACRAO Residency Workshop](#)

June 26, 2015 (Friday) from 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

The Ohio State University, [\\$50 Registration](#), includes lunch.



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[Technology and Transfer Conference](#)

July 12-14, 2015 (Sunday-Tuesday)

JW Marriott Austin, Austin, TX

[2015 Summer Institute for International Admissions](#)

July 13-17, 2015 (Monday-Friday)

Embassy Suites, Washington, DC



DID YOU KNOW?

- The Higher Learning Commission has a policy titled, "Assumed Practices"? In this policy it states things such as, "The institution has ethics policies for faculty and staff regarding conflict of interest, nepotism, recruitment and admissions, financial aid, privacy of personal information, and contracting." and it states, "The institution maintains timely and accurate transcript and records services." This policy outlines many of the shared expectations of an institution of higher education. The policy is available online at <http://policy.ncahlc.org/Policies/assumed-practices.html>.
- There is a wealth of information on the Federal Student Aid website and at the AACRAO annual meeting there were several sessions that reinforced the need that registrar and financial aid colleagues need to work closely together on enrollment reporting, gainful employment, 150% direct subsidized loan limit, unofficial withdrawals, etc. Please visit <http://www.ifap.ed.gov/ifap/> for more information including the infamous "Dear Colleague" letters.
- AACRAO recently released, The Transfer Handbook: Promoting Student Success. This book includes the preface by Lee Furbeck, Director of Admissions and New Student Transitions at Cleveland State University and it includes a chapter written by Frank Yanchak, University Registrar at Franklin University, and Jack Miner, Director of Registrar Operations at The Ohio State University. Way to go Ohio colleagues! You may order your copy at <http://www.aacrao.org/publications>.
- The Ohio Board of Regents has several initiatives to increase the completion rates of Ohio's college students. These initiatives include PLA with a Purpose, 3-Year Degrees, Credit When It's Due, Complete College Ohio, College Credit Plus, and others. To learn more about these initiatives and others, please visit <https://www.ohiohighered.org/initiatives>.
- The Journal of College Admission is online and includes articles such as "How the iPhone Saved Email" and "Everything Important in Life is Unknown." You can read the full edition online at <http://www.nacacnet.org/research/PublicationsResources/Journal/Pages/Journal-of-College-Admission.aspx>.