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The Board met at Ohio State on September 18 and, frankly, we are all looking forward to a terrific conference this year and can't believe it is only days away. We have some terrific speakers and sessions planned. The activities should be a lot of fun and will give you a lot of networking opportunities. We encourage attendees to really take advantage of all that this event offers. To help you with that, we thought we'd present a checklist for your convenience.

Don't forget:

- Business cards for all of those new contacts you will make and for those exhibitor drawings.
- Bug spray because nothing ruins the enjoyment of a nature hike like bug bites.
- Your lucky rabbit's foot so that you are sure to hit it big at the casino.
- CASH – the Scholarship Committee loves cash! Who doesn't?
- Swag - door prizes to brighten the day of a colleague.

Optional items:

- Dress clothes – come on, it's a state park - you don't need to dress for the office.
- Walking shoes – there is a nature walk on Friday morning, but you don't need anything fancy to get out and enjoy!
- Flashlight – there is an optional night walk as well.

Leave at home:

- Work – really, you won't have time.
- Sunscreen. We will be on the shores of Lake Erie, but it is still Ohio...
- Your tunnel vision goggles – in order to make sure you can absorb all the new ideas and latest trends.

We hope this list is helpful as you plan to Lead the Way at Maumee Bay. See you on the lake!



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Programs!

It was another great year for the Program Committees! The planning meeting was held in February and we had close to 50 session ideas come forward. For the fall conference there are thirty-six exciting sessions for members to learn more about our profession. We have sessions that cover emerging topics such as preferred pronouns and prior learning assessment as well as some tried and true topics like graduation processes and customer service. A special “Thank you” to the chairs of each of the program committees for all of their help in creating sessions and finding presenters.

The chairs for this year:

- Sue Sheppard, Aultman College; Admissions and International Education
- Cindy Suter, Heidelberg University; Professional Development
- Don Foster, Otterbein University; Records and Registration
- Mark Frys, Cuyahoga Community College; Information Systems and Data Management

We are excited to have Mary Holland from Wright State University as the new Vice President of Program. You will be hearing more from Mary in the coming months.

Member spotlight—Dawn Evans

Tell us a little bit about yourself...

My name is Dawn Evans and I have worked at the University of Cincinnati One Stop Student Service Center for almost 2 ½ years as manager.

When you were growing up, did you think that you would be working at UC?

I never thought I would work in a university setting, but I can honestly say working at UC has been a great experience and I truly love what I do.

Who is your hero?

Without a doubt, my hero is my father. As I was growing up, and as a young adult, I did not appreciate the tough love, but unbeknownst to me he was teaching me important life lessons and values that have shaped me into the person I am today. Even though he is no longer here, he still inspires me to be better and do better every day.

Do you have, or have you ever had, a nickname?

I have a nickname that I only allow my brother to use, but that’s only because I can’t get him to stop using it.

Favorite movie(s)?

Shawshank Redemption is my favorite movie. It’s an excellent story about hope and, obviously, redemption. Plus, it’s a tear jerker and those are always good.

Favorite sports team(s)?

I feel like I should say the Bengals or the Bearcats; however I do not have one. I have never been one to watch any type of sports.

Where do you see yourself in 5 to 10 years?

I see myself attending my children’s college graduation. Once that phase in my life has passed I’ll re-evaluate my vision (and renovate their bedrooms to some fabulous space meant only for me).

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I am an outdoors person and I love to hike. Most of my vacations are spent in the woods hiking and camping.

What is your favorite thing about working in One Stop

I love the fast-paced, high energy, environment of the One Stop. There’s never a dull moment.



Scholarship Committee Updates

This autumn, OACRAO will award 3 students with a \$1,000 scholarship each. Please encourage your student workers within the Registrar's, Admissions, Student Services, and Enrollment Management offices to apply!

Applicants must meet all of the following criteria for scholarship eligibility:

- Current enrollment, at least half-time, at an OACRAO affiliated college or university
- Current employment in one of the offices listed above
- Good academic standing

Scholarship Application: <http://go.osu.edu/OACRAOScholarship>

(Open through 5:00pm on Friday, October 30, 2015)

This year the committee will review the applicants primarily based on the following responses:

- Please list your current involvement in leadership and service activities including the specific years of active participation.
- Select one of the leadership or service activities listed previously and describe in detail how it has shaped you as a leader.
- Which part of your higher education experience do you feel will benefit you most after you earn your degree?

The proceeds earned during the annual conference will fund the scholarships awarded. Please see the conference guide below for ways that you may participate. Monetary donations are also appreciated at the conference or through <https://www.gofundme.com/oacrao>.

OACRAO Scholarship Committee – Conference Guide

Silent Auction

Thursday (10/8)
8:00am – 5:00pm

Bid on a number of baskets, tickets and other items and hope your colleagues do not outbid you. Hovering and good competition with your fellow OACRAO members is encouraged. Cash, checks and credit cards are accepted.

50/50 Raffle

Thursday (10/8)
8:00am – 5:00pm

The 50/50 Raffle is always a hit. Each ticket is \$1 or you can purchase 6 tickets for \$5. An arm's length of tickets (you choose the arm) is a great bargain at \$10. Drawing will be held on Thursday (10/8) during the Exhibitor's Reception
*must be present to win

Wine Grab - NEW!

Thursday (10/8)
8:00am – 5:00pm
*or until the last bottle
has been grabbed!*

This new addition is sure to inspire some fun competition. This "pick and grab" is only \$20. It is as simple as: make a \$20 donation to the scholarship fund and pick a cork that is numbered to identify which wine you get to take home. Everyone's a winner! Trade with a fellow participant if they are willing.

Contact Angela Ford (ford.610@osu.edu) about the scholarship application or Tracy Galway (galwayt@ohio.edu) about the conference events and donations.

