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Message from the President...

David Schneider
OACRAO President
University Registrar, Otterbein University



Greetings OACRAO!

I hope that each of you are finding time to enjoy the onset of spring weather, and of course, the start of baseball season. Go Tribe!

During the first week of April I had the pleasure of attending AACRAO's 103rd Annual Meeting held in Minneapolis, MN. This was my seventh time attending an AACRAO Annual Meeting. AACRAO is always an incredible experience, featuring a well-rounded program of more than 200 educational sessions and experiences. Of the 1900 total individuals in attendance, I especially enjoyed seeing the large contingent from Ohio who were in attendance this year. Nearly 40 OACRAO members made the trek north to Minneapolis, "doncha know!" 😊

The 103rd Annual meeting was highlighted by engaging and inspiring keynote speakers. The meeting opened with a humorous, engaging, and occasionally off-color plenary session led by master storyteller, Garrison Keillor. Keillor is a writer and humorist best known for his radio show *A Prairie Home Companion* which is featured on more than 600 public radio

stations each week. His unique blend of comedy, charisma, and wisdom was charming and fun, and AACRAO attendees both laughed and cringed as he weaved through his stories.



The plenary session on Tuesday was truly inspiring, as AACRAO was joined by father and daughter Wayne and Nicole Maines, who shared their family's journey which was recently featured in the best-selling book, *Becoming Nicole: The Transformation of an American Family*. Nicole, a current



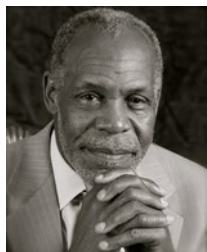
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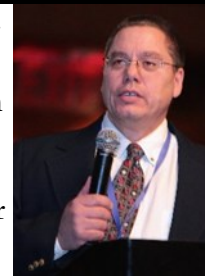
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college sophomore, spoke of her passion for ensuring safety and equality for all individuals. Amongst her many accomplishments, at the age of thirteen, Nicole was instrumental in leading the charge to defeat LD 1046, a bill that would have rolled back transgender protections in her home state of Maine. For more on their story, I highly recommend the recent HBO documentary *The Trans List*, which features Nicole.



Finally, AACRAO closed with a thought-provoking presentation by actors Danny Glover and Felix Justice, who aim to inspire the next generation of leaders. While I've only focused on this year's AACRAO plenary speakers, know that the depth and breadth of the program at AACRAO is incredible. I realize that finances can sometimes stand in the way of taking part in such an opportunity, but I'd still like to take this opportunity to encourage you to attend AACRAO. As your institution begins planning for the new fiscal year's budget, now is the time to make your case and squirrel away those funds!

You might also consider applying for consideration from the Conner Scholarship Fund (<http://www.aacrao.org/professional-development/meetings/conner-scholarship-fund>) which provides funds that will fully cover the Annual Meeting registration fee. The 2018 AACRAO Annual Meeting will be held in sunny Orlando, FL. Hope to see you all there!



Honorary Membership



Honorary Membership is awarded to individuals retiring from a lifetime career in higher education. These are the people who have served on the Board of Directors, have chaired the Committees that drive AACRAO, have shared their knowledge through presentations, and have led their institutions through decades of changes. For their efforts during their careers they are awarded lifetime membership in the Association.

At the annual AACRAO meeting in Minneapolis, Brad Myers was bestowed this honor for his many hours of dedication to the organization and the profession.

Brad Myers, University Registrar, The Ohio State University (retired)

Ohio Dinner at AACRAO

Article by Beth DaLonzo, AACRAO President Elect

The Ohio Dinner during AACRAO's 103rd Annual Meeting in Minneapolis was held on Tuesday, April 4, 2017. Downtown Minneapolis' The News Room was the location for 30 Ohio colleagues to gather, enjoy a delicious meal and get to know one another better.

The News Room was previously featured on the Travel Channel for innovative design in their bathrooms! One way mirrors and headlines over them make it look like the person in the mirror is part of the news headlines.

Dinner choices included salmon almondine, chicken cordon bleu, tortellini, beef and broccolini stir fry or bone in short

rib risotto in addition to a variety of appetizers and desserts. All were very tasty.

Based on the sounds of laughter and conversation I think all in attendance enjoyed themselves.

As always, the AACRAO Annual Meeting was substantive and informative and the Ohio Dinner was the capstone of the event, for me at least. It was my pleasure to plan this event and I look forward to seeing you all in Orlando for next year's dinner!



Member Spotlight

Tell us about yourself!

It has been my honor to have served as the Registrar for fifteen of my twenty-four years at Columbus State Community College (CSCC). The Office of the Registrar at every institution is a mission critical unit that is a foundation of services and processing. During my tenure as Registrar, I saw the need to bring my community college colleagues together to discuss issues and develop solutions. In 2013, I founded the Ohio Community College Registrars (OCCR). The next OCCR Annual Meeting will be held on Friday, May 26, 2017 on the Columbus State Community College campus.

What do you do at Columbus State Community College?

The work I do as a member of a highly-skilled team of higher education professionals changes the lives of the individuals we serve. Serving a diverse population of more than 26,000 students gives us an opportunity to meet the needs of veteran/military students, single parents, middle/high school students, transfer students, those in the workforce, students from many different countries as well as many other groups. In addition to generally supervising a department of 20 professionals, I chair the Academic Calendar Committee, co-chair the Gender Identity Task Force, lead the Ellucian Colleague Academic Records/Registration/System Set-up, represent CSCC on three Ohio Department of Higher Education Committees and serve OACRAO as chair of the Governmental Relations Committee.



Dr. Regina L. Randall
Registrar,
Columbus State Community College

How did you come to your current position?

A piece of advice I received more than twenty years ago was to always accept opportunities. In 2002, I was serving as the Director of Student Activities and Athletics – *I even have a championship ring* – when the Associate Provost came to my office and asked if I would serve as the Interim Registrar. I said, “Sure!” Once I immersed myself in the complexities of the position, I was hooked. *I’m Regina the Registrar – the first four letters are the same!*

What are you most proud of?

I’m proud of the accomplishments made by the Office of the Registrar and Columbus State Community College. We are a leader in areas such as College Credit Plus (CCP), Reverse Transfer, Residency (DACA, CCP, Training), Transfer Articulation/Evaluation, XML Transcript Send/Receive/System Import and Military/Veterans Services. CSCC continues to evaluate and innovate in order to continuously improve.

Outside of work, what do you like to do?

I’ve been community-focused since I was in high school. I’m a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, a service sorority founded in 1908 with over 280,000 members worldwide. I’ve served as the local chapter president and currently serve as a member of the International Strategic Planning Committee. I’m a member of The Links, Incorporated, a community service organization founded in 1946 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. I’m the immediate past local chapter president and through the ParentLINKS program tutor a student at Trevitt Elementary School. I’m the mother of an intelligent, talented and very active ten-year old son. Depending on the season, I’m cheering my son as he competes in football, basketball, baseball, track and tumbling.

Are you originally from Ohio?

I was born in Washington, DC at Walter Reed Army Hospital and raised in Youngstown, Ohio. At the time, my father was a physician and my mother was a nurse at the hospital. My father was a retired Colonel and my mother was a 1st Lieutenant. I participated in Army ROTC while a student at Ohio University, however an injury prevented me from continuing to active service. I remained at Ohio University to complete my Ph.D. in higher education. Since I was raised in a military family, I have great admiration for those who protect and serve the citizens of the United States of America.

What is on your bucket list?

In 2013, I founded the leadership development organization, *Regal Leadership Realm*. It is a company specializing in REGAL Leadership. The tenets are: Be Assertive, Have Courage, Be Dedicated, Have Energy, Be Genuine, Have Integrity, Be Knowledgeable, Be Majestic, Demand Respect and Be Strong. Once I retire from higher education, this will be a full-time endeavor.

OHIO SMALL COLLEGE REGISTRAR MEETING



On March 24th, the University of Dayton hosted this year's Small College Registrars Meeting. Over 40 registrars and staff mulled over a myriad of current topics such as College Credit Plus, FERPA, graduation processes, transcript services, and many more. While most of the day was spent discussing best practices for registrars and admission officers, there was also plenty of time for forming new relationships and strengthening existing ones.

Year in and year out, the Small College Registrars Meeting continues to be a forum of career growth and networking. This year's event proved to be no different. It was exciting to see new and seasoned professionals alike exploring innovative ways of thinking and working in our field. To hear participants leaving the meeting enthusiastically expressing the information they gleaned and what it meant for them and their school going forward, was truly inspirational. And, most importantly, a good time was had by all!

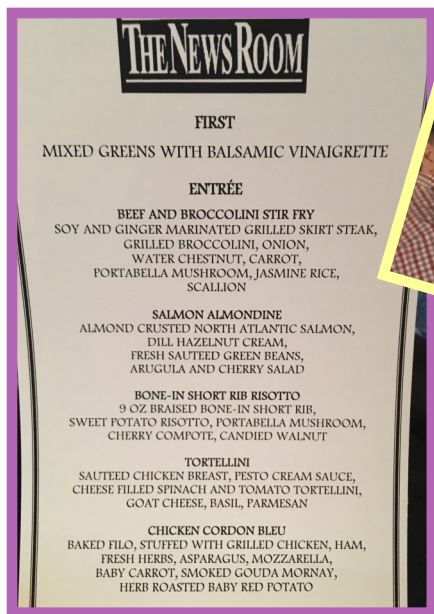
Please keep an eye on the OACRAO newsletter and listserv for information regarding next year's Small College Registrars Meeting. It's an event you won't want to miss!



AACRAO Ohio Dinner



David Schneider, OACRAO President welcomes Ohioans to
The News Room



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October 2017

OACRAO Conference

Mohican State Park

October 4-6, 2017

Coming Soon...
Summer Professional Development Opportunities



AACRAO in Minneapolis



Nicole and Wayne Maines, Activists



Mike Reilly, AACRAO Executive Director



Jack Miner, AACRAO VP for Finance



Garrison Keillor, Story Teller and Author



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