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The summer has arrived; I hope that it proves to be an enjoyable one for you and your family. What exciting events have you planned this summer?

The IACRAO Conference Committee, President-Elect [Jess Ray](#) and I are diligently working on the 2008 Annual Meeting which will be held in Arlington Heights, Illinois. [Jess](#), [Dennis Kaczor](#), [Brent Gage](#), [Leigh McElhenny](#), [Brian Clevenger](#), and [Courtney Kohn](#) are securing informative and knowledgeable presenters to engage, inform and entertain the Admissions and Registrar Professionals.

The local arrangements co-chairs are [Courtney Kohn](#) and [Bruce Oates](#). Please check the IACRAO website www.iacrao.org in the upcoming weeks and months for additional conference details, session information, online registration and the Sheraton hotel information.

Please keep the IACRAO website bookmarked and visit it often for new information, to read the Chronicle or view photographs from the 2007 conference in Collinsville. In addition, I would also like to encourage you to get involved in IACRAO and volunteer. Your volunteerism is important and greatly needed in order to continue IACRAO's viability. I promise you a rewarding and enjoyable experience. Therefore, while you are visiting the website look at the Board positions, responsibilities and duties. There is a great deal of work to do and you will have the opportunity to interact with excellent professionals. Get involved, get involved, and volunteer. We need you!

Thank you again for allowing me to serve the Illinois Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers. See you in Arlington Heights in October. Till then...enjoy your summer!

TO PONDER - -

[We could learn a lot from crayons...](#)

[Some are sharp, some are pretty and some are dull.](#)

[Some have weird names, and all are different colors,](#)

[but they all have to live in the same box.](#)

Anonymous

2008 IACRAO CONFERENCE
Jess Ray, President-Elect
Illinois State University



Break out your calendar and start making your plans to attend our Annual Conference. It will be held October 22-24, 2008 at the Sheraton Chicago Northwest Hotel located in Arlington Heights, Illinois.

The conference committee is hard at work on this year's theme – **Race to the Future.** We have confirmed George Gollin, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, as our closing speaker. He will be speaking about our current and future challenges with credit and degree laundering and diploma mills. He is an animated and entertaining speaker on a subject that is important to the future of our profession. We will also have sessions on wellness, safety and technology, as well as opportunities to meet with vendors.

In addition to the sessions we will also have entertainment, opportunities to have fun and a chance to network with peers and colleagues. As part of that fun I would like to ask that each institution provide one or two items, if possible, that can be utilized as a door prizes. Registration for the annual conference will begin in August. IACRAO is looking forward to seeing you in October at the conference!



UPDATES from the Past-President, Ron Gregoire
Lincoln Land Community College

2008 IACRAO Leadership and Service Scholarships

Fourteen students from eleven Community Colleges submitted scholarship applications by the May 12th scholarship deadline date. The applications are being reviewed, and two recipients will be chosen and contacted by the end of July. Award winner will be announced at our fall conference. These two \$500.00 scholarships were established by [Sheri Kallembach](#), Northern Illinois University during her 2005-2006 tenure as IACRAO Past- President.

IACRAO Scholarships, Silent Auction & You

The second annual silent action benefiting the IACRAO Leadership and Service scholarships will be held at our fall conference in October. This fund raising activity was the brain child of [Alice Medenwald](#), Northeastern Illinois University as IACRAO Past-President last year.

Now it is up to you, to do your part in supporting these scholarships. We need your donated articles for the auction! We are NOT looking for college logo type door prizes or garage sale items. We ARE seeking new or re-gifted items that can be bundled in *theme baskets*. What is a theme basket and what goes in one? Below are a few examples:

Wine & Cheese Basket:

Wine, cheeses, fine crackers, wine opener and wine glasses

The Beer Guy Basket / Bucket:

Assorted unique beers, sausage, beer nuts, specialty chips and beer steins

Bath Basket:

Bath soaps, body creams, candles, sponge / wash cloth

Car Detailing Basket:

Tire / interior shine cleaners, chamois, car wax, air fresheners

Other themes basket ideas:

Gardener's Basket, Coffee Lover's Basket, Chocolate Lover's Basket, Gift Card Basket

If every conference attendee spent \$5, \$10 or \$15 and donated an item, we would have some excellent baskets to auction. Just bring your item to the registration table in October and your auction volunteers will do the rest! Questions, please contact [Ron Gregoire](#) at 217.786.2243 or ron.gregoire@ilcc.edu

Bright Idea AWARD

**Dennis Kaczor, Vice-President of Professional Activities
Parkland College**

It is up to all of us to keep this Bright Idea Award an important part of our conference. What can you do to improve services in your office? How can you simplify what you and your colleagues do each day? Let us know what ideas you came up with this fall at our IACRAO conference by submitting nominations for the Gene Magac Bright Idea Award session. Send nominations to [Dennis Kaczor](#) via e-mail at dkaczor@parkland.edu or by fax at (217) 353-2640, attention Dennis. If you have questions he can be reached at (217) 353-2634. Impress your boss by winning free registration for our next conference!



BEAT the RUSH.....we hear there will be thousands of entries for the Award this year!!

DISTRICT MEETINGS

The following are highlights of the recent District meetings.



East Central District & West Central District

Leigh A. McElhenny, Chair Brian Clevenger, Chair

The East and West Central Districts had a joint meeting March 12th at the University of Illinois at Springfield. The event was a huge success with over 75 attendees, three informational presentations, and extended birds of a feather. In the morning we heard about millennials and how to handle the inter-generational gaps we see in our profession; technology and students; and a presentation from the Pacific Institute. After a fabulous UIS lunch there were two extended Birds of a Feather sessions producing great discussions.

Future meetings will be joint ventures between East and West Central districts. Any suggestions for presentations or topics for future district meetings can be sent to [Brian Clevenger](mailto:bclev1@uis.edu) at bclev1@uis.edu or [Leigh McElhenny](mailto:lamcelhenny@iu.edu) at lamcelhenny@iu.edu.

Northeast District

Courtney A. Kohn, Chair

Submitted by Sheree Stilwell, Chair-elect

The workshop was held at Lewis University in Romeoville, IL on Friday, March 14, 2008. Eighty-six attendees enjoyed a buffet style continental breakfast prior to and during the first presenter, and a buffet style lunch, which included six different gourmet desserts – yummy!

The first presenter was Dianna Lynn, Illinois Licensed, and a Certified Member of the Associated Bodywork and Massage Professionals. Dianna is the founder of Instinctive Touch Therapeutic Massage. She spoke about the benefits of massage and offered several tips and techniques on how to relax at your desk, in the car, at home, etc. Very valuable tips for everyone in attendance!

The second presenter, Jill Sidler Fleagel, MPC, LPC, is a Licensed Professional Counselor with the State of Illinois. Jill addressed the topic, “Remaining Calm Amongst the Chaos”, how to deal with stressful and chaotic situations. Jill Fleagel is a graduate of Olivet Nazarene University, earning a Master’s Degree in Pastoral Counseling. Jill is currently pursuing a Doctorate in Ministry in Leadership and Spiritual Formation through George Fox Seminary. Jill is co-founder of CrossRoads Counseling and Care Center in Crest Hill, IL. Jill addressed 5 objectives within the area of stressful situations – a topic everyone attending could certainly relate to!

“Overall, the workshop was certainly a success. And it was a pleasure hosting it at Lewis, as well as serving IACRAO in this capacity”, stated [Sheree Stilwell](#).



Spotlight on the Board

Jess Ray, President-Elect

Jess grew up in Illinois, and received both his undergrad and graduate degrees from Illinois State University. He worked in security, prior to becoming an Admissions and Records Officer at ISU in 1994. In 1997 he became the program coordinator for the Illinois Articulation Initiative System, assisting in the development and implementation of the iTransfer website. In 2000, Jess went on to become the Associate Registrar at ISU, and in 2006 the University Registrar, a position he remains in today.

Jess serves on the IAI Advisory committee and is actively involved with the Illinois Transfer Coordinator organization. He is also a member of AACRAO, serving on the Transfer and Articulation committee, and is a member of the National Academic Advising Association, where he serves as the Advising Transfer Student Commission Chair.

Jess resides with wife, Fawn and children Alannah and Aiden in Normal, IL. He is involved in his community, volunteering at the local public library and with his children's school PTO.

Currently, Jess enjoys watching movies, playing games and studying history in his free time. But.....one day he hopes to be a hot air balloon enthusiast that competes nationally, or participate in extreme martial art competitions. "I have always wanted to be an Olympic level fencer, equestrian or archery champion, too". Jess, it's never to late – go for the gold!

@ Diversity

**Terri Montgomery, IACRAO EEO Officer
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville**

Recently I was asked to be on a panel to discuss what can be done to motivate and encourage students to do well in college. It is always an interesting, multi-layered topic but always one I will entertain. As educators, we have joined the ranks of those who always embrace a teaching moment. The topics I have presented, written about and flat out preached include the following:

Choosing the High Road: Some students get the idea that not planning for their future, and not doing their best while in high school, is the easy way to go. They in essence, choose the "low road" to find out around age 25 that they are in a terrible slump. Can we think of programming to do with these students to keep them motivated through high school and on through college so they are able to realize the benefits of Choosing the High Road?

Watch Your Mouth: Perhaps a less academic area of concern, but truly one that needs to be addressed among all students. Words are powerful tools that we use everyday to get a point across, ask for what we want, give instructions, etc. When you know the words to say and how to express your thoughts and emotions for a positive affect, you refrain from using meaningless language that

does not help you, but may cause others to think poorly of you. Clean up the language and the negative talk for a positive change and outlook.

Know What You Know: When making plans to attend college, pay attention to what you are doing, with whom you are having conversations concerning your eventual enrollment, and dates/deadlines to keep yourselves in the "know". Do not rely on others to carry you through the admission process. YOU need to know what you are doing and be engaged in the whole experience of becoming a college graduate.

What to do When... Where to turn for assistance when you have questions needing answers. How to take care of mole hill problems *before* they become mountains. A good discussion of, "Problem Solving 101" can help for a smoother ride through the college years.

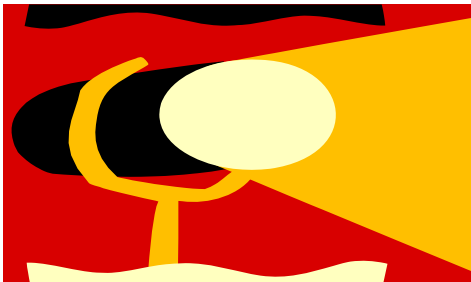
Co-op - Experience it! These help tremendously if they are carefully chosen. How to get paid while gaining valuable experiences related to your area of study.

Study Abroad - This will help in understanding other cultures and inspire career and educational opportunities of which you may never have known you had interest. Expand your base of knowledge beyond your own cultural experience.

Get involved on Campus - Volunteer and offer your talents in areas that interest you. There are plenty of opportunities to network and establish friendships that may help you in the future.

Other ideas/comments? Share them with me, and I will pass them along.....tmontgo@siue.edu

NEW SERIES



SPOTLIGHT ON.....AN ALUM: Bruce Bohrer, Harper College by Debbie Michelini College of Lake County

Bruce, an IACRAO alum, who resides in Buffalo Grove, IL, retired from Harper College a few years ago after a thirty year tenure in higher education. He seems to be even busier now than when he actually worked (I should know, he was once my boss!).

He currently is in his glory, because this could actually "be the year" for his Chicago Cubs! He is in his 6th year as an usher at Wrigley Field. An avid, life-long Cub fan, this job was a "dream come true". "To be at Wrigley Field on a regular basis, to feel the excitement, to be with the players, and see so many games - it's just unbelievable!" claims Bohrer.

So what else is he doing when he is not being devoted to his Cubbies? Well, he occasionally teaches a Psychology course at Harper. Or works as the sound check guy for a motivational speaker who tours the country making presentations to school groups. Or works as a production assistant for a friend who produces commercial and technical videos - among other things, he's the guy who gets to say "quiet on the set". So much for being retired.....

He also does some volunteer work for organizations including Meals on Wheels, College Bound Opportunities (CBO)--a foundation that awards scholarships to minority students from Deerfield and Highland Park High Schools, and tutoring at a couple of local elementary schools.

For fun, Bruce plays a lot of tennis, sings with Encore!--a traveling vocal ensemble that performs throughout the Chicago land area (and serves as their business manager), and has been taking vacations throughout Michigan in the summers, and Florida in the winters. He also always finds time to have lunch/dinner with friends, and spend time with his son, Jason who lives in Chicago.

If you would like to say hello to Bruce (if you can catch him, considering his busy retiree's schedule?) - e-mail him at bb289@comcast.net

UPCOMING MEETINGS/CONFERENCES:

Noel-Levitz 2008 National Conference (for anyone working with student recruitment, marketing and/or retention)

**Hyatt Regency
Chicago, IL
July 15-17**

AACRAO Registrar 101/Ferpa Workshop (for new Registrars)

**Embassy Suites
Lombard, IL
July 17-18**

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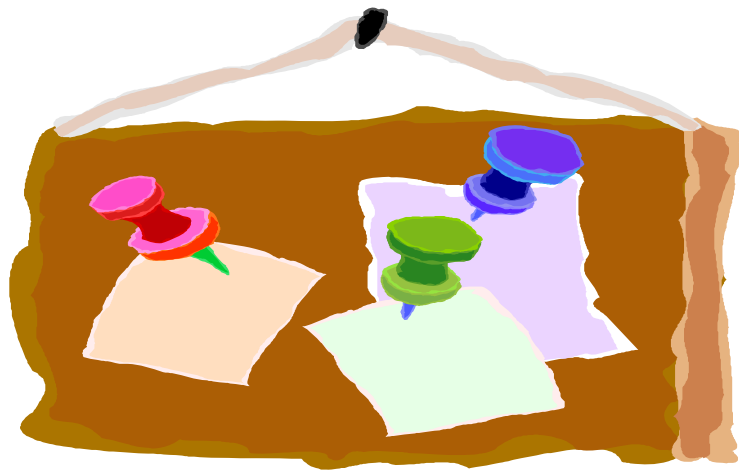
Guiding the Way to Inclusion workshop (for Admissions officers needing to increase enrollment of students of color, 1st generation and/or undocumented)

**Hyatt Regency
Minneapolis, MN
July 22-24**

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Summer Institute (for new Admission Counselors)

**DePaul University
Chicago, IL
July 27-30**



IACRAO MESSAGE BOARD

- The IACRAO Executive Committee extends its condolences on behalf of the membership to the family and co-workers of our friend and colleague, [Eric Gunnink](#). Eric passed away suddenly on May 29, 2008. He was the Associate Registrar for information services at Purdue University, and former Registrar for the University of St. Francis.
- [Heidi Scott](#) is the new Records Evaluator at Lewis and Clark Community College – WELCOME!
- And [Kimberly Cruz](#) “made it through” her first Commencement experience as the new Registrar at Lewis and Clark – Kudos to her!



- Who is this? Why, it’s our own EEO Officer in an herb field in a Tuscan village in Italy during her recent June 2008 trip abroad. [Terri Montgomery, SIUE](#) said “it was a trip to both learn new cooking skills, as well as enjoy the people, places and food of this region of the country.”

SYSTEM SURVEY - the results are in...schools were surveyed via the listserv June '08, to share the data system their college is currently using, and below are the findings from those who responded:

Datatel

Lewis and Clark Community College
Kaskaskia Community College
Monmouth College of Lake County
Kishwaukee College
Carl Sandburg College
North Park University
Elgin Community College
Augustana
North Central College
McKendree
Aurora University
Lincoln Land Community College
LakeLand College
Parkland College
Illinois Valley Community College
Moraine Valley Community College

Banner

National Louis University
Chicago State
Eastern Illinois University
Harper College
Oakton Community College
U of I/ Champaign, Springfield, Chicago
Northeastern Illinois University
Southern Illinois University/ Carbondale and Edwardsville
Roosevelt University

PeopleSoft

Northern Illinois University
College of Lake County
Southwestern Illinois College
DePaul University
Illinois Central College

Jenzabar

Shawnee Community College
Southeastern Illinois Community College
Columbia College
Spoon River
Rush University

Other

American Academy of Art – Champlain
McHenry County College – Homegrown
Bradley University – Homegrown
National University Health Sciences – CAMS
Illinois State University – Homegrown

Who Governs IACRAO?

The Executive Board is responsible for enforcing the by-laws of the organization while providing services to the membership. These services, providing educational and professional development, are the primary goals of IACRAO. The membership of IACRAO governs through elected Executive Board members and District Chairs. The organization is also directed by a charter and constitution written and approved by the membership.

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