

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



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Greetings, RMACRAO membership,

I would like to start by introducing myself as the newly appointed RMACRAO President. Our previous president, Katie Pederson, resigned from the board in September as she left higher education to care for her family during these challenging times. The board needed someone to step in and fill the remainder of the president's term until July 2021.

The board voted at the October 2020 meeting to give me the opportunity to take on this role. I have served RMACRAO as Secretary since July 2017 and am excited for this next step.

Professionally, I have worked at Front Range Community College in Registrar, Admissions and Records functions since 2008. I look forward to serving the RMACRAO as president then fulfilling the Past-President role next year.

I would like to welcome the new members of the board to their positions: Henrietta Romero, New Mexico Highlands University (VP At Large), Allie Berger, Colorado State University (VP Admissions), Katie Brown, Aspen University (Historian) and Carrie Reinecke, Western Colorado University (President-Elect)

Plans are underway for the next RMACRAO Annual Meeting, which will be held in Cheyenne, WY from July 14-16, 2021. Mark your calendars! We had planned to be in Cheyenne for the 2020 Annual Meeting, and the majority of our plans can easily shift over for 2021 with little to no impact financially. We hope to be in person but also learned from 2020 that we can pivot to a virtual format if needed. The call for proposals will be sent out soon. Please consider presenting, co-presenting or participating on a panel. It is your willingness to share your knowledge and experience that allows us to plan annual meetings that are of value to the membership. For questions on proposals and program format, please email Carrie Reinecke ([presidentelect@rmacrao.org](mailto:presidentelect@rmacrao.org)). We look forward to hearing your great ideas!

Please feel free to reach out to me or any of the board members if you have questions or suggestions on how we can better serve you.

**Miori Jackson Gidley,**  
**RMACRAO President**

# 2020 RMACRAO ANNUAL MEETING RECAP



Thank you to everyone who joined us as we “Hit the Trail” for our Oregon Trail-themed Virtual 2020 Annual Meeting. We appreciate members flexibility and patience as we worked together to re-envision the Annual Meeting to provide our first ever virtual event. The meeting was spread over several weeks with tracks for Admissions, Records & Registration and Professional Development. This featured sessions on admissions technologies,

online learning, and vendor presentations. Rhonda Kitch, Cornell University attended as our AACRAO representative, offering AACRAO updates and FERPA session.

Thank you to our presenters, who agreed to shift their presentation for our new virtual format. We received positive feedback from session attendees and were pleased to be able to offer the virtual meeting at no-cost to our membership. Session Recordings are online for any sessions you may have missed or want to revisit. We welcomed two new member institutions at the annual business meeting: Colorado Mountain College and Rocky Mountain College of Art and Design. Both institutions submitted applications for membership, which were approved by the membership at the annual meeting.

While this wasn't the traditional annual meeting, we were still able to join together to share best practices and conduct association business. We hope to be together next year in Cheyenne!

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The RMACRAO Professional Development Scholarships are awarded to members who wish to seek professional development outside of the RMACRAO/AACRAO Annual Meetings. The scholarships are up to \$750 per award. Please help us congratulate the 2020 winners!



### Latisha Hairston

Business Analyst & Process Coordinator  
University of Colorado Boulder

### Carrie Reinecke

Transfer Evaluator, VA Certifying Official  
Western Colorado University



## NEW MEMBERS AND RECENT RETIREES

Does your school have new team members that have joined in 2020 or team members who have retired? We would like to celebrate them with you. If so, please email names and job titles to [communication@rmacrao.org](mailto:communication@rmacrao.org).



# FROM THE PAST

Though RMACRAO may have gone virtual this summer, we want to keep the spirit of our RMACRAO community strong! Enjoy these throwback photos from past RMACRAO conferences. Is there anyone you recognize?



**2000 RMACRAO Meeting- Cheyenne**



**1997 RMACRAO Meeting- Pinegree Park**

Do you have any great RMACRAO stories/photos to share? Feel free to send them to [historian@rmacrao.org](mailto:historian@rmacrao.org) and you might see them featured in a future newsletter!



## 2021 ANNUAL MEETING

Hello RMACRAO! All Aboard!

We are so excited to welcome you to Cheyenne, Wyoming for our 2021 Annual Conference. This will be a great time to reconnect with friends and meet new colleagues, learn about updates from other institutions and our industry, and refocus on how we can “lay the right track” for the work we do with our staff and for our students.

In addition to the opportunity to learn from each other through our educational sessions, we will enjoy an opening session from author and motivational speaker Zach Mercurio, a Wednesday evening President’s Reception in our newly renovated library/cultural space on campus, and a fun Thursday evening enjoying Cheyenne’s historic downtown area, close enough to see and hear the trains trekking through town, reminding us about the importance of the tracks we are laying.

More information will be forthcoming as we continue our preparations. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to us at [LAC@rmacrao.org](mailto:LAC@rmacrao.org).

We’ll see you next July!

-Alli McCown and Stacy Maestas, Local Arrangements Chairs