From the President

Greetings, RMACRAO membership! I hope that everyone had a great start to the semester!

I would like to welcome the new members of the board to their positions. Julie Smith from Aims Community College, Jennifer Westman from Wyoming Catholic College and Kendra Stansbury from the Colorado School of Mines.

The board is hard at work planning the next RMACRAO Annual Meeting, which will be held in Cheyenne, WY from July 15-17, 2020. 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.

Mark your calendars for the upcoming AACRAO Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA from April 5-8, 2020. I will be planning a RMACRAO reception in New Orleans on Tuesday evening, stay tuned for details!

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.

Kristin Conway, RMACRAO President

2019 RMACRAO Annual Meeting Recap

I hope that you found value in the sessions that were offered during the 2019 Annual Meeting and enjoyed the opportunity to network with colleagues! We enjoyed having the opportunity to host the 2019 Annual Meeting in Boulder, CO!

Overall we received positive feedback regarding the 2019 Annual Meeting. Thank you to those who took the time to complete and submit evaluations. This information is valuable and helps the board and program planning committees select future session topics that are of interest, as well as invite speakers that provide the most value to RMACRAO membership.

During each Annual Meeting, the board selects a local charity organization to support. This year we selected Attention Homes. Thank you to those that donated items. The donations were greatly appreciated and I would like to share their gratitude:

“Attention Homes provides safety, housing and support to youth facing homelessness. Through a residential program, runaway and homeless youth program and housing programs, we serve over 500 individuals every year between the ages of 12-24. Your donations collected will directly benefit youth who have been kicked out of their homes due to their LGBTQ+ identity, youth who have faced abuse, neglect, and trauma and left home at an early age, youth who were the result of family breakup and filtered into the social services system, and more. The individuals who seek services at Attention Homes all have unique stories and circumstances, but their resiliency and determination to become self-sufficient young adults is one thing they all share in common. When they receive donations from the community it shows that they are accepted into this community and cared for, which is extremely impactful, THANK YOU!”

I look forward to the seeing everyone at the 2020 Annual Meeting in Cheyenne, WY!

Kristin Conway, RMACRAO 2018-19 President Elect and Local Arrangements Chair
**Travel Grants:**

Travel Grants are limited. Apply Now! RMACRAO provides a limited number of Travel Grants for first time AACRAO Annual Meeting attendees ($400 travel grants) each year.

**Application Deadline:**
February 1st of each year for the AACRAO Annual Meeting

**How to Apply:**
1. Complete a [RMACRAO Travel Grant application](#).
2. Return the application to one of the RMACRAO Vice Presidents.
3. You will be notified of the application results by early to mid-February

Recipient of the RMACRAO Annual Meeting Travel Grant...

I wanted to formally thank you for this amazing opportunity and to let you know what I learned from my experience. I am the Tuition Classification Officer for my institution and I supervise the Transfer Team. Being able to attend sessions that were dedicated to both of these topics, and to learn from the experts in these fields, really helped me grasp the concept and has made me that much more knowledgeable. I am very grateful for the people I met and know that if I have any questions in the future I can reach out and I know I will get the help I need. Thank you again for this opportunity. I look forward to attending the 2020 meeting in Cheyenne.

Kristie L. Herrera – 2019 RMACRAO Travel Grant
Senior Enrollment Advisor/Tuition Classification Officer
Aims Community College

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**UPCOMING WEBINARS**

RMACRAO Vice Presidents will be hosting webinars regarding current transfer issues. The webinars are scheduled from 10-11 am on the following dates:

- Wednesday, Nov. 20
- Wednesday, Feb. 19
- Wednesday, May 20

Please note that an email will go out to the RMACRAO listserv the week prior to each webinar to request discussion topics. If no topics are put forward, the webinar may be cancelled.

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**NEW MEMBERS:**

At the 2019 Annual Meeting in Boulder, CO we approved the membership application from Pueblo Community College.

We would also like to introduce the following new folks:

- **Kwana King** – Registrar at the University of Wyoming, formerly Registrar at Connors State College.
- **Tish Hairston** – CU Boulder’s new Business Analyst & Process Coordinator, who previously worked at Boise State University Registrar’s Office.
- **Sean Murphy** – MSU Denver’s new Student System Analyst
FRCC has enrolled the first cohort for the new RN to BSN program. Recent legislation (HB 18-1086) allows community colleges to provide a bachelor of science degree in nursing program as a completion degree to students who have or are pursuing an associate degree in nursing. According to a recent FRCC press release, Colorado is currently experiencing an annual shortage of at least 500 nurses with four-year BSN degrees, and this figure is expected to grow to a cumulative shortage of 4,500 nurses with BSNs by 2024. FRCC’s new program – along with others around the state - will help meet this growing need for skilled health care providers in Colorado, while also providing students with an affordable route to good jobs in their home state. The BSN completion option allows registered nurses who have completed an associate degree—or students enrolled in a nursing program—to finish their Bachelor of Science degree right at FRCC.

UNC recently launched several new initiatives:

- SmartCatalog’s Curriculum workflow technology is new for the Fall 2019/Spring 2020 Curriculum cycle. Michelle Heiny (Assistant Registrar), Megan Crews (Curriculum Liaison Specialist) and Brandi Hopp (Curriculum Support Assistant) worked diligently over Summer 2019 to roll out this automated system.
- With support from UNC’s new Provost, transfer course evaluation processing has moved entirely into the Office of the Registrar’s unit. The initiative will allow for a more timely turnaround in course evaluation for prospective students
- AIMS2UNC launched, https://www.unco.edu/aims2unc/ (checkout this new partnership).

CU Boulder implemented a new grade replacement policy that enables degree-seeking undergraduate and graduate students to retake a course in which they earned a low grade in an attempt to improve their cumulative GPAs. With this new policy, the grade the student earned in their most recent prior attempt remains on the transcript, but is replaced in their cumulative GPA and credit totals with the new grade. To learn more, visit our grade replacement webpages for students and staff.

CU Boulder has also launched its first fully online degree program, in partnership with Coursera: a Master of Science in electrical engineering. The program launched three 75-student online courses on Sept. 23, all of which are at capacity. Its spring offerings will expand to over 20 online courses with no enrollment limits. To support this program and those to follow, the Office of the Registrar created a new campus, career and program in their student information system and continues to develop new data integrations. This project was a joint effort by the Graduate School, Electrical Engineering Department, Bursar’s Office, Office of the Registrar, Provost’s Office for Academic Innovation, Office of Information Technology and University Information Services.

Web Developer Report

Thank you to everyone that presented sessions at the 2019 RMACRAO Annual Conference in Boulder, CO this past July. It was a wonderful conference with a lot of great sessions. We have been collecting presentation materials from the session presenters, and have posted them to the RMACRAO website should you want to view them at any point. They can be accessed by going to http://www.rmacrao.org/annual-meetings/rmacrao-annual-meeting-2019/ and clicking on the “Program and Session Downloads” tab.

As always, we continue to look at ways of enhancing the RMACRAO website for our members. If you have any suggestions on anything you would like to see added to the website that may be beneficial for the membership, please send those to web@rmacrao.org. —Chris Bennett, RMACRAO Web Developer

Current members update your info... CLICK HERE
The Program Committee would like to invite all interested members to submit presentation proposals to Katie Pederson (presidentelect@rmacrao.org) by December 6, 2019.

A variety of presentation formats are possible (individual, joint, panel discussion, open forum, etc.) and topics can come from a wide range of subjects including admissions, recruitment, registration, records, federal guidelines, professional development, and many others.

Our meetings are successful because our members step up and make them that way. YOU are the success behind our organization, and we look forward to hearing your great ideas!