

## OKLAHOMA

Greetings from OACRAO! The Executive Committee met September 9th to finalize planning the annual fall conference which will be October 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> on the University of Central Oklahoma campus in Edmond, Okla. The theme of the conference will be Connect, Collaborate and Communicate. Once again, many informative sessions will be offered, including the newcomer/mentee and mentor program. The Executive Committee took into consideration budget restraints when planning the conference last year on a school campus which helped with cost of the conference. With continuing budget concerns, OACRAO will again have a two-day conference. I think many OACRAONS would agree having the conference on one of our campuses has been a nice change, as well as a great way to visit another campus. The University of Central Oklahoma made everyone feel welcome, the Executive Committee commends them for being such great hosts. The annual workshop for the frontline staff was held June 21, 2011 on the Oral Roberts University campus in Tulsa, Okla. hosted by David Fulmer from Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Special guest speaker was Sheree King, Director of Student Success & Retention from Oral Roberts University. Ms. King spoke about how "First Impressions DO Make a Difference" After lunch, the quest speaker was Michelle Taylor, Director of Student Counseling Services from Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Ms. Taylor spoke about "Working Through Our Differences" She discussed student diversity along with the millennial generation.

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