



**Illinois Association of
Collegiate Registrars
and Admissions Officers**

2021-2022 Executive Board Nominees

Equal Educational Opportunities Officer: Tedra Mewhirter, Northern Illinois University



I have worked in higher education for over a decade and am passionate about equity, inclusion and providing students access to higher education. I received my B.A. in psychology and an M.A. in organizational leadership as an adult first-generation college student. I started off at Sauk Valley Community College's TRIO Program. Most of my professional experience has been working with low-income and first-generation students, providing college and financial literacy. My friends, family, and number one most handsome pup Ollie keep me grounded. I am currently a Transfer Admissions Counselor, First-year experience educator, and a Conversations on Diversity and Equity facilitator at Northern Illinois University. I am humbled to be nominated as the Equal Educational Opportunities Officer and look forward to having another great year with our IACRAO community.

President-Elect: Katy Saalfeld, Northern Illinois University



I have worked in higher education for over 15 years. I have been a member of IACRAO for over 13 years and in that time, have served as the Northwest District Chair and the Professional Activities Officer. I am the Senior Associate Director for Recruitment and Outreach and Transfer Coordinator at Northern Illinois University (NIU), where I have worked since 2006. My credentials include a Bachelor of Arts in Speech Communication. I am honored to have been nominated as President-Elect, as I have great appreciation for IACRAO and its many members.

Professional Activities Officer: Sarah Hartman, Parkland College



I have been a member of IACRAO for over four years and during that time I have presented at conference and I have held the position of East Central District Chair. Throughout my 10 years in higher education, I have worked at Parkland College where I have had the opportunity to work in a variety of Admissions positions including seven years as an Admissions Advisor before moving into a Student Records Advisor position and most recently I have taken on the role of Interim Associate Director of Admissions. My credentials include a Bachelor of Science in Family and Consumer Science from Eastern Illinois University and a Master of Science in Student Affairs in Higher Education from Colorado State University. When I am not working I like to spend time with my dog Pearl, listening to true crime podcasts, cooking, and visiting with family.

Secretary: Abby Schierer, Bradley University



After graduating with a Bachelor of Science in History from Bradley University in 2014, I began working in the Registrar's Office at Bradley as a Records Coordinator. I have now been in the Registrar's Office at Bradley for over seven years and have held three different positions within the office. I am currently serving as Bradley's Assistant Registrar overseeing graduation processing and NCAA Division I Academic Certification among other duties. I also have a Master of Arts degree in Higher Education Administration and a graduate certificate in Academic Advising from Sam Houston State University. When I am not working, I am usually hanging out with my dog, Jack. I have gained a lot of knowledge from my involvement with IACRAO over the years and look forward to getting more involved in the years to come.

Treasurer-Elect: Gretchen A. Taylor, College of DuPage



I have worked in higher education, first as a student worker and then as a full-time employee with DeVry University, Chamberlain University, and most recently, the College of DuPage for over 15 years. I joined IACRAO two years ago and immediately began serving as the Northeast District Chair-Elect and then as the Northeast District Chair. Currently, I am the Coordinator, Records Services in the Office of Student Records at the College of DuPage. I recently graduated from National Louis University with my Master of Public Administration degree in February 2020 and I look forward to pursuing my Ph.D. in Higher Education and Community College Leadership in the Summer of 2022. My hobbies include photography, collecting perfume and shoes, and volunteering at my neighborhood food pantry. Thank you for the opportunity to continue to serve as a member of the IACRAO Board.