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| **President's Message** |
| Dear Colleagues, ﻿﻿As we begin a new year many of us will make new year's resolutions.  Among the most popular will be goals to improve health, diet and fitness.  My goal for 2014?  In a word, ***connect!***  Finding time to connect with friends, family, colleagues and those outside our everyday world can be a challenge for all of us.  Often we run from one meeting to the next, sipping coffee and struggling to make it home for dinner, the board meeting or a youth activity that is on the calendar. Connecting with **NEACRAO** colleagues has been a professional blessing for me!  Our members face similar issues, and knowing that our experiences are not unique affords us the opportunity to share best practices with each other all year long, not just at the annual meeting.  The professional relationships I have forged as a result of being involved in NEACRAO have helped me navigate through declining budgets, national trends, and have been a sounding board for so many of us who continue to face the challenges of doing more with less. If you are striving to take time and connect like I am, consider becoming an active member of NEACRAO.  Whether you take a minute or two to email an idea or thought to a member of the council or executive board, or take it a step further and participate in planning meetings throughout the year, know that we value your input and would like to hear from you in any way you are willing to connect.  Are you following NEACRAO on Facebook or Twitter yet? Start today! It's time to usher in a New Year and with it comes fresh opportunities for growth and improvement.  Please connect with NEACRAO at Rivier University on Friday, January 31 at 10:00 am as we begin to plan for NEACRAO's Annual Meeting next November! As always, NEACRAO is thankful to have your membership and we are very much looking forward to connecting with you in 2014. Best wishes,    Marcia Rosbury-Henne   President |

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| **NEACRAO Scholarship Reminder** |
| Each year, the New England Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admission Officers awards scholarships to three (3) high school graduates who will be enrolling in a NEACRAO member institution for the fall semester of that year.  Each high school graduate who is selected is awarded $2,000.  Each recipient of the scholarship is selected from candidates who are recommended by New England secondary school guidance professionals.  Scholarship applications are due by March 14.  For more information, click [NEACRAO Scholarship Information](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?e=001B_YJxxFYX7bTbYpn0TgGdMtj9T6ozDwwbYSmXDseBmIcO9tQPfRB_afMHQx4RFnmCv6zfdQ-FW7X9PNhbDNAQmydD2S442MwJ5eXtStRJ4SQer5lVpsO9l0fg7j7aAbJimeoPW0Yh3vWj43PEtGU8Q==). |

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| **January 2014 Planning Meeting** |
| Just a quick reminder that our planning meeting will be held on **Friday, January 31 at 10:00am** at Rivier University in Nashua, New Hampshire.  Thanks to Karen Schedin for hosting!  A snow date of **Friday, February 7** has also been reserved - let's hope we don't need it!  We have several new co-chairs that will be introduced at the meeting. Based on feedback from our wrap-up meeting in November, a timeline will be distributed to all participants outlining planning deadlines for the annual meeting.  |

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| **2014 Annual Meeting - Newport, RI** |
| **NEACRAO Annual Meeting and Reverse College Day** **Newport Marriott - Newport, Rhode Island****Newport Marriott****November 5th - Reverse College Day****November 6th - 7th Annual Meeting**Mark your calendars for the 2014 Reverse College Day and 67th Annual Meeting.  The Annual Meeting and RCD are your resource for keeping up with all that is going on in higher education, meeting new friends and colleagues, exploring new technologies with vendors, and gaining insight, ideas, and concepts you can bring back to the office to directly impact your daily operations. The Newport Marriott is situated in the heart of historic Newport, Rhode Island.  With a convenient harbor location, legendary attractions such as the Cliff Walk, Newport Mansions, Castle Hill Lighthouse and the International Tennis Hall of Fame are easily accessible.  This Newport, Rhode Island hotel offers first-class accommodations with a luxury spa, an indoor swimming pool, fitness center and on-site restaurant, Fathoms, which features fresh seafood cuisine. |

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| **2013 Annual Conference - a Success** |
| Congratulations to the Executive Committee, Council,  and membership of NEACRAO for a remarkable Annual Meeting and Reverse College Day.  The 2013 Annual Meeting and RCD had the Newport Marriott buzzing with best practices and networking until the wee hours of the mornings, November 6, 7 and 8th!  Among the highlights Reverse College Day keynote speaker https://origin.ih.constantcontact.com/fs183/1114104743588/img/17.jpg, Eric Johnson, Director of the University of Georgia Visitor Center, teaching all of us how to BE AWESOME!    Annual Meeting Luncheon Keynote and author  of Confessions of a Community College Dean and lecturer Dr. Matthew Reed (see above), aka Dean Dad.        |

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| **Reverse College Day** |
| 2013 Reverse College Day was a resounding success!  The day began with a dynamic presentation by Eric Johnson from the University of Georgia Visitor's Center.  A well-attended Reverse College Fair fostered engaging conversations with guidance staff and admission representatives.  Following lunch and our famous raffle, presentations focusing on subjects ranging from NCAA Athletic Regulations & Timeliness to Financial Aid were offered.https://origin.ih.constantcontact.com/fs183/1114104743588/img/16.jpg  We're looking forward to another exciting Reverse College Day this year  and we're diving into the planning process.  Please feel free to provide suggestions for a keynote speaker or for session offerings to Bryn Nowell, RCD Chair at bnowell@hcc.edu.     |

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| **Summer Workshop** |
| As Vice President of the NEACRAO Professional Development Committee, I'm happy to announce we will be hosting another one-day professional workshop this summer and are currently soliciting session ideas that would be beneficial to you and your team.Last summer's workshop, held at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, included two sessions, "Handling Interruptions That Sabotage Productivity" and "Avoiding Burnout:  Energy Traps and Energizing Solutions" presented by Lynne Richards of Leading Generations in Portland, ME.  Here are a few comments on the day:  "This was great and has changed the way I look at my day and the many interruptions."  M. Ellis, Bridgewater State University.  "Will be able to use the information to improve personal life and career."  K. Walo, Massasoit Community College.  "It was a wonderful experience!  It was very well presented and the notes will most certainly serve a useful purpose."  V. Chen, Holyoke Community College.If you have any suggestions for future workshops, know of any dynamic presenters you feel would be a good fit for our organization or have an interest in joining the Professional Development Committee, I invite you to contact me at wendy.rappa@unh.edu.  On behalf of the NEACRAO Professional Development Committee, we thank you for your interest and look forward to hearing from you!Wendy RappaVice President, Professional Development Committee  |

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| **Member News** |
| Goodwin College welcomes Matthew Banville as Assistant Registrar.  Matt previously served as Applicant Advisor in Goodwin's Advising Center.  He is also actively serving in the United States Army bringing his experience in data management and records maintenance to the Registrar's Office.  Matt is a 2010 graduate of Central Connecticut State University's School of Business.   Holyoke Community College welcomes Eileen Hocking as Assistant Dean of Enrollment Management and College Access Programs.  Prior to HCC, Eileen worked at the University of Saint Joseph in West Hartford, Connecticut as Director of Admissions.  Congratulations, Eileen!Holyoke Community College also welcomes Interim Registrar, Christine Holbrook.  Christine transferred to this position in September after as Perkins Grant Coordinator & PAFEC Facility Coordinator for HCC.   Have a new member of your team?  Baby or marriage news?  Upcoming retiree you'd like to honor?  Please submit any campus announcements to amisky@goodwin.edu and we will be certain to include them in our next newsletter! |

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