



Oakland University Administrative Staff Attend UPCEA Central Region Conference

The University Professional and Continuing Education Association (UPCEA) Central meeting was held in Madison, Wisconsin on October 18-21. The Central Region is comprised of Deans, Administrators, Staff and Faculty that work in outreach or extension units at Universities and Colleges across the central region of the U.S. The central region is bordered by Ohio to the East, North Dakota to the North, Colorado to the West and Oklahoma to the South. Five members from across the schools and colleges at OU attended the event as follows: Lisa Reeves, Executive Director, School of Education; Teresa Roges, Executive Director, School of Nursing; Diane Underwood, Coordinator, Activities & Programs, E-Learning & Instructional Support, Amy Johnson, Administrative Project Coordinator, School of Nursing; Lori Crose, Director of Professional and Continuing Education.

Oakland University was active at this year meeting. Amy Johnson was recognized as the 2015 Celebration of Excellence Professional Continuing Educator and received an award at the Awards Recognition luncheon. Amy also provided a presentation to conference attendees entitled, "Turning a Passion into an International Program". Please click [HERE](#) for more information Amy Johnson's award. In addition, Diane Underwood, was featured in the Emerging Leaders Panel discussion which was held following the awards recognition.

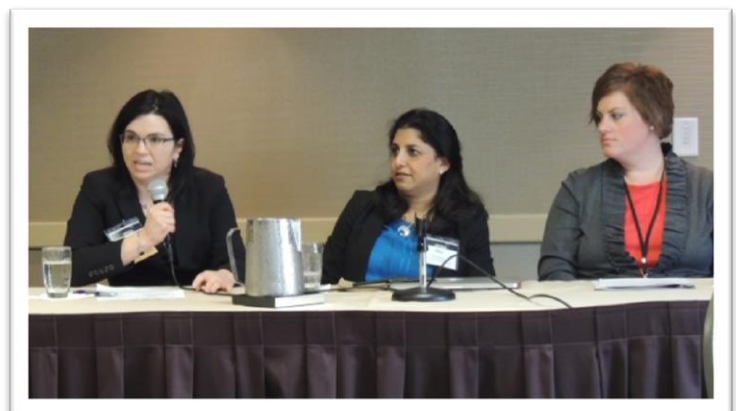
This year the theme for the conference was entitled "The Future is Here" which represents the 100 year anniversary of UPCEA. In 1915, members of UPCEA Central Region met in Madison, WI to connect with other professionals, share their challenges and successes, and discuss what the future held for continuing education. The future they discussed could not have possibly encapsulated the trials and joys that members of our profession have experienced since then.

To celebrate, UPCEA Central Region is once again returning to Madison, WI to continue the tradition that was started 100 years ago. Our membership faces a new set of challenges, which will be faced with the same planning, teamwork, innovation, and commitment to delivering high-quality professional, continuing, and online education that UPCEA members have exemplified for a century.

This year's conference included a series of sessions by futurists that will focus what's next for higher education, with a special emphasis on the centennial celebration. The UPCEA Central Region Conference remains committed to helping our membership address key issues in professional, continuing, and online education.

Areas of discussion included:

- Data-driven decision-making
- State authorization
- Organizational structures
- Competency-based education
- Noncredit and conference services
- Partnerships
- Alternative forms of earning or awarding credit



Amy Johnson, Director of Center for Human Animal Interventions (CHAI) and Director of the Animal Assisted Therapy Program, School of Nursing at Oakland University, received the 2015 Celebration of Excellence Professional Continuing Educator Award for the University Professional and Continuing Education (UPCEA) Central Region. She was honored with this award based on her extended teaching, research, and volunteerism associated with the Animal Assisted Therapy Program and was nominated and selected from the UPCEA member driven organization.

Amy received her award at the 2015 UPCEA Central Region Conference held in Madison, Wisconsin on October 20, 2015 during their awards ceremony luncheon. Lori Crose, Director of Strategic Programs, introduced Amy at the ceremony.

Congratulations to Amy!

