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How Will You Grow?

When plants have the right balance of water, air, sunlight, and nutrients, their cells grow and divide. The whole plant gets bigger. The mission of EOPO is to promote professionalism by helping our members develop your skills, enhance your knowledge, and encourage your growth. So, we want to hear from you. In what ways do you want or need to grow? What can EOPO do to help you achieve your desired balance?

How Will We Help Each Other Grow?

Plants maintain the atmosphere. They produce oxygen and absorb carbon dioxide so we can breathe. They provide food and medicine. You are the plants in the EOPO atmosphere. This organization belongs to you, the members. Will you please dedicate some time in 2021-22 to think about ways you can facilitate the growth of EOPO and fellow members? How can you help us be a well-balanced group? Will you serve on a committee? Will you attend conference? Will you invite a friend to join? Will you send us ideas? Will you vote? Our association is great and a lot of people have worked hard over the years to make it that way. Each of us can contribute to help EOPO remain vibrant and active.

On a personal note, if someone hadn't reached out to me to invite me to be a member, I never would have known EOPO existed. I wouldn't have benefited from the many professional development opportunities and friendships I've made. If I had never attended conference, I would not have met someone from a different part of the state who helped me through the PSP process. I would not have made the career advancements that have happened since joining EOPO. We all have something to offer each other. I challenge each of us in the upcoming, post-COVID times to seek opportunities to grow personally and professionally as well as to grab onto someone else and grow them with you.

I am humbled and pleased to be on this journey with you. It is my hope that you will enjoy experiences similar to my own and that, together, we will enjoy great fellowship while serving each other.



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Professionals of Ohio

National Association of Educational Office Professional (NAEOP) - Katherine Reichley, CEOE



During the isolation of COVID-19, I would guess many people are wondering where they belong and who they can connect with. You are part of an organization that not only has great ways to connect within itself, but EOPO is part of the National Assocation of Education Office Professionals (NAEOP) which gives you access to people in similar positions from across the United States. If you are already a NAEOP member, Educational Office Professionals great! If you are not a member, it is only \$50 to join. You can also share the news

about NAEOP with your colleagues when you are talking about EOPO. Membership information is available on the NAEOP website (https://naeop.org/) under the Membership Forms tab. If you have any questions about joining NAEOP, please let me know (kreichley@otterbein.edu). In the next newsletter, look for pictures and information from the 2021 NAEOP Conference in Pittsburgh, PA, July 12-15. Several Ohio people are planning to attend.

NAEOP Professional Standards Program (PSP) - Katherine Reichley, CEOE

There is exciting news this spring about two new PSP Certificate holders from Ohio:

- Lunetta Clark, CEOE, Bachelor Degree, April 2021
- Karen Sever, Associate Professional, May 2021





Congratulations! These people will be honored at the NAEOP Conference in Pittsburgh this summer.

If you are a NAEOP member, you are eligible to participate in the Professional Standards Program (PSP). Beyond NAEOP membership, you need to have a combination of work experience, education and in-service training, and association responsibility or participation for the level of certificate for which you are applying. Information on the PSP program is available on the NAEOP website: https://naeop.org/programs/professional-standards-program.html. Take time this summer to consider if the PSP program is for you. Forms need signed by the State PSP Chair before they are submitted to the National Office. I look forward to working with you on this project. Please contact me at kreichley@otterbein.edu to get started.

Nominations & Elections - Evelyn Urbin



The committee would like to announce the results of the election. Your 2021-2023 President-Elect is, Lisa Zuk of Westlake and Secretary, Kristine Kozolowski, CEOE of Brecksville. We would also like to introduce Darlene Lewis of Marion, as our newly appointed Scholarship Chair.

We are seeking to elect a Membership Director. Board Meetings are conducted virtually. No traveling is involved when you commit to a position. You will also be eligible for a \$20 credit on your

membership or conference attendance during each year you serve.

Thank you Katherine Reichley, CEOE, for serving as our President for the past two terms.

Ways & Means - Kelly Rocco, CEOE

Shop Online for EOPO Spirit Wear...

Visit EOPO website to purchase EOPO logoed products such as masks, gators, sweaters, blouses, and polos. We encourage you to order something today! Show your EOPO spirit at your office and future EOPO Conferences. https://www.customdepotusa.com/EOPO c 140.html



If you have any questions regarding Spirit Wear, please contact Kelly Rocco, CEOE, at krocco@osconline.org.

Scholarships - Darlene Lewis

Report from Past Scholarship Chair, Katherine Reichley, CEOE...

Each year EOPO awards two scholarships. One is for a student who is graduating from high school and heading to college in an office-related field. The other is for one of our own members. It was my honor, Katherine Reichley, CEOE, to serve at the Chair of the Scholarship Committee during spring 2021. I want to thank my committee members who help with this very difficult decision. They read applications from very qualified people. Committee members were Lunetta Clark, Cleveland Hights-University Heights City School District; Donita Smith, Great Oaks Career Campuses; and Kyjuan Glass, the 2020 Scholarship Recipient.

\$1,000 Lila M. Van Sweringen Student Scholarship

The recipient of the Lila M. Van Sweringen Student Scholarship for 2021 is Kelly M. Sapp from Fredericktown, Ohio. She has attended Fredericktown High School, Knox County Career Center, and Central Ohio Technical College. Her athletic adventures included Track & Field, Cross County, and Volleyball. Her other activities included Marching Band, Youth Philanthropy Initiative, Student Council, Business Professionals of America, and Youth Group. Her academic record, participation in significant school and extracurricular activities, and glowing references caught the eye of the committee. Kelly will



attend Mount Vernon Nazarene University majoring in Business with a minor in Emergency Management and Homeland Security. In addition to her scholarship, Kelly receives a one-year membership to EOPO. Congratulations, Kelly, and we look forward to hearing great things about your first year at college. Miss Sap had this to say, "Katherine, First and foremost, I would like to thank you for allowing me to be a part of EOPO and awarding me the scholarship. I am so excited to see where the next season of life takes me and this scholarship will significantly help me pay for college. I have decided to attend the Mount Vernon Nazarene University this upcoming fall. Thank you again, Kelly Sapp."

The scholarship is named for Mrs. Van Sweringen who was a co-founder of EOPO.



\$500 Martha L. Leach Member Scholarship

The recipient of the Martha L. Leach Member Scholarship for 2021 is Dana J. Hoffman, CEOE, from North Ridgeville, Ohio. Dana is the Administrative Assistant to Dr. Scott Goggin, Superintendent of Westlake City School District. She has also taken on some of the communication duties for the district following the resignation of their Communications Coordinator. Dana has been a member of EOPO for four years and is pursuing her bachelor's degree in Public Relations from Franklin University. Dana has helped plan EOPO conferences, provided book discussions, and regularly sends emails about new opportunities. She is also an active member of NAEOP. Congratulations, Dana, and we

look forward to celebrating your graduation.

The scholarship is named for Mrs. Martha L. Leach who was a co-founder of EOPO.

Webmaster - Lori Dietz

The Board of Directors is asking members to login to the "Members Section" of the website, http://eopo-oh.org to verify your contact information so the member directory is correct. You can also visit the website daily to view Updated Items, Stories, Professional Developments and now Jobs and Ads. If you forgot your password please follow the instructions below. If you have questions or want to be featured on our website, please contact Lori Dietz at webmaster@eopo-oh.org.



Membership - Need a Director



Electronic membership cards will continue to be emailed to anyone who has joined or renewed their EOPO Membership. If you did not receive your EOPO card electronically, please contact Dana Hoffman, CEOE at 440.835.6303 or hoffmand@wlake.org.

Don't forget to renew your membership and enjoy the discounted rate for our 2021 Fall Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Please Welcome our Newest Members...



<u>Sadie Blauvelt</u> - Hello colleagues, I am extremely excited on being a member with EOPO. My name is Sadie Blauvelt from New York. I currently work for Mexico Central School District in the Assistant Principals office at the high school level. I am completing my eleven years here at Mexico Central School District. Prior to coming to Mexico, I worked for 18 years at Oswego County BOCES in the Special Education office.



Throughout my years as an Educational Office Professional, I have held several officer positions. I am President of our local association (OCAEOP) and President of our New York State Association of Education Office Professionals (NYSAEOP), along with being a member of NAEOP. I was President for seven years here at Mexico Central School District for our Educational Office Professionals.

In my spare time, I enjoy being outdoors taking in our beautiful area. Whether it be hiking, walking, kayaking, cross country skiing and enjoying a beautiful sunset at the lake or on the St. Lawrence River. One of my hobbies that I absolutely love is photography. I take many photos and discover lots of beautiful waterfalls, parks and wildlife.

Besides working fulltime and liking what I do, I am also a proud grandma to a beautiful granddaughter that will be 4 in July and a handsome grandson that will be 1 in September. My best therapy and the love of my life. A totally different world and I love every second I am with them along with my family.

I am truly blessed to belong and know so many wonderful Educational Office Professionals throughout the United States, along with Canada, Alaska and Hawaii. Beautiful opportunity for professional development, networking, leadership and recognition.

<u>Ona Strang</u> - Ona too is from New York and joined as an Associate Member after the podcast and discussion professional development series. Ona works at Willow Ridge Elementary School. Welcome Ona!

<u>Loren Cross</u> - Loren was a member from the past, she just renewed her membership with EOPO. Loren works at ESC of Northeast Ohio. Welcome Back Loren!

Amber Kuftic - Amber is from the Cincinnati Area. Welcome Amber!

<u>Jenny Russell</u> - Jenny is from the Columbus Area, she works as a School Secretary for Herbert Mills STEAM Elementary. Welcome Jenny!

Bonnie Armitage - Bonnie is from the Grand Rapids Area. Welcome Bonnie!



<u>Kelly Sapp</u> - Kelly is from the Fredericktown Area, she is the recipient of the Lila M. Van Sweringen Student Scholarship for 2021. See her bio under Scholarship Committee Report.



Membership Application

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Professional Development Opportunities

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS PROGRAM

The Professional Standards Program (PSP), provided through **NAEOP**, offers certification at various levels based on coursework, career experience, memberships, and contributions to professional associations and the community.

EOPO Conferences

- ♦ October 8, 2021 Cincinnati, OH
- ♦ October 7, 2022 Columbus, OH
- ♦ October 6, 2023 Cleveland, OH

NAEOP Conference - July 2021 - Pittsburgh, PA

◆ Start planning now for the 2021 NAEOP Conference July 12-16, 2021, at the Omni William Penn Hotel. Some of our EOPO Ohioan members were very involved in the planning of this conference which is no more than a 4-5 hour drive. Details about keynote and summit speakers are available online.



American Society of Administrative Professionals:

- ◆ They continue to post weekly freebees and great articles. Here are links to some on <u>Setting and Maintaining</u> Boundaries and Approaches to Networking. Check them out.
- <u>FREE</u> resource regarding empathy in the workplace. High empathy leads to success in the workplace, stronger relationships, and better quality of life. It's one of our fall conference speakers. Check her out, click on the link. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PqHwUBTFv3Q

Members Giving Back to Their Communities

Michelle Newton, CEOE from Williamsburg, VA, cleaned and painted fences in her community. She's been working on this project since last fall. To the right are before and after pictures, nice job Michelle.

Katherine Reichley, CEOE from Westerville, OH, made and donated burp cloths, dresses and face mask for charities in her community. See pictures below, this was very thoughtful of you Katherine.





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If you know of anyone who has contributed to their community and want to share, please forward information and pictures to Lisa Zuk (zuk@wlake.org)

"Personal Growth is Not a Matter of Learning New Information but Unlearning Old Limits" -Alan Cohen - EOPO 2021 Fall Conference



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Thursday, October 7, 2021

The Summit Hotel Kitchen & Bar Restaurant. Cost of drinks and dinner paid at time of ordering. See available menu available at https://www.thesummithotel.com/dining

<u>Conference - Friday, October 8, 2021</u>

The Summit Hotel
5345 Medpace Way - Cincinnati, OH 45227
PH: 513.527.9900

Hotel Reservation

866.898.3567 (OR)

www.thesummithotel.com

Complete conference registration packet will follow the submittal of the newsletter in a separate email.



The Board of Directors is trying to secure a photographer to offer "Head Shots" of members and guests in attendance at the Fall Conference. Cost: TBD

Two New Benefits for Registering...

- 1) "Bring a Friend," if you and your friend register and pay for the conference at the same time before early bird date of 9/10/2021, you both will receive a reusable EOPO bag.
- 2) Each person who registers and pays on or before 10/1/2021 will receive a \$10 off voucher toward purchase of EOPO Spirit Wear.

Our Personal Growth Presenter—Tandy Pryor "Personal Empowerment with Feng Shui"





Our Personal Growth Presenter: Nancy Schnoebelen Ibms

"Gaining that Competitive Edge: Essential Soft Skills for Success"

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TOP 7 ITEMS Teachers Need Most

- Crayons
- Dry Erase Markers
- Filler Paper
- Glue Sticks
- Notebooks
- Pencils
- Pocket Folders

Shared Article

Today is the most important day of your life.

Nature creates and it destroys. It's full of the massive and the microscopic, of perfect fits and random errors, of life and death. Nature is far from perfect yet we marvel at its ability and are in awe of its beauty.



Are our lives much different? Do we not share that in common with nature? But our tendency is to focus on our imperfections, our mistakes, and doubt our ability and hide what we see as ugly.

You have the power to create and to destroy. And you've done both. Your life is full of the massive and the microscopic, of perfect fits and random errors, of life and death.

<u>You are far from perfect and, like nature, you don't need to be.</u> It's through your collective imperfect effort of cause and effect, trial and error, setbacks and achievements that you create a worthy and beautiful life.

Trying your best will give you incredible experiences and painful ones too. Competition will leave you a winner and also a loser. Love will bring you joy and no small amount of sorrow. Success will deliver lifelong friends and envious enemies.

Recognize the nature of life and accept it. Embrace the mess. There is no painless path. Imperfection is the only way through. Don't try to avoid it. Use it.

Everything is training for something. Do the work.

Click **HERE** for more PODCAST with Brian Kight.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



JULY

- Penny Friend 5
- Patricia Cieslak 12

August

- Vicki Weaver 4
- Ona Strang 22
- Catherine Kerns, CEOE 15

SEPTEMBER

- Shirley Keske-Thoburn 1
- Becki Kleismit 12
- Anna Baker 13
- Roxane Stenger 18
- Shelva Givins 19
- Loren Cross 27
- Hannia Abed 29
- Heather Burdette 30

Important 2021 Dates to Remember...

- July 4 Independence Day
- July 12 thru 16 NAEOP Conference in Pittsburgh, PA
- September 6 Labor Day
- September 10 Bring a Friend to Fall Conference Deadline (Both sign up for conference and receive an Early Bird Special Gift for the Friend and Yourself)
- September 10 \$10 Off for "Early Bird Registration"
- September 10 \$10 off 1st Time Conference Attendee (Early Bird Deadline)
- September 12 Grandparents Day
- September 13 Board of Directors Meeting, Conference Call (4pm 5pm)
- September 15 Newsletter Articles due to Lisa Zuk
- September 22 1st Day of Autumn
- October 1 Early Registration for Fall Conference Deadline (\$10 voucher toward purchase of EOPO Spirit Wear)
- October 1 Conference Registration and Payment Deadline
- October 7 Board if Directors Meeting, In-Person, Cincinnati @ 4:30pm
- October 7 Meet & Greet, The Summit Hotel in Cincinnati @ 6:30pm
- October 8 Fall Conference Day, The Summit Hotel in Cincinnati (7:15am 3:30pm)
- October 11 Columbus Day
- October 31 Happy Halloween
- November 2 General Elections (Go Vote!)
- November 7 Day Light Savings Ends
- November 25 Thanksgiving Day (Be Thankful for your Family and Health)
- December 7 Remembrance Day of Pearl Harbor
- December 13 Board of Directors Meeting, Conference Call (4pm—5pm)
- December 15 Newsletter Articles due to Lisa Zuk
- December 21 1st Day of Winter
- December 24 Christmas Eve
- December 25 Christmas Day
- December 31 New Year's Eve





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About Educational Office Professionals of Ohio (EOPO)

WHAT IS EOPO?

The Educational Office Professionals of Ohio (EOPO) is a professional organization for all educational office personnel in Ohio. It is not a bargaining unit and does not enter into negotiations with any educational system.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF EOPO?

The purpose of the Educational Office Professionals of Ohio is to promote professional growth to all persons employed as office personnel in an educational organization in the State of Ohio.

WHO MAY BELONG?

Any person employed in an educational office in the State of Ohio or anyone retired from an educational office position is invited to join EOPO.

HOW DID EOPO COME ABOUT?

A nucleus of interested educational office personnel from all over Ohio, spearheaded by Martha Leach and Lila Van Sweringen, met in Cuyahoga Falls on May 13, 1978. A name and purpose for the organization were chosen, and EOPO became a reality.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP:

- Marketing & Social Media The Buckeye Bulletin, a quarterly publication to members
- Martha L. Leach Member Scholarship a \$500 scholarship awarded annually to a qualifying member pursuing higher education
- Peer Recognition Jacquelyn S. Myers Office Professional of the Year Award presented to a member nominated by his/her peers based on personal and professional accomplishments
- Administrator Recognition Educational Administrator of the Year Award presented to a currently employed educational administrator nominated on the basis of his/her personal and professional achievements and contributions in education.

POPS - Past Ohio Presidents

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EOPO BOARD MEETINGS

All board meetings are open to the membership. Check the website for specific dates and places.

Past Ohio Presidents

2019-21 Katherine Reichley, CEOE, Otterbein University

2017-19 Mary Beth Smith, Great Oaks Career

2016-17 Cathy Kerns, CEOE, Logan-Hocking Schools

2014-16 Katherine Reichley CEOE, Otterbein Univ.

2012-14 Bonnie Armitage, Otsego Local

2011-12 Cindy Goga CEOE, ESC of Cuyahoga County

2009-11 Donita Smith CEOE, Great Oaks Career

2008-09 Bonnie Armitage, Otsego Local

2007-08 Donita Smith, Great Oaks Career

2006-07 Cindy Goga, ESC of Cuyahoga County

2004-06 Leanne Long, ESC of Cuyahoga County

2003-04 Audrey Bonar, Rolling Hills Local

2002-03 Judi Ross, Great Oaks Career

2001-02 Betty Gillespie, Lancaster City

2000-01 Betty Zillick, Hamilton County ESC

1999-00 Esther Nesselroad CEOE, Fort Frye Local

1998-99 Dorothy Campbell CEOE, Centerville City

1997-98 Cathy Kerns CEOE, Lancaster City

1996-97 Helen Uhlenhake, St. Henry Consolid. Local

1995-96 Cathy (Buchanan) Hubbard, Great Oaks

1994-95 Diane Bennett, Reynoldsburg City

1993-94 Sue Logsdon, Buckeye Central Local

1992-93 Shelva Givins CEOE, Perry Local

1991-92 Esther Nesselroad, Fort Frye Local

1990-91 Barbara Ondrik, Wadsworth City*

1989-90 Jacquelyn Myers, Ohio Dept. of Education*

1988-89 Rachel Myers CEOE, Perkins Local*

1987-88 Shirley Keske-Thoburn, Reynoldsburg City

1986-87 Ruth Regula, Rocky River City

1985-86 Rosemary Wallace, Cleveland City*

1984-85 Wilma Kemper, Kettering City*

1983-84 Alice Lahman, Wood County ESC*

1981-83 Judi Ross, Great Oaks Career

1980-81 Lila Van Sweringen, Cuyahoga Falls City*

1978-80 Martha Leach, Kettering City

National President 1989-90*

MISSION

Educational Office Professionals of Ohio is dedicated to promoting professionalism through developing skills, enhancing knowledge, and encouraging growth.



ALLIANCES:

Buckeye Association of School Administrators Ohio Assoc. of Elementary School Administrators Ohio Assoc. of Secondary School Administrators Coalition of Rural & Appalachian Schools



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EDUCATIONAL OFFICE PROFESSIONALS (NAEOP)

The mission of the Association is to provide professional Educational Office Professionals growth through leadership, education, achievement,

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