

July 2021



Letter from the President

Hello CDPI Community,

In my final communication as President of CDPI, I am using my platform to ask to hear from all of you. We have focused quite a bit this year on how to hear from our members and help you share your ideas with the community. This included hosting focus groups and conducting surveys, which resulted in creating a spot in our newsletter to include articles from members and a discussion board on our site to share ideas. We also continue to encourage presenting at our annual conference and posting to our social media channels.

Diversity of experience, ideas, and knowledge allow all of us to learn and grow. It is so important that all of our voices have a chance to be heard. Please use these channels to share your tools, tips, and innovations with us. We would love to celebrate your accomplishments and give you the platform to reach a wider audience.

While I will remain on the CDPI board as Past-President, I will officially transition out of my current role soon. I have greatly enjoyed my time as President of CDPI. It is an experience I never anticipated but has awarded me so much joy over this past year. It has been a struggle for all of us, but we have all overcome and shown our creativity and resilience in the face of crisis. This community has definitely been an important part of my journey to overcoming the unanticipated challenges of this year.

I am honored to pass on the presidency to Karley Clayton on July 1. She has demonstrated her abilities in our 2021 CDPI Annual Conference, creating an engaging and inspiring virtual conference. I never anticipated thinking about my breath beyond trying to catch it after hiking up a long set of stairs or completing the final mile of the Indy Mini, but her thoughtful planning has given me a whole new

perspective. I am confident she will continue to use her ingenuity in her new role and, in collaboration with our talented board, deliver exciting opportunities in the 2021-2022 academic year.

As always, thank you for being part of our community and for offering me an opportunity to serve CDPI!

Best regards,

Kristine Schuster
president@cdpi.org



Let us know if there are special topics you would like CDPI to bring to the next conference in 2022! Even better, if you would like to join the planning committee, email incoming president-elect [Keely Floyd](#) to let her know you are interested.

Award Recipients

CDPI is honored to have presented the following awards to individuals committed to the growth of career services.

Congratulations for your contributions to the state-wide career services professional community!



*Mentor of the Year
Award*



Kyndra Haggard

*Career Services
Innovation Award*



**O'Neill School
at IUPUI**



Big Thanks to Andrea White!

CDPI would like to recognize the work that Andrea has done in the last 6+ years with the organization. Here are a few of her current and previous assignments:

- Communicated with our membership.
- Facilitated our New Member Orientation sessions.
- Connected new professionals with seasoned professionals through a previous mentoring program.
- Participated in the conference planning committee.
- Helped the organization pursue the reinstatement of exempt tax status with the IRS.
- Managed the organization's budget.
- Mentored President-Elect on role expectations and responsibilities.



To distinguish the passion, leadership, creativity, knowledge, and commitment that drove her work with CDPI, the Board of Directors decided to create a new award in her honor.

The **Andrea White Award** will seek to recognize individuals in the state of Indiana that make outstanding contributions to our field.

Join us in celebrating her!



Meet the New Members of the Board



Sam Martin

CDPI Secretary

Sam serves as the Assistant Director for Career Curriculum at Ball State University Career Center. She began her role at the career center in 2016 working as a career coach for students communication, media, fine arts, and design as well as a faculty resource for career curriculum development and integration.

She earned both her undergraduate and master's degrees in Communication and her doctorate in Adult, Community, and Higher Education, all from Ball State University. Sam loves finding creative ways to create interactive presentations and experiences for both faculty and students. When not working, you will often find her going on adventures with her daughter Maddie and dogs Jack (yorkipoo) and Ollie (border collie mix). This is her first term as Secretary.

Bryson currently serves as a Career Coach within the Career Coaching and Employer Connections program at Ivy Tech Community College in Hamilton County. Prior to Ivy Tech, he served for two years as the Career Advisor at Indiana Wesleyan University. Bryson earned a Bachelor's Degree in Telecommunications from Ball State University and a Master's Degree in Higher Education Leadership at Oakland University.

In his free time, you will most likely find Bryson planning new adventures with his wife, playing with his two cats, or discussing topics like Star Wars, Marvel, or movies in general with his friends.



Bryson Maesch

CDPI Treasurer

Midwest ACE 2021 Annual Conference

*CDPI members pay member rate

The 2021 Annual Conference will be held virtually July 20 - 21, 2021 with pre-conference meetings & Advanced Learning Workshops (at no extra charge!) on July 19.

This year's virtual conference will have two exceptional keynotes focusing on DEI topics that are timely and critical to the work we do. Aside from the keynotes, there will be opportunities to connect with colleagues through the Hire Big 10+ community meeting, director's roundtable, new member orientation, Midwest ACE committee exploration session, NACE update, wellness activity, and numerous breakout sessions. Please note ALL conference sessions including the advanced learning workshops and employer site visits are included within your conference registration.

Click to view the full [conference schedule](#)

Early Bird Registration Rates (before July 12, 2021)

MWACE Members: \$99.00 [state association members please use code **stateACE20-21EARLY**]

Non-Members: \$139.00

Graduate Student Rate: \$25.00

Regular Registration Rate (after July 12, 2021)

MWACE Members: \$139.00 [state association members please use code **stateACE20-21**]

Non-Members: \$175.00

Graduate Student Rate: \$25.00

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