

Greetings!

Welcome to another exciting year of SoACE! I am honored to serve as your President for the 2016-2017 year. Whether you are a returning member or considering membership for the first time, I hope that you find being a part of SoACE as valuable as I have! SoACE has provided me with opportunities to connect with colleagues across the southeast. I have been involved with SoACE for a number of years and whether I'm learning from a colleague, sharing information with a new professional or just comparing those funny stories we all have, SoACE is a great group of people to have as a resource.

If you are looking to network with professional individuals, SoACE has it. If you are looking for [professional development](#), SoACE has it. If you are looking to develop relationships with other individuals in the field of student employment, SoACE has it. And if you are interested in being a part of this organization as a volunteer, SoACE welcomes you! This organization is made up of a number of fantastic individuals who volunteer their time to make SoACE the strong organization it is today, and we want to become even stronger in the future.

One of my goals is to continue to grow our membership, especially focusing on adding employer members as well as members who work at HBCUs/HSIs. I need your help in telling others about the benefits of joining SoACE.



Each year our amazing Conference Committee outdoes itself in planning an opportunity for us to gather, share and learn from each other. The 2016 Conference will be in Ft. Lauderdale in December. If you have not registered yet, please take a look at the [Annual Conference](#) tab on the site and start making your plans now – you do not want to miss it! There are a number of opportunities for members to volunteer.

Once you join, there are a number of ways to stay in the know: our [Facebook](#) page, our [LinkedIn](#) site, and our [Twitter](#) account. We also encourage you to join one or more of our [Knowledge Groups](#), which are designed to provide an easy way to connect with others in areas that are of interest to you. Of course, once you personally find the benefits of being a SoACE member, be sure to let others know about us and encourage them to join as well!

Thanks again for renewing or considering SoACE [membership](#). If I can be of assistance to you or answer any questions please feel free to contact me at mmahoney@utk.edu. I hope to see many of you in Ft. Lauderdale, and I look forward to working with all of you to make this a great year for SoACE!

Thank you!

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