

AEROGRAM

June 2019

Dear AERO Members,

First I want to apologize for not getting an AEROGRAM out earlier this year. I want to come to you now to talk about the intrinsic value of this organization. AERO is here for you. It is here to support issues that you care about. It is here to provide you with information and resources for your everyday work. Find me at the upcoming AERO Division Day and email (info@aerbvohio.org), call, or snail mail me any ideas or thoughts! Please visit our website at www.aerbvohio.org to see what we have been doing and reach out to me and all of our board members. Together we can make tomorrow a success!

Vicki Lorenz, AERO President

AERO Division Day:

10/25/19

Together Towards Tomorrow

Columbus, Ohio

Join us and TOGETHER we can tackle tomorrow's opportunities and challenges!

<https://www.regonline.com/registration/Checkin.aspx?EventID=2565567>

AERO Division Leaders

Education

Shelley McCoy

Information and Technology

Karen Koehler & Robin Finley

Low Vision

Angie Petro

Multiple Disabilities/ Infant & Preschool

Bernadette Van Den Tilaart & Jenni Remeis

Orientation and Mobility

Katie Toennis & Staci Wills

Vision Rehab Therapy

Stephanie Welch-Grenier

Did you know that AER has 16 divisions that focus on specific topics related to our field?

AERO has leaders for 7 of these division. If you are interested in participating at a division level please reach out to your leaders!

Annual Awards:

There are two annual awards that AERO will grant this year. Please consider nominating a deserving individual or group. Applications can be sent to Ying-Ting Chiu at chiuyingting@gmail.com.

The AERO Student of the Year Award

- This award was created to recognize an outstanding high school or college student who is blind or visually impaired from the state of Ohio. Candidates must demonstrate a commitment to achieve educational, personal and social goals. Nominated by their teachers, rehabilitation specialists, families or community, these students should be well-rounded examples of individuals who have overcome personal obstacles to achieve success.



**Nominate
someone
today!**

The AERO Special Recognition

Award—This award was established to acknowledge either an individual or a group who has shown exemplary service to the field of blindness and visual impairment. It encompasses a variety of possible nominees that include, but are not limited to, volunteers, employers and groups that focus on the needs of individuals who are blind or visually impaired. Some examples of possible nominees may include teacher aides, volunteers, local interest groups, employers and local community groups. Consider people and groups who have assisted with fund raising, transcribing, transportation, reading or administrative support. Consider employers who have hired significant numbers of individuals with visual impairments, made major adaptations to a work site, been deeply involved in rehabilitation efforts or, in some way, have risen above the norm. This is a unique recognition award that can honor anyone throughout the state of Ohio who has had a positive influence on our field.