

Dear EM Colleagues,

I am excited to announce that Christine Harper has accepted our offer to become the next Associate Provost for Enrollment Management at the University of Kentucky. Christine will formally assume the new role on Monday, June 18.

Christine has nearly 20 years of higher education experience in different areas of student affairs and enrollment management, including direct experience with all areas of EM—registrar, financial aid, and admissions. She also has experience in athletics financial aid.

From 2001 to 2010, she progressed through a series of leadership roles of increasing responsibility in the Office of Undergraduate Admissions and First-year Experience at The Ohio State University, where she ultimately served as the Senior Assistant Director of the office. She served during a period of unprecedented enrollment growth and increases in quality, retention, and diversity for Ohio State.

From 2011 to 2017, she served as Assistant Dean of Academic and Student Affairs in UK's College of Dentistry. Her team's portfolio included admissions, financial aid, registrar, and student success. She also served as the college's diversity and inclusion officer. She holds an adjunct faculty position in the College of Dentistry.

Since fall 2017, Christine has served UK on special assignment to the Office of the Provost, assisting the Associate Provost of Academic Excellence Operations with various initiatives on enrollment management and retention. Christine is passionate about removing barriers to student success and opening the doors of access and equity. She also strongly believes in providing her team with opportunities to develop and grow professionally.

During the period of interim leadership, Nimmi Wiggins, Scott McDonald, Kim Taylor, and all of you have risen to the occasion. I greatly appreciate their leadership as well as your work in supporting student success at UK.

I also thank the members of the search committee – chaired by Associate Provost Greg Heileman – for their leadership in the search process.

Please join me in congratulating Christine and welcoming her to this new role.

Regards,

David W. Blackwell
Provost

