Executive Director’s Message

Welcome to the 91st annual OAHPERD Convention. It is my privilege and pleasure to be joining you for professional development, networking, advocacy, and all of the opportunities that this event affords us. This year’s convention theme is “Continue the Legacy”. I hope that you will join us and help us to leave the profession and association in great condition for those that will follow.

President Debbie Traywick and our OAHPERD Board have a full schedule planned for you! I urge you to seize this opportunity to dive deep into what this convention has to offer. Be prepared to start the Convention on Monday morning and finish on Tuesday afternoon. Take time to engage in conversations with colleagues and then go back to your respective schools or work-sites and apply the knowledge and experiences of the sessions.

As we begin another academic year our state association is moving forward with change all around us. The 39-year partnership between the American Heart Association’s Jump and Hoops for Heart, SHAPE America, and the 51 state affiliate organizations ended on July 1, 2018. The programs gave Oklahoma children an opportunity to contribute to the heart-health research as well as learning more about their own health. Currently, we are investigating other non-profit partnerships that will include health and physical education opportunities for schools and OAHPERD. Stay tuned for more information.

I look forward to meeting many of you and sharing two days of action-packed sessions. See you October 15-16 at the University of Central Oklahoma.

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OAHPERD Executive Director