



RISE TOGETHER - MAY 2, 2023

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

ANOTHER STEP TOWARD ACCREDITATION

Last week, the CAPRA review team completed a site visit to finish out their review. This team has worked closely with the department to review all of the information submitted to NRPA to apply for accreditation. After they review our application and see our work in action, their final step is to write a report and recommend whether or not they believe the department is ready to become accredited.

On Friday, we learned they will be recommending accreditation! While we won't know the final outcome until the fall, this is a great step toward accreditation!

Thanks to all of the staff who spent some time with them - the review team shared how impressed they were with our department!

5/8/2023

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April 21

All day

OLEKSII KOVAL EXHIBITION

All day

YOUTH SOCCER 23/24 LEAGUE REGISTRATION

All day

NATIONAL SENIOR GAMES

May 8 @ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

2028 NRPA CONFERENCE – COLUMBUS BOUND?

NATIONAL TENNIS MONTH – ADULT BEGINNER CLINIC

Columbus is a finalist to host the NRPA conference in 2028! The City submitted a bid earlier this year, and we recently found out we are one of three cities in the running. Hosting the 2028 NRPA conference would be a great way to showcase the department and all of the great work we do!

HR UPDATE

COAAA HOSTS HIRING FAIRS

COAAA's second annual hiring fair is on May 17 from 1-3 p.m. at COAAA's offices, 3776 S. High St., 43207. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn about the agency's programs and mission to help members of the community and complete on-the-spot interviews.

Please help spread the word to interested applicants based on their level of experience:

1. Experienced professionals (LSW, LISW, LISW-S and RN) should [RSVP here](#). [Share this flyer with anyone you know who would be a great fit!](#)
2. Recent graduates in social work and registered nurse programs should [RSVP here](#). [Share this flyer with anyone you know who would be a great fit!](#)

Contact Patrice Johnston-Watkins at HR@coaaa.org or 614-645-7166 for more details.

[Learn more about COAAA.](#)

SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS!

What are your summer vacation plans?

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What are your plans for summer vacation?

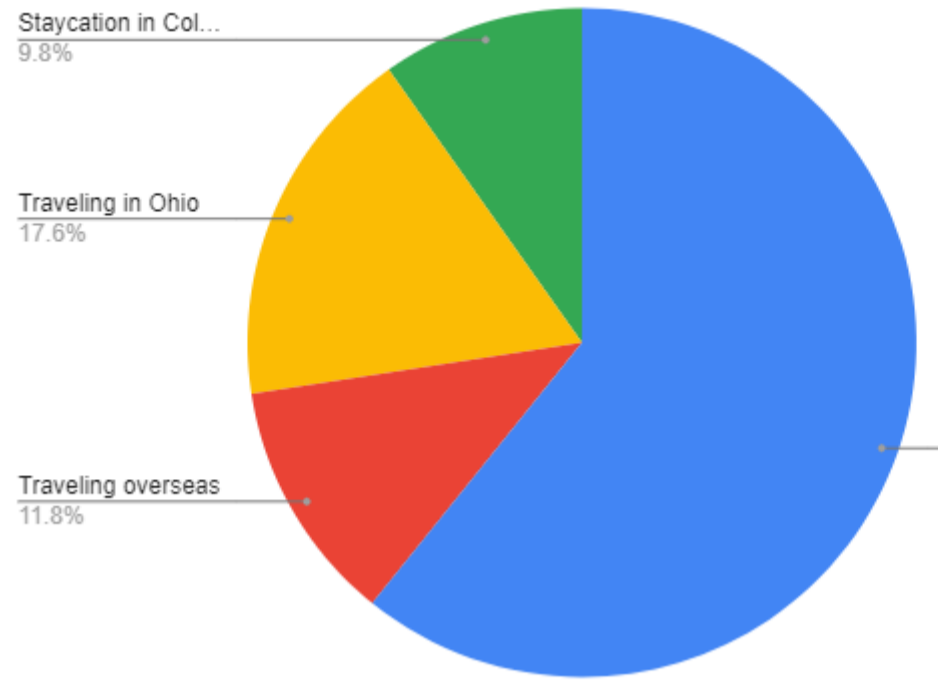
- Staycation in Columbus
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LEADERSHIP UPDATE

Rise Together Leadership Update - May



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

JOHN DAVIS

He/Him/His



Section

Community Centers – Recreation Leader

Length of Employment

1 year

Favorite aspect of Columbus Recreation and Parks?

Seeing kids being active in various programs. Also building a bond with the kids, and most of all, giving back to the community.

Favorite project that you have worked on?

The teen weight class I instruct, seeing the kids really work hard at getting stronger and having more self confidence in themselves.

Favorite ice cream flavor?

Rainbow Sherbet

What is your favorite book or movie?

Life (Eddie Murphy & Martin Lawrence)

What is one piece of advice you have?

Have fun with what you do, not too many places offer you the opportunity to do what we do in the capacity we do it in.

Nominate A Coworker for the Staff Spotlight

[Fill out this form to nominate a coworker.](#) They will be notified that they were nominated in order to answer spotlight questions.

CELEBRATIONS

NEW HIRES

Admin

- Shannon Prince, MAII

Business Services

- Whitney Washington, HR Analyst

COAAA

- Michael Campbell, Care Coordination Assistant
- Nicole Floyd, Care Coordination Assistant

Community Centers

- None

- Jennifer Matunas,
Aging Programs
Care Coordinator

Community Relations

- Nicole Duemmel,
Intern
- Emiliana Morales,
Community
Relations
Coordinator
- Genevieve Re, Intern

Parks and Facility Operations

- Anthony Courtney,
Building
Maintenance
Worker
- Casey Karnes,
Forestry Tech I
- Zach McNeal,
Building
Maintenance
Worker
- Mark Williams, Golf
Assistant Pro

Recreation Services

- None

Youth Development

- None

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