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Since leaving OU I was placed on the Great Lakes Association of College and University Housing Officers (GLACUHO) Campus Safety and Crisis Management committee in addition to serving as a representative at the Hemophilia Federation of America (HFA) Young Adult Summit in Washington DC.

*How the MPA Program has benefitted her-* Having an MPA degree is not the traditional degree for those working in higher education, but I can tell you that it has benefited me tremendously. Because of the skills, opportunities, and education I received from the OU MPA program I have been able to provide a unique perspective in my field on how we can help and serve the university students we work with every day. My advice to MPA students is to follow your heart on your capstone research/ project, I decided to go a non-traditional route with mine and questioned myself along every step of the way. However, taking a risk on my masters research paid off tremendously, leaving a lasting impact as well as benefiting me since I left. I am so thankful for the tremendously talented and supportive faculty that assisted in my research, trust the faculty and their input and you will succeed. I am so proud to be a Golden Grizzlies MPA graduate!