

Meet NAO CENTER Member, Krista Loney



Krista Loney, Center Director at EWU Eastern Washington Area Health Education Center

The mission of the Eastern Washington Area Health Education Center (EWAHEC) is to strengthen the health workforce in rural and under-served areas of Eastern Washington through engagement with students, practitioners, and the community. This is accomplished through impactful outreach efforts such as their Rural/Underserved Opportunities Program, Mental Health First Aid, Youth Pathways Programs, student rural rotations program and continuing medical education programs.

“Keeping apprised of what is going on nationally, learning about available resources, and the networking available are absolutely essential to the success of my AHEC.”

-Krista Loney

The NAO membership benefit that Krista values the most is being able to attend the bi-annual NAO Conference. She began as a Center director in 2015, when the EWAHEC transitioned from being run by Washington State University to Eastern Washington University (Go Eggs!). She was brand new to AHECs and says she came in as a completely blank slate. The guidance Krista received from other center directors and the 2016 NAO conference was invaluable to her. The opportunity to share curriculum ideas and best practices, while building new partnerships, helped Krista develop a solid foundation for her role.



Krista brings a combination of education and experience to her center. Krista’s background is unique and varied, including experience in clinical research, as well as higher education. She leverages her skills to create new pathways for the EWAHEC, with a unique leadership style that focuses on leading by example with energy and enthusiasm.

**Krista is in good company –
69% of those surveyed ranked
NETWORKING as a valued
benefit of NAO membership!**

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