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Congratulations Area : We introduce you to our Face of ACE, Julie Zhao, from The University of Akron! ACE Women's Network-Ohio continues to explore new and creative opportunities to communicate who we are, provide networking opportunities for Ohio women in higher education and to promote women's professional advancement. Our new Faces of ACE posts will introduce you to women involved in the ACE Women's Network-Ohio.

Education : Ph. D. Electrical Engineering, The University of Akron

Master of Science in Electrical Engineering, The University of Akron

Bachelor of Science in Electronic Engineering, Jilin University

Question 01 : How long have you been involved with the ACE Women's Network-Ohio and in what capacity?

Answer 01 : My involvement with the ACE Women's Network-Ohio started from attending annual conferences before 2012. From 2012 to 2015, I served the network as a board member and chair of the awards committee.

Question 02 : What have you gained from your involvement in the ACE Women's Network-Ohio?

Answer 02 : Being involved in the ACE Women's Network-Ohio is the most rewarding experience for me. It has been amazing to work with the group of women who are passionate about the professional advancement of women. It is a team with great enthusiasm and productivity. I appreciate such unique opportunities to connect to other women colleagues from all kinds of disciplines across higher education institutions. In addition, the network truly helped me with my professional growth and leadership development. I gained confidence, support and friendship from the network.

Question 03 : What do you do for fun?

Answer 03 : For fun, I enjoy family activities, such as traveling and hiking. We recently started a family book club for more conversation time and less screen time. I also spent a lot of time for my child's extra-curricular activities.

Question 04 : What are you most looking forward to professionally or personally in the coming year?

Answer 04 : In 2017, my personal goal is to finish reading 40 books, which are not related to my research or teaching.

