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New financial aid director at home at OU

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Before coming to OU, Asbury served as assistant director of financial aid and then director of financial aid at Rollins College. Rollins is a private liberal arts college in Winter Park, Florida, a suburb of Orlando.

"I had worked previously in the public university sector and I was looking for an opportunity to return to the public sector," Asbury said, referring to his experience as associate director of financial aid at the University of Vermont and financial aid counselor at Northern Illinois University.

"I think my goals are more in line with the public system," he said. "I prefer the philosophy of public versus private. Privates tend to exclude students based specifically on cost. Publics are lower in cost, therefore, much less likely to restrict enrollment based on financial considerations."

Asbury earned his master's degree in adult continuing education and his bachelor's in psychology at Northern Illinois University.

Asbury has a wife, Liz, and they have two daughters, Lauren, 5, and Brooke, 2. When he's not crunching numbers, he enjoys golf, sports and reading.

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