

The Spirit of NACADA!

I wanted to share with you something that happened at the Region V Conference that exemplifies the work academic advisors do:

I was to present in the second session Monday morning. I had brought my laptop and had my PowerPoint on a flash drive. When I arrived in my room, I noticed there was no cable to connect my laptop to the projector (hotel staff later confirmed that there had been a cable in the room, and it was missing). One of the previous presenters was taking down the equipment she had brought with her and asked if I needed help. She spent several minutes seeing if her cable would connect with my laptop (it didn't), and finally offered to let me use her laptop, cable, clicker, and projector. Then she spent a few more minutes setting up her equipment. All the while, she was pleasant and gracious. She and her co-presenter even left the bag of candy they had brought for their session!

My presentation went fine, and my new colleague arrived back in the room to collect her equipment. This was collaboration at its finest. She and I had never met before, yet she didn't think twice about not only lending me her personal equipment, but setting it up and taking it down for me. I am grateful to her, and all our other colleagues, who quietly and selflessly do things to help other advisors.

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Members Share their Viewpoints!

NACADA has afforded me the opportunity to grow as a professional more than any other organization of which I have been a member. I have met colleagues who do not hesitate to share their thoughts, ideas, and encouragement. The support for HBCUs has been phenomenal! I have personally been able to become a published author, as well as a conference presenter among some of the most respected minds in the nation! I love NACADA!!

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Participation in NACADA has been instrumental for our institution these past four years in our quest to introduce the concept of developmental advisement to students and faculty at Borough of Manhattan Community College. Participation in the various regional, national and international conferences has provided us with a trove of knowledge about issues related to advisement and myriad updated resources at our disposal. It has allowed us to meet, in warm and informative forums, professionals from all parts of the country who have shared their best practices and wisdom with our faculty. The workshops and seminars have apprised us of the importance of the role of advising in a student's life and the meaningful changes that it brings about in their quest for personal and academic self-realization.

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Joining NACADA was one of the best moves I've ever made. Through this wonderful organization, I have had the opportunity to meet and work with advisors from all over the country. The conferences are a great way to get to know people and gain valuable insight into the world of advising and its many facets. NACADA is integral to my professional development and has played an important part in my growth as an advisor, giving me an opportunity to take on new challenges, hone skills, and learn from the many perspectives that make up this organization. By fostering involvement, providing a welcoming environment, and through its willingness to share knowledge, NACADA provides a valuable support system for anyone working with students.

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YOUR VOICE

NACADA is the leader within the global education community for the theory, delivery, application, and advancement of academic advising to enhance student learning and development. Join over 10,000 members internationally in supporting student success.

NACADA is an association of professional advisors, faculty, counselors, administrators, and students in higher education working to:

- ◆ raise the visibility of academic advising
- ◆ promote student development and retention
- ◆ demonstrate the value of effective academic advising
- ◆ provide leadership opportunities in advising
- ◆ share expertise
- ◆ create a network of academic advising colleagues
- ◆ enhance advising programs
- ◆ provide resources that address and support the field of academic advising

YOUR RESOURCES

NACADA produces a variety of publications and events that focus on topics specifically related to the field of academic advising. Let NACADA be your resource for professional development!

Advising Resources –

- ◆ Scholarly journal
- ◆ Quarterly electronic publication
- ◆ *Clearinghouse of Academic Advising Resources*
- ◆ Publications and videos
- ◆ CD series

Professional Development Opportunities –

- ◆ National conferences
- ◆ Regional conferences
- ◆ State drive-in workshops
- ◆ Special seminars
- ◆ Academic Advising Administrators' Institutes
- ◆ Academic Advising Summer Institutes
- ◆ Graduate certificate and master's degree programs on-line in partnership with Kansas State University
- ◆ Assessment of Advising Institutes
- ◆ Topical webinars

YOUR CONNECTIONS

NACADA is your connection to the profession for academic advisors in their efforts to support student educational achievement at the highest attainable standards. NACADA provides connections through:

Networking –

- ◆ Listserves
- ◆ Mentorships
- ◆ Commissions and Interest Groups
- ◆ Professional camaraderie

Professional Support –

- ◆ Informative web site
- ◆ Executive Office staff
- ◆ Advocacy for the field
- ◆ Academic Advising Consultants and Speakers Service
- ◆ Position vacancy postings
- ◆ Monthly Association news

Recognition –

- ◆ Awards and scholarships
- ◆ Research grants
- ◆ Presentation and publication opportunities
- ◆ Leadership and involvement opportunities