

## Nominees for Colorado 4-Year Representative

Anna Hegedus

### *Why do you want to be on the Region 10 Steering Committee?*

NACADA as a whole and Region 10 specifically have made a strong impact on my advising practice. Through attending last year's regional conference, participating on the Awards Committee for the region, and taking part in online opportunities offered through the Executive Office, I have grown and developed as an academic advisor over the last 6 years. By serving on the steering committee, I would have a chance to serve the region and give back to an organization that has given a lot to me. I also would like to continue to move the region forward and to be a voice for four-year advisors in Colorado. We have unique strengths and challenges in Colorado's higher education system. As your Colorado 4 year representative, I would be an advocate for the interests of all four year advisors in the state.

### *What do you bring for the position(s) you are applying for?*

In my advising career, I have worked at private and public institutions, four year universities and community colleges, as well as schools in both urban and suburban locations. All of these experiences have allowed me to understand the diverse perspectives that different schools have when it comes to academic advising. I keep an open mind and am eager to learn from others. Most importantly, though, I am passionate about NACADA and academic advising. I believe strongly in the work that we do and if I am elected as your Colorado 4 year representative, I will work my hardest to make sure the actions we take as a steering committee improve our region, improve the national organization, and improve the work we do with our students.

Camelia Naranjo

### *Why do you want to be on the Region 10 Steering Committee?*

I have a lifelong passion and commitment to students and those who help guide and support students. I want to be a part of helping grow and develop programs that can lead to student success. I believe being on the Region 10 Steering Committee, I can bring best practices as well as learn and advocate for services that can help students, and those supporting students, be successful.

### *What do you bring for the position(s) you are applying for?*

I believe the skills and experience I bring surrounding mentoring will help me to be successful in this position. I have been; a mentee, a mentor, and a developer of a mentoring program. I would like to be able to use my experiences to help support the mentors and mentees in their learning and growth in their professional lives. I would also like to be able to use this experience as a way to build relationships with others committed to this work within the Region.

Dana Parcher

### *Why do you want to be on the Region 10 Steering Committee?*

My name is Dana Parcher and in my previous experiences serving on steering committees, I have always found them very rewarding! The opportunity to build stronger relationships with talented professionals is invaluable to me, especially having just moved to Colorado this past May. Additionally, I have participated in NACADA events in the past, but want to do more and become more than just a participant, but a contributor to the community. Lastly, I'd like to join because it sounds fun! Apart from learning and hard work, I am a huge "nerd" who finds work like this fun and I would enjoy contributing to the growth and future success of NACADA.

### *What do you bring for the position(s) you are applying for?*

Because I find serving on steering committees like these fun, this is not my first time having volunteered to do so. In my previous work experience, I have served on the Membership Committee as part of a

nation-wide group of health professions advisors, as well as participated in and assisted in organizing a nation-wide mentor program for advisors. I also served in various other functions helping with our region and our state. I understand the time commitment involved and am willing to help. As a natural "gatherer of ideas and information", I also tend to help with areas such as research, development, and scholarship and am instinctively drawn to roles like these in just about all I do.

José Valdez

*Why do you want to be on the Region 10 Steering Committee?*

I would like to continue developing as a professional and connect with other advisors who share similar interests

*What do you bring for the position(s) you are applying for?*

Passionate about Education, Access, Multicultural/Diversity Issues, & Community Engagement. Have volunteered my time helping 1st gen students develop college entrance essays, Have screened applications for scholarships in Service Learning and our Latinx Center. I teach a 1st year seminar guiding students to explore their strengths, values, interests, beliefs, etc.