

Delaware Liaison Platform Statement:

Delaware may be a small state, but we are mighty. Delaware has a plethora of opportunities for students to continue their education at technical schools, community colleges, as well as private and public institutions. This also gives us a large talent pool from which we can recruit new NACADA members. If selected as the Delaware Liaison, I would like to begin the process of recruiting those talented individuals to our organization. By increasing our membership, we increase the size of our professional networks, and add vast resources and knowledge to our organization. To me, networking is a crucial element for educational professionals. Networking allows us to build our professional skills, cultivate professional relationships, and most importantly improve our ability to advise our students!

In order to achieve this, I would like to increase our social events in each county and work to attract new NACADA members. I will also continue working to ensure that Delaware is able to have a Drive-In or Drive-Out each year. These conferences are a great opportunity to learn new strategies and to present new strategies that each institution is working on. In addition to social events, I would like to work with the Region 2 Steering Committee and NACADA's national leadership to find other ways to offer professional development and growth opportunities to all NACADA members in Delaware.

After talking so much about networking, I feel that I should share some information about myself. I was born and raised in Delmar, Delaware. The name comes from the fact that Delmar is split in half, with half the town in Delaware and the other half in Maryland. I attended Delmar High School and upon graduation attended Ursinus College. At Ursinus, I earned my degree in Psychology and served as Student Body Vice President. After completing my undergraduate degree, I moved to Washington D.C. and attended the George Washington University. I graduated with Honors and a Master's Degree in Counseling. I began my professional career working as a counselor at Yorktown High School before moving back to Delaware to be with my family and my husband, Justin. Since moving home, I have spent time at two different high schools in the county, settled into my home, and had twin girls!

Currently, I am an Academic Counselor at Delaware Technical Community College. I have been advising students at the college level for over two years. I am passionate about student success and strive to see my students achieve their goals! At Delaware Tech, I supervise the Academic Advising Center and coordinate all Student Success Courses. I have been a member of NACADA for two years. During my two years as a member, I have helped plan the Delaware Drive-In, presented at the 2015 Delaware Drive-In, attended the 2017 Region 2 Conference, and read project proposals for the regional and annual conferences. I am the Co-Chair of the 2017 Delaware Drive-Out, but currently we are having a difficult time finding a location to hold our event so planning is on hold. I am also the sub-committee chair for Exhibitors at the 2018 Region 2 Conference. If you can't tell, I am the type of person who loves to help guide people to success and that's what I want to do as the Delaware Liaison for NACADA. When I saw this opportunity present itself, I immediately jumped at the chance. I want to have an active role in helping to take Region 2 and Delaware to the next level. I want to work hard and make our 2018 Conference one of the best, especially here in our home state. I hope that you will support me in this endeavor, because I want and will work for you!