

I am excited about the opportunities this position would afford not only me, but also my Region 3 colleagues and the valuable work we would share in order to further the mission and vision of our shared commitment to academic advising.

I also want my advisors here in the Academic Advising and Orientation Center (AAOC) to know that I value NACADA and that I am committed to professional development and career opportunities for them as well. By accepting this liaison position, I will be able to “lead by example” and take on advising leadership at a new and different level, one that will allow me to work and communicate with colleagues from other schools and regions.

Based on the new positions I have seen created on our campus and across the nation, I am fully convinced that higher education institutions are now more than ever before appreciating the vitality, complexity, and necessity of academic advising and its role in student success. The state liaison position will give me greater opportunities for living and sharing that practice as I collaborate with other advising professionals, who together will work on behalf of our region to ensure that academic advising remains central to student success and learning and to the mission and vision of our respective institutions.

I have been a NACADA member since 2008, and I have always been one of its unofficial ambassadors, especially through my strong belief in and daily practice of advising as teaching. I will be proactive and intentional in communicating and sharing ideas with NACADA members at all levels. I see this role as an opportunity for me to “pay it forward.”

I am proud of the work I do here at Appalachian, interacting with students, faculty and colleagues; I will bring the same dedication, creativity and enthusiasm to this valuable state liaison role.

Thanks for your thought, review and consideration; I look forward to the opportunity of serving as the North Carolina State Liaison for NACADA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don Presnell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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