

1. The session that was most valuable to my situation was: (Session #, Session name, Presenter name)

Text Response

Pre Conference- Beth Dittman,
 Feel the Fear and do it anyway
 Sally Garner - #IAmAcAdv
 Pre-conference workshop: Crafting your personal advising/administrative philosophy statement presented by Sara Ackerson, Michelle McIlvoy, and Kyle Ross
 Session #7, Intentional Reflection, Leah & Dan
 4E, Using Mindfulness To Create Healthy Relationships With Students, Shannon McDonell-Bryant and Toni Woodman presenting.
 3D Bridging the Cultural Gap
 7D, Feel the Fear and Do It Anyway: Why Mastering Fear is Critical in Living a Life of Purpose, Lisa Laughter and Kerry Thomas
 Session Title: If gold rusts, what then ...": Demystifying stereotypes in honors advising Presenter(s): Gavin Keulks (Western Oregon University)
 Session Title: Using targeted outreach to keep students on path Presenter(s): Amy Appleton (Western Washington University) and Carissa Bane (Western Washington University)
 The ABCs (the Blackboard Advising Class), Lisa Laughter, et al
 (1) BC Bulldogs -Mandatory Advising, Katie Dabbs, Becca VanDrimmelin, Emily Kolby
 Feel the Fear and Do It Anyway!
 3E, The Peer Avengers!: Assembling an Intentional Peer Advising Program, Shanai Lechtenberg & Ellen Crabtree (both Linfield College)
 Oregon State Athletics
 Using mindfulness to create healthy relationships with Students Shannon McDonell-Bryant (Central Washington University), Toni Woodman (Central Washington University)
 2C - Success at the Starting Gate: Individualizing Online Student Support Prior to Matriculation; Jenni Campbell and Catherine Mutti-Driscoll
 Feel the Fear!
 Feel the Fear and do it any way. Lisa Laughter and Kerry Thomas
 Dreamers 101 because I am a graduate student and my community college class project was focused on supports and services for dreamer and veteran students. The presenter Mirabel Jimenez is from YVCC
 "Can you text me?" Sorry can't remember the details.
 Pre-Conference on Equity/Inclusion
 I found value in each session I attended.
 Huddles to hurdles: OSU
 7D, "Feel the Fear and Do It Anyway: Why mastering fear is critical in living a life of purpose" Lisa Laughter and Kerry Thomas
 Session 7 - Feel the Fear and Do It Anyway
 Student risk management for advising administrators: Innovative ideas from the aviation industry
 Jeff Malone/Allyson Dean; OSU Communication for FY students
 Nurturing a Resilient Mindset
 Pre-conference about creating an inclusive and equitable advising experience with Sefchick and Majors. It was long and a lot of lecture but very helpful. They gave practical advice and concrete things to do.
 Session #: 7D Session Name: Feel the Fear and do it Anyway: Why Mastering Fear is Critical in Living a Life of Purpose. Presenter(s) Name(s): Lisa Laughter & Kerry Thomas.
 Session 2 career pathways advising
 3D, Bridging the Cultural Gap; Madison Lamb, Liu Yang, Robin Fifita
 Session 2, Pathway Advising, YVCC
 Session #7D, Feel the Fear and Do It Anyway, Lisa Laughter and Kerry Thomas.

Lisa Laughter as always had a SOLID session!

YVCC Pathway Advising

I got a lot out of the following sessions: Using Targeted Outreach to Keep Students on Path and Developing a Parallel Path for the First-Year Student

Session Title: The ABC's of innovation and the student experience: Advising, Blackboard, connection

Presenter(s): Sara Ackerson (Washington State University Vancouver), Samantha Gizerian (Washington State University), Kristy Gutierrez (Washington State University Vancouver), Lisa Laughter (Washington State University), Susan Poch (Washington State University)

6E Session Title: "...because there are some things they may not know." Presenter(s): Jeff Malone (Oregon State University), Allyson Dean (Oregon State University)

2E, Using Targeted Outreach to Keep Students on Path, Amy Appleton and Carissa Bane

Applying Aviation Risk Management Strategies to Retention, Roy Caligan, Eastern Washington University

Who Knows: The Problem of Dualism in Academic Advising, Kurt Xyst

None in particular.

7D - Feel the Fear and Do It Anyway - Lisa Laughter & Kerry Thomas

P5: Practice, Reflect, Repeat Beth Dittman

Recruiting for inclusion: How academic advisors are of Engineering, Brenda Larson (University of Washington), Anthony Salazar (University of Washington), Cathryne Jordan (University of Washington), Scott Pinkham (University of Washington)

just text me, during the conference, but trying to use those tools/ideas afterwards a bit more challenging.

2E. Targeted outreach. Appleton and Bane

The ABC's of innovation and the student experience: Advising, Blackboard, Connection Sara Ackerson (Washington State University Vancouver), Samantha Gizerian (Washington State University), Kristy Gutierrez (Washington State University Vancouver), Lisa Laughter (Washington State University), Susan Poch (Washington State University)

Recruiting for Inclusivity, Brenda Larson, Cathryne Jordan, Scott Pinkham

None

Fear - the 'best in conf' winner

6D: Nurturing a Resilient Mindset in Students Adiam Tesfay, Ahnya Redman, Ryan Burt

5A, DREAMERS101, Maribel Jimenez

4E--Using Mindfulness to Create Health Relationships with Students

2E, Using Targeted Outreach to Keep students on the Path, Amy Appleton and Carissa Bane

The one on mindset - I am not sure of the session # or exact title.

The Ethics of Care

3E, Peer Avengers, Shanai Lechtenberg and Ellen Crabtree

Session 2C, Success at the Starting Gate: Individualizing Online Student Support Prior to Matriculation, Jenni Campbell and Catherine Mutti-Driscoll, UW

Session Name: Using targeted outreach to keep students on path Presenter(s): Amy Appleton (Western Washington University) and Carissa Bane (Western Washington University)

WWU Using Targeted Outreach

Laughter and Thomas, Feel the Fear

Feel the Fear

Feel the fear and do it anyway: Why mastering fear is critical in living a life of purpose Presenter(s): Lisa Laughter (Washington State University), Kerry Thomas (Oregon State University)

Feel the Fear & Do it Anyway Laughter & Thomas

Sustaining an Ethic of Care: Avoiding Bias (it was on the last day)

5C Sustaining an Ethic of Care- Jennifer Leach and Tiffany Fritz

None of the presentations were useful or valuable for my situation. I did really enjoy seeing Sally Garner present on Academic Advising job searches, though I am not looking for a job.

Success at the starting gate: Individualizing online student support prior to matriculation Presenter(s): Jenni Campbell (University of Washington), Catherine Mutti-Driscoll (University of Washington)

5E, It's In the Syllabus, Kincanon/Bottaro

Preconference by Melissa Dittman

I really enjoyed the one about Fear. I think they were entertaining and the information very useful in my personal and professional life.

DREAMers, the presenter did a great job researching more about legislation, especially within the NACADA 8

region.

I don't remember the exact title--it was one about teaching students how to network, and it was during session 3. It was lead by two people from the UO School of Journalism.

Dan Feetham/Lauren Fryhle

#1D, Hurdles to Huddles: Reframing Student Athlete Advising, Katrina Machorro & McKenzie Huber (Oregon State University)

Advising Administration - Dana Zahorik & Jennifer Joslin

Because there are Some Things You May Not Know & It's in the Syllabus

Nurturing a Resilient Mindset in Students

Maria

6A Publish with NACADA Kerry Kincanon, Jennifer Joslin, and Chrissy Davis Jones

4E, Using Mindfulness to Create Healthy Relationships with Student, Shannon McDonell-Bryant and Toni Woodman

The last session, where the guy talked about Boeing and what we can learn from them in measuring student risk factors and aligning our efforts where the need is greatest.

Session 3D; Bridging the Gap: Adapting Advising Theory to Effectively Advise International Students; Madison Lamb, Liu Yang, Robin Fifita

NACADA Listens

Sally Garner's presentation on branding yourself through the advising job search

But can't you just Text me? Valerie Frye

Advising Administration: Creating a Blueprint for Success (Dana Zahorik & Jennifer Joslin)

Session #1, Recruiting for Inclusion, UW Engineering

Nurturing a resilient mindset in students

7B Developing a Parallel Path Kathy Cook, Katie Dibbs, Kyle Ross

Session 7: Student risk management for advising administrators: Innovative ideas from the aviation industry

Presenter: Roy Caligan

Advising Students with Conviction Histories

1C, The ABC's of Innovation and the Student Experience: Advising, Blackboard, Connection, Ackerson, Gizerian, Gutierrez, Laughter, and Whiting- WSU

ABC's of Advising in Blackboard - Kristy Gutierrez, Sara Ackerson, etc. and Feel the Fear & Do it Anyway - Lisa Laughter & Kerry Thomas

Session 3B, Innovate to Graduate; Joy Thompson, Christina Kincaid

6E: "...Because there are some things they may not know." Jeff Malone and Allyson Dean

Montana REV UP Presentation

Feel the Fear-

2. Overall, I thought the Conference was:

#	Question	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Total Responses
1	Advanced Mailing, Publicity, Etc.	1	25	81	92	199
2	Conference Location	3	16	50	143	212
3	Facilities	6	46	61	99	212
4	Meals	19	52	72	64	207
5	Registration Process	0	11	61	134	206
6	Keynote Louie Gong, Eighth Generation	6	22	62	111	201
7	Keynote Jennifer Joslin, NACADA	6	16	66	86	174
8	Opening Reception	4	25	51	16	96
9	Quality of the Concurrent Sessions	2	33	96	79	210
10	Closing Wrap Up	0	24	84	52	160
11	Overall, I thought the conference was:	1	15	95	101	212

3. How many REGIONAL conferences have you attended before this conference?

#	Answer		Response	%
1	None		84	40%
2	1-2		69	33%
3	3-4		28	13%
4	5 or more		31	15%
	Total		212	100%

4. How did you learn of this conference? (Mark all that apply)

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Talking with a colleague		119	56%
2	E-mail announcement from NACADA		107	51%
3	Other:		37	18%

Other:

- supervisor
- Website search
- Last year's NACADA
- NACADA website
- NACADA website
- Supervisor
- work told me to go
- Supervisor recommendation
- Email from colleague
- long standing regional involvement
- My boss had informed the advisors of the details of NACADA.
- Member of NACADA
- I searched the web for an interesting professional development conference to attend - and found NACADA
- At Last Regional
- Email notification from school
- At the previous conference
- At last year's conference
- I initially heard it was coming to Seattle a year before the announcement from colleagues
- My office goes to the conference every year.
- Sought info on NACADA conferences
- NACADA website
- Colleagues at Oregon State University
- website
- website
- NACADA Website
- Announcements through regional groups such as WAAC
- UW advisor emails about previous NACADA conferences
- Director of Student Development (supervisor)
- region 8 reps came to school to announce
- NACADA Region 8 Facebook Page
- NACADA Region 8 confernece last year
- NACADA website
- Online
- My advising center colleagues are members of NACADA
- 2015 Conference announced dates and had a flyer I saved
- went to last year's conference in ID
- NACADA website

5. To what extent did the conference meet your expectations?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Not at all	0	0%
2	Some	52	25%
3	Most	105	50%
4	All	55	26%
	Total	212	100%

6. Which of the following best describes your primary role at your institution?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Faculty Advisor	5	2%
2	Academic Advisor	132	62%
3	Counselor	3	1%
4	Academic Advisor/Counselor	27	13%
5	Advising Administrator	16	8%
6	Administrator with responsibilities over several areas, one of which is advising	18	8%
7	Graduate student	1	0%
8	Institutional position supports advising i.e. Registrar, admissions, financial aid, etc.	1	0%
9	Affiliated with a college or university but not in any of the roles previously mentioned	2	1%
10	Not affiliated with an institution of higher education	0	0%
11	Other:	7	3%
	Total	212	100%

Other:

Student Success, involves informal academic advising

Lecturer

I am a contracted Faculty at a Community College setting. To be a "counselor" at our campus you must have a master's in Counseling, Social Work or Psychology.

Career and Academic Advisor

academic advisor who is tenure track faculty

Administrator and Advisor

Faculty Counselor

7. How many years have you been in advising? (as an advisor, administrator, or faculty member)

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Less than 5 years	95	45%
2	5-10 years	69	33%
3	11-20 years	37	17%
4	More than 20 years	11	5%
	Total	212	100%

8. In what ways was this conference valuable to you?

Text Response

The pre-conferences were great.

to hear about different topics from around the region

Another great opportunity to network with my amazing colleagues. I had a lot of fun reconnecting with old friends and making new connections.

Information gained in sessions will not only help my advising but also personally.

The concurrent sessions around different varying themes. An actual connection to community colleges.

networking, professional development

The conference was helpful in refreshing my knowledge and skills related to academic advising. It was a great way to rejuvenate and come back to work refreshed and ready to tackle my everyday work again, but with a renewed mindset.

I was able to network a bit and hear how others are working hard in the field.

I was able to present at my first conference and to bring a new technique (mindfulness) into advising.

Meeting old colleagues and making connections is always a highlight for me.

It helped shed light on student populations that may not get as much of our attention from our department, and communicate with others in the same field about strategies.

Networking, idea sharing

Connecting with colleagues! I would appreciate more time to do this at the next conference.

Opened up doors to talk with other people in this profession beyond my institution!

Reaffirmed arrogance of thought and world perspective among most educators that presented. Too much "buzz" words and stereotyping populations. I call them "watch me jack off on myself" sessions.

Enjoy the different sessions.

The presentation I marked as the most helpful one gave me some great ideas for something I can implement for my students. It wasn't something totally new, I do something similar, but I think I can do it better based on some information I got from the presentation.

Opportunities to meet/ share ideas with advisors from other areas.

Exposure to academic advising network

Meeting colleagues and getting ideas from other institutions.

It was a fantastic to meet fellow advisors, share stories of successes and failures, and learn new methods and ideas whereby we can serve our students better.

Identity building, networking, learning about applications to advising concepts, connections, consultation(s)

I LOVE how open and willing to share everyone at the conference is. I had never experienced this before and it was refreshing to know that there are people out there who want to support you and guide you for the overall benefit of students AND my professional development.

Most of the sessions were really informative and provided great ideas for my future work as an advisor as well as my personal growth as an advisor. I had the opportunity to meet others within the region and hear about their procedures in helping students navigate the college system and provide guidance.

Provided insight into issues we are working on at the college where I am employed.

Networking and meeting new people.

Great to get back out there, presenting what we are doing and hearing the feedback of other peers.

Ability to network and get inspired by others. Learned about the DREAM Act. This information I found to be most helpful.

Networking, well organized sessions, action items to take home.

I brought back some ideas to use in my daily practice. It energized me and I like learning new stuff I can apply to be a better human and counselor.

I've been working in higher ed for almost 10 years now, but advising is a new piece of the puzzle for me. The conference was hugely beneficial to learn from some of our leaders in the field during the sessions. As well as making those all so important contacts for down the road!

The concurrent sessions were very helpful for the most part and getting to talk with colleagues about their experiences and challenges was great

Networking with colleagues from other educational institutions.

The pre-conference Advising Administrator session was wonderful! I love the conferences for networking and bringing back new ideas.

I got some ideas of things my student helper could do as project, which will help other students in the program.

It recharged my faith in the education system and where we are heading. I found the workshops I attended to be very relevant to my job, giving me tools to bring home and use.

Made connections, heard ideas I can act on.

It is always valuable to collaborate with other colleagues in the field.

There were a few sessions that presented on topics I hadn't had exposure to, or that overlapped with my area of interest. Those were beneficial.

Good to see that most of the sessions and the themes were in line with what I am engaged with in my institution (on the right path).

Learning about what other schools are doing. Connecting with colleagues at other institutions. Getting to spend some time outside of campus with colleagues at my own institution.

Ability to present

The concurrent sessions were very interesting, and I got some great inspiration for introducing new ideas and practices to my own work. I also enjoyed seeing so many colleagues from different institutions.

reconnecting with folks. some great learning takeaways

Professional networking, reconnecting with colleagues and friends, exposure to new practices around the region

It provided our advising team a chance to bond outside of work and I also found the session on advising/blackboard courses to be very helpful since we are trying to implement one in our unit by next fall.

Provide further information to areas I already knew or status of the initiatives at other institutions.

I take away something from every session at every regional.

Networking and professional development

I teach a college success course, and there were lots of sessions that supported me in gaining new ideas, resources, and strategies for the course.

Helpful since I'm new to advising to learn more about the field and network with colleagues

The networking opportunities were helpful. I maintained insight into what other schools are doing, what's working, and what's not working. Some of the concurrent sessions were impactful and applicable to my work. seeing people with similar issues.

Networking, getting out of the daily grind increases flow of new ideas

Networking and great ideas and information to bring into my job.

Even though I've been in advising for 21 years, I'm in a new role this year (working in a single department doing both advising and recruiting), and so I learned a lot by attending sessions with this in mind. My other goal was to network with advisors from 2-year schools who send us transfer students, and I didn't make good on my goals there. Hard to find people in such a big conference!

it was nice to connect with my colleagues in a different setting other than our office

Networking

The sessions were well-developed and provided good insight and information.

The pre-conference workshops were really valuable as they went in-depth into topics - I am now working on my own advising philosophy! I also took away several very practical tips and was able to begin implementing immediately such as:resources to help Dreamers, new technology for student engagement, etc.

Networking; getting fresh ideas!

new ideas, meeting others

Got some good information at the sessions. Great to see colleagues and brainstorm ideas.

Catching up with colleagues, learning new initiatives at other institutions, gathering new ideas and tools.

Exposure to other advisors, programs, research/assessment. Since I am new to my role it was encouraging to see other professionals at work in their field, and the conference gave me a lot of ideas for the future of my position.

networking, seeing friends, reconnecting with peers

Networking was key. Meeting NACADA leaders that I have only heard or read about.

I really enjoyed the conference. Being a seasoned advisor, the sessions don't speak to me as much, but I really enjoyed connecting with fellow NACADA colleagues and getting away from campus.

It was great to see what others in the field at similar institutions are up to. Fun net-working event. Informative, professional, collegial. I enjoyed it very much.

I was able to be re-energized about academic advising as a profession and was also able to take away some best practices that I can implement in my everyday work.

Connecting with colleagues from other schools

Picked up some good ideas.

I thought a lot of the sessions were great; however, it seemed that the most popular sessions were in the smallest rooms, so I missed a couple that I really wanted to attend.

It was great for networking.

Sharing ideas and experiences with other professionals in the field

I found the presentations valuable. I was able to come away with specific tools to use when working with students. I enjoyed hearing from a variety of campuses.

I would have liked more social opportunities to meet folks. Maybe a cake-walk or a place with a pool, etc, for community building. Maybe even a concurrent session dedicated to building advisor community, collegiality, new ideas, rejuvenation

Learned new advising techniques, networked with other advisors in the region

Gained advising tools I can utilize for my current position

Networking, content, support from other advisors, and new perspectives

Valuable for personal and professional development.

Great networking and a ton of applicable information to improve advising on my campus.

Staying up-to-date with advising trends, tools and technology. Networking with professionals in my career field. A fun professional development activity.

Some new information on advising approaches

Sharing of relevant and innovative programs from other institutions.

My session strategy differed this time. I decided to attend similar sessions to observe more of a cross section of ideas about a similar topic. For this reason was grateful there were several sessions about similar topics.

Every conference has take-away ideas to improve my interaction with and services for students

Networking and learning from other advisors work that they are doing with their students.

It's always great to network and learn about new opportunities to grow!

There was a lot of great sessions with various topics. I enjoyed seeing how other institutions do advising and how it broken down. The sessions I go the most out of were the ones that focuses more on counselling.

It was valuable to attend sessions and learn what others are doing. I appreciate getting sparked with new ideas and approaches!

Networking with advising colleagues from other institutions was invaluable as always! Good sharing of ideas and best practices. Hoping to institute some at my institution in the coming months/years.

It's always valuable to connect with my counterparts at other institutions. Also, a few of the presentations were very useful. However, this conference was the weakest of the 3 that I have been to in terms of content of the presentations and the keynote speakers.

Learning new perspectives on the role of an academic advisor.

networking

Terrific sessions, lots of networking, great city!

Networking was the most valuable. It is always great to hear from others the ways in which they work with students and utilize technology.

Team building; 4 year collaborations with Community Colleges; Promising and Best practices info

9. My recommendations for future conferences include: (topics/speakers/external activities/type/length of sessions, etc.)

Text Response

Different venue next time it is in Seattle. Capacity was an issue. More table space. It is difficult to take notes when we are jammed packed in chairs.

I wasn't too excited with a lot of the concurrent session options. Not really sure how to improve this because it really does depend on the number of proposals, what is written, and who is presenting. Maybe we have fewer sessions but more attractive presentations each hour?

More focus on community colleges as university staff are very ill informed.

I would love to see more on online advising.

more sessions on working with underrepresented populations

Being brand new, I would like to have had a session about how I could get involved with some examples. On several occasions I was told just to volunteer.

My colleagues who work with graduate students didn't feel like there were very many options for them in terms of sessions.

Several of the sessions I attended focused a lot on methodology of research over conclusions/results. While that part is important, I want to look at practical applications of research for my practice over the research process. Also it seemed like several presenters were trying to "fill" time rather than effectively use time. Conference and people were wonderful. Facilities were very nice, but being over-enrolled caused overfull sessions which was uncomfortable, stressful, and made it more difficult to connect with colleagues. I realize this is a good problem to have! :)

Have more round-table open conversations. Every event I went to was lecture-style with a few minutes of idea sharing. Networking events pre/post conference are not always accessible. Having round-table conversation sessions are great for in-the-moment idea sharing cross-campus/universities better, more spacious facility (I was claustrophobic for nearly the entire conference). More research-based, innovative sessions

Good length of sessions, I think it would be great to build in an hour to connect with colleagues.

Continue having a Peer Advising session, maybe have a session on how to better support or on supporting first gen/low income/students of color (learning about what other universities do)

less stereotyping/political topics. How about practical solutions without so much of the mushy/theoretical crap that stereotypes student groups, and makes people less likely to engage with them because they don't think of them as people - but "populations" - just so we can say "look how much we understand about Asians" - and only makes us feel like we know a lot. It's arrogant bullshit.

I am from a community college and I would have liked to see more of this institution type included!

Additionally, space and rooms were a too hot when warm. Not to mention the chairs were not comfortable for hour long sessions.

Fewer recurring sessions. There were too many sessions that seem to always reappear. There were blocks of sessions where many of the programs were closely related and potentially not relatable to all advisors.

Sessions on graduate advising. Every year I'm disappointed that there aren't sessions on graduate advising and there seem to be fewer and fewer that are even applicable for graduate students. Also, NACADA talks about wanting to get more people involved, especially to present, but then it has the same people presenting year after year at these regional conferences. More diversity needed.

Liked the session length and numbers. Good pacing.

Speakers that can speak to the work of advising or can make a strong tie to advising practices. Shorter speakers at lunch/more of a true "break" at lunch - not full of speakers/activities - decompress time would be helpful to have planned.

More about advising students of color or from historically underrepresented backgrounds

I liked the idea of having speakers, but I would have loved to have had the opportunity to talk among others at our lunch table to network and hear about other sessions. It was incredibly uncomfortable to eat while someone was presenting. I felt like I was being disrespectful during their speech because I was scarfing down my lunch, when I wanted to give my full attention.

Some of the concurrent sessions don't live up to their descriptions. It's almost as if they are a little basic in nature and it's hard to walk away with new information.

A larger space for the presentations. The halls and restrooms were very crowded.

There were numerous people who I connected with about my presentation later at another from my institution. If possible, I would love to see institutions line up what they do that connects, so participants might be able to attend a connective conference that could be really valuable on the return.

Some of the concurrent sessions were poor. They gave an overview of their specific campus or were irrelevant. The session Who knows was terrible, proposed a thesis did not prove it nor propose anything new. The sessions need to be better quality. Thursday was not very good. Bring speakers that are NOT local so there is something new. I have seen Gong 3 times! More diversity on the board and organ

I think the conference was amazing! Thank you so much for everything you all did to make this happen. I guess for me the only other thing I would have enjoyed would have been an evening program of some kind. Similar to the opening social, but with some type of activity connected to it. Talent show, magic show, singing, etc.

Key note speakers should be VERY relevant to advising. Would like to see a venue more suited to concurrent break outs - a lot of sessions were drowned out by other rooms showing videos or using microphones. Food options would be great as I could not eat lunch on Friday because the meat they served was severely under cooked.

More presentations on international education

Space seemed challenging-- maybe more sessions at one time so that rooms aren't so packed.

The seats were hard. The back of my thighs and back really bothered me by the end of Thursday. Make sure the seats will be comfortable for a long day. The conference space seemed small for the number of people-- as in it was really crowded trying to get out of a session and move to another session.

I would love to see more about native culture and education.

Having all the conference rooms for the breakout sessions the same size. There was a noticeable difference between sizes in rooms this time around and it was disappointing to not be able to attend a session that I wanted to because the room was small.

I think it would be helpful to have a broader range of topics in presentations - for example, I went to two presentations that were almost identical in terms of topic and scope. Also, the workshop I went to was interesting, but the presenters were not prepared. I'm not sure if there's a way to control quality of presentations (guidelines for presenters beforehand) but that may be helpful.

Closer monitoring of the conference booking, not enough space during sessions. The lunch on Thursday was very disappointing. I remember compared to the Vancouver conference a few years back this was terrible. (breakfast was ok on Friday)

Try to have more sessions that include a faculty perspective. As a faculty who is also involved in the administration of advising, I found the sessions very useful, but I imagine that "regular" faculty advisors might not find it as useful. I know faculty is not primary audience of NACADA, but at our institution all faculty do advising, so this could be a really great PD opportunity for them.

The conference venue was nice but very small for the number of attendees. It felt a bit claustrophobic, so maybe a more open, large venue would work better. I also recommend that the second day of the conference have only 4 concurrent sessions, instead of 5, and add the fifth one onto the last day. Thursday felt very long because of the fifth session.

I would enjoy some sessions that allow you to work on specific issues/problems in small groups for more than one hour (maybe 2-3 hours focused on a topic or goal).

eLearning advising/alternate degree and course advising management.

Motivating Millennials

More sessions on counseling techniques- processing major selection and personal development. Would love to hear how someone's career in advising has evolved to different roles on campus

More variety in topics. I felt that several sessions had similar/almost identical topics and there was a lot of overlap.

Requesting volunteers WAY earlier. The topics of the concurrent sessions were MUCH weaker than they were last year and the year before. I was pretty disappointed. Additionally, the rooms for the sessions were much too small. It would have also been nice to have some additional community building time =)

Some larger meeting rooms were lightly packed and smaller rooms over-packed because of interest level in the topic. Consider a survey to gauge interest and plan accordingly. Possibly a hosted dinner that caters to vegetarians/vegans or gluten-free folks. You could see how much that might be in demand based on special meal requests. Though, not sure if that could work outside of a major city.

Music entertainment?

Fewer sessions per day--more time spent in each allowing for greater depth.

If the presentations were 50 minutes, then the start times of each session through the day could be at the same time. (i.e. going from 9-9:50, 10-10:50, etc.). You'd be able to fit more in, and the way that the times shifted through the day was confusing.

more variety of sessions. They were very similar to past sessions and many by the same people as usual.

Let's get more practical sessions rather than heavy on theory. The lunches and desserts were horrendous.

The chicken on the first day was edible but the bloody steak and rank quinoa salad on the 2nd day was awful - that's a pretty bold choice to include rare, bloody steak with no other option.

During the sign-up process, have conference attendees identify the sessions they're interested in attending. Then, when assigning room space, conference planners can use larger rooms for the sessions that are more popular.

Workshops versus lectures (for some), more opportunities to engage/network/learn with colleagues in a productive and deliberate way (good for introverted style people to have ways to talk that aren't only large group style or informal networking)

focus on a personal health and wellness theme of advising students and caring for oneself.

Selection process of best of region seemed to be completely unfair if it was awarded to the session that received the largest votes although Lisa & Kerry are fantastic facilitators. Some sessions were given smaller

rooms to start with. When NACADA promotes equity and justice as a professional organization, I strongly recommend the committee review the selection process for future conferences.

Need to have a venue with more room to move during the sessions. Also, the sessions were too packed, bigger rooms needed or more sessions. Finally, need more breaks for mingling and networking with other advisors.

A more diverse group of presenters and topics

Bigger space in general, more coffee & snacks, vetted workshops.

hour was not long enough for the sessions

I loved the variety of session topics. I loved the breakdown of Sustainability, Innovation, Inclusivity and 2-year colleges. I hope that continues. It was REALLY HARD to find the link to all the workshop slides and handouts. I did not have paper so relied on these.

This conference was spot on with keynotes, duplicate that for future conferences.

I thought it was well-executed and think the folks who put it together did a fantastic job.

It would be great to have more organized activities (i.e., tours of nearby universities/colleges) and have organized dinners that had different price points.

Bigger rooms and/or poll participants for interest in advance so the appropriate size room can be assigned

Rural colleges dealing with online courses and how to support retention and student success.

More seating for sessions, or more sessions to choose from.

The importance of failure!

The presentation "Nurturing a Resilient Mindset in Students" was amazing. I can see this being a solid pre-conference next year. The two gals that presented were incredible and worked so well together. I found some of the topics in other presentations to be too elementary. I felt that they were explaining their very new start up ideas. I wanted to go deeper and hear from someone who knew more.

I work at a commuter campus with primarily non-traditional students. I would like to have sessions that are geared to this population. The majority of presenters work with first year and/or exploring students

It would be really great to have larger spaces for speakers. Some of those rooms got as packed as I've seen national conventions get, A wider selection of sessions would be great too - felt like many were on the same topics or given by presenters from the same universities.

I'd love a session or series of sections discussing the differences between software platforms used.

Sessions being well prepared, I felt like some of the sessions the speaker wasn't really familiar with their own information; better meal choices; having sessions that can help advisors with emotional intelligence (communication, team work, ect.). Possibly having the speaker before Friday afternoon since people may have to leave early.

The space was too small. Sessions were not allowed to be interactive due to space. There needs to be more open areas. More speakers and attendees of color and more workshops focusing on the need of URM students.

Pre-conference sessions, which are longer than regular sessions, should always involve some hands on/interactive pieces. I attended a pre-conference session that was essentially a very long lecture. While the material was interesting, I expect to go a bit deeper and be more actively involved in a pre-conference session.

Engaging keynote speakers. Large enough facilities to accommodate attendees. Location; would have been able to attend morning sessions if commute was not high traffic.

More interactive key note speakers

Perhaps other awards for best sessions? Maybe highlighting the top 3 sessions from the conference? Giving other people the chance to win "Best of Region" would be great! :)

Sometimes there were multiple sessions run during the same block that I wanted to attend and then in the next block there were none. For some of the more popular sessions it would be nice to offer them more than once I think the conferences should offer something about current events on college campuses such as Black Lives Matter. I'd love to see some training offered to make us more culturally competent-I think that's be a much more valuable takeaway than a keynote speaker.

Best practices or helpful tips on dealing with students on warning/probation (satisfactory academic progress).

Workshops with real takeaways - where we get to learn a tool that we can practice right then and there and come home with a new idea/tool/skill. One item of entertainment, even if it's optional: In Vancouver there was a semi-organized city tour and in Idaho there was native dancing. Seattle has tours, but without any organizing (a clipboard) we didn't get to meet so many other people.

I appreciated the more formal opening ceremony from the 2015 conference in Coeur d' Alene. It felt more welcoming and organized, which set the tone for the rest of the conference. Also, with record attendance, it

was difficult to find seating in many of the sessions I attended.

Planning the correct rooms according to popularity of concurrent sessions. Some of the most popular concurrent sessions were in the smallest rooms.

Networking event that is during a break-out session. Microaggressions in the advising session.

Speaker - Nani Jackins Park, Equity Works Northwest

Bring fresh Keynotes, ensure the food is not as horrid. Sick stomachs do not assist in the learning process.

As more advisors transition from undergraduate to graduate advising I see an ongoing need for more events and activities for grad advisors.

More diversity- sessions about underserved populations, a quiet space for introverts, bigger rooms to accommodate popular sessions

Length of sessions (1 hour) is good, but 3 in a row can get tough. Maybe a longer break in between session 2 and 3

Larger conference rooms. There were a few sessions I could not attend because there was not enough room. Dinner reservations - choose restaurants that aren't quite that expensive. We went to Carlile Room (I think that was the name), and some came out with a bill close to \$100.

I recommend, if possible, not having all encompassing 'vegan/vegetarian/gluten free' meals. Combining vegan/vegetarian is fine, but I like gluten! I heard a similar remark from someone who is gluten free about not wanting to eat vegan/vegetarian.

I was disappointed there were no sessions focused on graduate students, particularly since I know there were proposals submitted on this topic.

topics on managing stress, time management, balance, etc.

buffet style meals seem to go more smoothly rather than the sit and wait to be served kind. A bigger registration area may have helped reduce "traffic".

larger rooms? maybe more sound proofing between rooms.

Networking, advising first/gen/low-income, newly immigrated/refugee students, under-represented groups, advising program evaluation/assessment, advising models/practices

It was great to see the community colleges more involved this year and I think this is something that we definitely want to encourage for future events. We can learn so much from each other, no individual institution knows it all so we need to share the wealth of our knowledge.

please get a bigger space. most of the rooms were crammed and trying to get around in between panels was extremely difficult

More Community College Sessions and Ways to connect with other advisors

Maybe some help for introverts during the opening reception.

More presentation topics on advising technology, and also general advising philosophies and best practices that are applicable in a very wide range of situations.

Graduate advising sessions for those of us who exclusively work with graduate/professional students (very different from undergrad or CC advising!)

room sizes more consistent with each other. the smaller rooms were packed and some of my staff had to attend other sessions than the one they intended because of lack of space

More room! The venue was very tight and crowded. Also, I felt like most of the presentations were very surface level for someone who has been in the profession even just 2 years. It would have been nice to have a mix. I named UW's presentation because it was a good balance of practical application and theory that went beyond the basics.

10. Additional comments:

Text Response

great location/choice of venue

Fantastic conference overall!

Venus was really small for the amount of people.

I had to sit out of two sessions because the rooms were full and there was nothing else relevant to me being offered at the time. The hallways and breakout rooms were WAY too crowded. That facility was NOT equipped to handle that many people. Registration should have been shut down much earlier.

Need more space. The venue was too crowded and uncomfortable. You could hear the noise in the session next door during the presentation and was very distracting. The temperature fluctuated often.

The only real issue I experienced was regarding the concurrent session I presented during. Our room was small and hot! It was standing room only and many people had to leave because there was just not enough space. I thought there was going to be an opening session at the first night dessert reception. I work at a local university, and might not have left work for that if I'd know that it was so casual and targeted mostly for people staying in the hotel.

I know I can always count on any NACADA conference to be well run and worth my time.

Overall, great time, I really enjoyed the sessions. Just a very small space for the amount of people there! less jacking on one's self to show how much we know about populations of students.

Great conference.

The dessert reception food was only fruit or cake/cookies with the same deserts at both sit down lunches it was a big disappointment, I am gluten free. The full sit down lunches was a great idea however the hotel was not able to execute. I left both lunches hungry. The break fast however was nice :-)

What the heck was that main course for Friday's lunch? It was kind of, well, weird.

Thank you!

Please allow more time during the lunch for folks to converse with colleagues and other members to provide a chance to network and learn about other colleges/programs throughout our region.

The conference was great!

The site was too small for the number of attendees. I know the organizers were aware of this and more attendees came than were anticipated, but ideally, there should be seats for everyone who wants to attend any session, and often there were not.

The rooms were too small. It was too noisy and crowded for small group work or interaction during presentations. Lunch on Friday was terrible! The beef was raw and very few people now eat red meat, repeat chicken or offer salmon. The waste was sad, most people left the meat untouched. Speakers need to be vetted, some were very bad. The conference should provide handouts since speakers are free.

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!!!

It was great to have internet access in my room. The rooms were fine.

It was really nice to have the opening reception, however it was not as well marketed as these events have been in the past. It would have been nice to receive an email in advance letting us know of fun things to do in Seattle and social events that would be put on at the conference so we could look forward to them!

Many of the concurrent sessions were a lot weaker than what I experienced in previous years regional conferences. Out of 6 sessions I attended I only felt 2 added value and 1 was ok. Other three sessions were very basic/introductory with not a lot of new information gained from it. Better to have a shorter conference if there aren't enough quality proposals being put forth in the future?

This was a well-organized and well-planned conference. I got a lot out of it, and I appreciate all the hard work everyone did to make it a success. In the future, think about having it at a larger venue, as some of the sessions were overflowing. Thank you!

Thank you for facilitating a great conference!

limit the number of registrations to reflect what the facility can accommodate, many sessions were very comfortable

Julie Larsen and her committee did a tremendous job planning and executing this vital professional development program. It is a great service to NACADA and region.

Seattle and the Motif were awesome and I loved being close to everything Seattle has to offer. Very convenient.

The only negative comment I have is that the two lunches were inedible. I don't eat rare beef, and I could not identify what the chicken was served over. The meals at the previous year's regional were much preferable.

This is my third regional conference and I can't help but notice that the same institutions and people are continually being recognized. My colleagues and I feel like if you aren't in these groups, you aren't going to get recognized for your work (same schools winning awards/best of region/selected for committees etc.) It is becoming discouraging see this from a region that values inclusion.

Thank you!

I'm grateful for NACADA! Thanks to all who worked so hard to make the conference a reality.

The presentations I liked best were founded in research. There should be more "real" research sessions.

The evening reception on Wednesday was too late so I didn't attend. The breakfast on Friday was advertised as continental but it certainly was more than that. Would have been nice to know in advance so that I could have planned accordingly

Thank you! It was a great experience!

Thanks for the registrant email list, I really appreciate that!

Great conference, facilities, engagement! Kudos to the conference committee!

Swag was great! The conference organizers did an excellent job putting it together and all speakers were excellent.

very disappointed that emails didn't go out until about a week prior to the conference. Other conferences keep you in the loop at least 30 days prior to the conference with multiple follow ups. Why were the outside vendors given our email address, I got far too many emails from outside vendors, the chairs in the session room were the absolute worst.

I am not apt to fly to a meeting so appreciated that it was a simple drive (or bus ride) away. Thank you for the great couple of days!

Although I'm glad there were so many attendees, it got uncomfortable in some of the concurrent sessions as many had to stand/sit on the floor (or give up and go to another concurrent session). I would be interested in having more organized networking activities (optional for those who want to participate). The opening reception was kind of bland.

In the heart of downtown Seattle is neither convenient or user-friendly. Somewhere easily accessible for out of towners would be much more convenient.

Overall I though the conference was great. Some sessions were packed with people, others it was sparse. I wish there was a bit more entree variety.

Do to funding issue it will be difficult for me to attend in the future.

I am sure you will receive this same feedback from many, but the facilities were way too small to handle the number of attendees. Unfortunately my server at lunch was very rude, but otherwise hotel staff were pleasant and helpful. The NACADA volunteers/conference organizers were also very helpful

Overall, good experience.

The hotel felt a bit too small for all of the people

It would be nice if tea was more consistently available. I also thought the round group tables at the Vancouver conference made networking and group work much easier than the seats arranged in rows at this conference.

Keep up the excellent work. I have been to a lot of conferences over the years and this was by far the best.

High quality presentations, workshops, and event organization.

Congratulations to all who helped put the conference on; this was a very successful conference. I think the location drew a large attendance. And, it seems colleges are not in budget cutting mode with the stability of the economy, allowing more staff to take advantage of professional development opportunities.

Opening reception be more welcoming. New people to NACADA may feel isolated as there was no format for mingling. No activities or welcome during the time I was there.

Concurrent sessions were good, recommend varying topics and more variety between 2-year/4-year institutions. Wish pre-conference sessions and meals were included in registration cost. Award ceremony was awkward and not very inclusive. Did not understand the purpose, intent could have been better explained, and did not receive information on how to nominate or vote.

Great job everyone!

I was not pleased with the food for lunch. The food on the last day was not something that everyone would enjoy. Beets???? Lol

The lunches were fantastic but the steak on Friday seemed to be too rare for many people. My whole table only ate the salad

There should be options with food to accommodate dietary restrictions. We were just served meals with no information about the ingredients. I'm a gluten-free eater and struggled with the lack of options.

Thank you for the experience.

I want to thank all the people who put in their time, to make this event possible.

This was a worthwhile experience and I will most likely attend another NACADA conference

A larger venue is needed when the conference will be held in Seattle again. I talked with 2 advisors from NIC who were planning to attend, but by the time their travel was approved, the event was full and registration was closed.

I didn't attend any sessions on Friday because the rooms for the two options I had chosen were overflowing so I left for awhile to explore the city, which I hadn't done yet.

Overall it was really great.

Gluten free is not vegan. Both of my meals were vegan and did not contain meat. It would be good if these two dietary restrictions could be separated. Gluten free would be anything that does not contain wheat, barley or rye. The meal that others got on Friday for example would have been acceptable for me as it was made with

quinoa. Instead, I got tofu when i could have eaten the beef.

The registration area and hallways felt very cramped, and it was difficult to figure out which room was which (some had multiple entrances, but only one was labeled).

The only drawback was the size of the breakout rooms. they could not accommodate the more popular sessions. they were also not very soundproof so in some sessions, the noisy groups drowned out the quieter groups in the adjoining room. At lunch, the special diet diners should have been served at the same time as others, not made to wait until everyone else was nearly done.

Great job!

The region 8 is limited in cultural and racial diversity - in both attendees and presentators. I'm aware that the NACADA defines diversity broadly. However, I, as a cultural/racial minority, feel that the NACADA's definition of diversity is made for cultural majority, but not for cultural minority. However, I was happy to see a bit more cultural diverse speakers in Seattle'16 than in Idaho 2015.

The food from the two lunches was not very good. I would have enjoyed more flavorful food, faster service, or perhaps the option to have a buffet with multiple options rather than just the one plain entree for lunch.

The Thursday lunch was pretty bad, my chicken was raw.

Too much red meat at lunch. I happily eat meat, but this was a bit much, especially for lunch.

I go every year worried I won't have a take away, and each year, I come back to work feeling inspired, knowing that I am doing good work and that our institution is pushing for innovation and best practices. NACADA has been an extremely valuable resource for me. Thank you for the work you all put in to this event!

Last year every presentation I attended seemed very relevant and applicable to my work. This year while I enjoyed the conference and gained a lot, I wonder if having three themes meant there was both more variety, but also less continuity in the presentations and overall conference experience. It also seemed like we needed to know the Blog was the primary source for information.

I thought the conference was very well organized. Everyone was helpful and positive. I loved the simple bags you gave out rather than the usual bags at NACADA conferences. I can stuff it in my pocket and use it at the grocery store. (I know this is a silly thing, but it bothers me every time I go to NACADA conference and get a bag I'll never use again.)

If diversity is important, don't make the sessions around diverse populations at the end of the day. Most participants do not stay for the last sessions when they are in downtown Seattle.

Thanks for all the hard work in putting this together!

11. What conference costs were covered by your institution? In the comments section, indicate other sources of funding or any explanations of your answers to help us in our future planning.

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Conference registration fee	201	97%
2	NACADA Membership	161	78%
3	Hotel expenses	112	54%
4	Mileage and tolls	110	53%
5	Airfare	46	22%
6	Meal expenses	109	53%
7	Other:	28	14%
8	Further comments about your response:	24	12%

Other:	Further comments about your response:
Train	
Parking	
train fare	
Parking	
train	
light rain	
Parking	

all	
Parking fees	
Parking	Seattle was probably unique for a destination where so many people would be driving in rather than staying at the hotel. That made it more affordable for many, but the session rooms were often over-capacity.
train	
Parking	
Per diem minus meals provided	
Parking	
taxi	
I applied and received professional development funds through my college.	
in future any additional costs to be charged by hotel should be included in rate. Surprise to get additional 12 dollars per day charged. I will have to cover this out of pocket now as not preapproved.	
parking	
I received a NACADA grant which covered most of my expense.	Thank you!
Overall a great experience. Everything was very organized and ran smoothly. Nicely planned and organized!	
Parking	Location of the conference was right in the middle of the down town and it was hard to find a parkint sport.
parking	
train	
None by my department, but applied for and received a scholarship	I received a \$100 scholarship from the UW Association of Professional Advisers and Counselors (APAC) to help with my conference registration
In addition to departmental support, also received support from the college's Professional Development Funds	
I was local, so no hotel was required.	The committee did an excellent job, very proud of all the new young NACADA professionals!
	The presentations I attended were all extremely well organized by serious presenters.
	It was hard to get admins to pay
	Thank you to all the volunteers and organizers
	I want to thank you for organizing such a wonderful conference in Seattle. The sessions I attended were thoughtful, critical, and engaging. I love being a member of NACADA and I very much appreciate this professional community. However, I wanted to draw attention to the fact that the room that was designated as a nursing/pumping room for nursing mothers was a conference room used for "prepping" by the conference committee. As a nursing mother, I had to use the room 3x daily and every time except once I had someone walk in the room (or attempt to walk in the room) while I was pumping or getting ready to pump. The room had a door that did not lock and although there was a sign on the door saying, "do not disturb" it was opened each time by conference committee members and presenters. Because this room was a shared room people were leaving

	<p>things there that they needed for sessions and I was made to feel that I was disrupting their space. On the first day of the conference I brought this up to the welcoming table and asked if there was a room with a locked door that I could use and they said that there was not. I realize that it's tough to accommodate the needs of almost 600 attendees but I felt that since the conference was held at a hotel that the necessities of those of us NACADA members that are nursing and pumping it could have been easily provided with NACADA giving us access to a room with a locked door that was quiet and calm. Here is a quick reference to some of the best practices of providing this space: http://www.aia.org/aiaucmp/groups/secure/documents/pdf/aiap037226.pdf. After coming from feeling so let down by the lack of accommodations and sitting in the closing ceremony it felt a bit like lip service to hear such congratulations given for this accommodation from the Keynote speaker. I write this on behalf of my experience and for the other nursing and working mothers that were in attendance at the Region 8 Conference. I would love to help out in any way I can to support our fellow professional nursing and working mothers that need this accommodation at conferences. I very much appreciate all that NACADA does for us all in Region 8 and I look forward to hearing your thoughts.</p>
	Can't wait until next year!
	Thank you!!
	Local Attendee
	I am glad I am back in touch with NACADA. I look forward to future webinars, conferences, activities with NACADA.
	As a local advisor I didn't need any of the other resources on the list. I would not be able to attend without the support of my institution. Received NACADA Region 8 scholarship to cover conference registration and travel expenses
	Conference was local for us, so no travel expenses were involved.
	Department paid for registration and membership. Local Satellite so I didn't have to pay for travel, lodging, or meals
	local attendee, so no need for hotel/meal expenses
	The hotel was amazing!
	No institutional support. This has precluded conference attendance by any staff as means to network, grow, advance in knowledge through conferences.
	Overall things ran very smoothly and with the size that is a big challenge. Thank you to all the hard work of the committee to create this positive environment and experience.
	Make a protocol to be more available to presenters and make the process easier for workshop submissions.

12. Please comment on Keynote speaker Louie Gong, Eighth

Generation:

Text Response

He was awesome! Excellent choice.

Very inspiring and great story

Great story, but felt a little "self promotey"

engaging. Nice to hear an "outside" voice

inspiring

Great, relevant story. Wish he brought some blankets to sell!

Inspirational, great public speaker, relate-able, funny, great message

the perfect mix of real world issues, creativity and awareness of academia

great message

Good material and very interesting. Just not the greatest presenter.

Inspiring. I thought he was fabulous. Loved how he shared his story with being a first-gen, low income, person of color trying to navigate the education system, getting into higher ed, and what he is doing now.

Felt like he was a little all over the place. Sorry :(

I liked this presentation and thought he was a great addition to the conference.

felt like a sales pitch- didnt connect to advising much

Truly and amazing individual that can speak to many

Loved his presentation and learning about how he started his business and what it represents to American natives

Interesting.

Slightly self-serving, but inspirational none the less.

Interesting talk

good message, but, occasionally seemed like advertisement

SO INSPIRING.

Thought-provoking and great work overall!

Inspirational.

Mr. Gong was inspiring and awesome. A great perspective on how higher education can effect a community.

Great choice. Very interesting story. So happy to see a Native voice highlighted in this way.

A delightful young man who reminded me of my students.

Great but I had heard him a few months before.

Louie was an amazing presenter with such a rich and valuable message. I have been parroting so many points of his presentation to friends and colleagues.

Great presenter - would have liked to hear more about his educational experiences and advising

Liked that he connected with higher education but also brought in a new, artistic perspective.

Very interesting, great choice

He may not have a succinct flow to his speech styly (i.e. he kinda jumps topics sometimes) but his message was on point, powerful and refreshing. I 100% loved hearing him and am glad that I sat up front.

Inspiring and offered practical thoughts.

It was a very interesting and at time inspiring keynote, however the relevancy to our theme and our job I felt was lacking.

Fantastic. Very engaging and interesting.

I thought Louie was very engaging and inspiring. His speech was a little less advising-focused than I would have hoped, but I still enjoyd it.

Great!

seemed unprepared?

Very inspirational and interesting

Very good!

AWESOME

Great story!

Inspiring

Great speaker! His story was inspirational.

great, i always like to see a view from another angle that is unfamiliar

It was nice to hear his story and how advisors helped shape his path

Stand out and interesting, with ideas and concepts I've brought into my daily life.

Interesting but 20% too long.

he had an interesting story

Excellent. Loved him!

His stories and example of success were inspirational, and a good reminder of how much influence one comment can have on a student's trajectory.

Very enjoyable

Loved him and his story.

He was interesting but I was looking for a speaker more related to advising. I also didn't appreciate the sales pitch about his products.

Non-traditional speaker was nice, moving stories.

Great storyteller, but I struggled to make a lot of practical connections to academic advising

very disappointed, he didn't have a planned talk...he just rambled and self promoted his business.

I liked how he introduced me to a new way of thinking/approaching advising under prepared students

This was one of the best keynote's I've heard in a while. He had a connection to higher education and personalized it, we could really connect with what he was sharing with us. Excellent!

Funny, well-spoken, interesting and inspiring

Amazing and so relevant

Great story that is relevant to advisors.

He was fantastic

He seemed really comfortable talking in front of crowds, and that made him more interesting to watch.

He was alright and had a story to tell but I found him to be irrelevant to advising and the school system.

I gained new insight into native populations in education; I found him engaging as a speaker

He was the shoe guy, right?

A bit too much of a sales pitch at the beginning of his talk

Really enjoyed him and was able to connect with him on several issues. I liked that he addressed some key issues facing URM students I work with.

His talk seemed a little disconnected from academic advising

I wish this talk had made more explicit connections to higher education and/or student identity and development. There were moments where those topics came up, but I think the discussion of these topics was at a shallow level. Based on this conference and the 1 Region 8 Conference I attended previously, I get the impression that the talks during meals don't tend to offer much significant content.

Informative, thought provoking

I thoroughly enjoyed his presentation and found him to be very entertaining and enlightening. I especially appreciated his discussion about honoring our heritage in everything we do.

Excellent speaker. Wonderful way to infuse diversity and cultural identity into the conference.

Excellent

Unique perspective on education, relevant, engaging.

very much enjoyed hearing his story and seeing his artwork - inspiring

Great presenter although more business focused.

It was great to hear his personal story and how he has created his own business.

LOVED!!!

I liked the idea of having a diverse speaker, but I thought the connection to academic advising was loose. I would like to see us focus more on diversity, but perhaps folks could speak who work in Trio programs or who work specifically with diverse populations in a way that's connected to academic advising. I thought the perspective he shared as a first generation student was valuable.

Seemed almost more like a commercial for his business. Unique and interesting art, but didn't like the sales pitch.

I really enjoyed most of it, but it felt a bit like a sales pitch at several points

I enjoyed how he was able to share his personal journey through higher education and remind us all that it can take just one interaction to set a prospective student on the path to academic success.

Inspirational! What a tremendous person who is doing amazing work. Really inspired choice by a conscientious committee.

He is very dynamic and energetic. I would have appreciated more comment on working with indigenous peoples, honoring culture.

Excellent integration of equity, community and inspiration

I have seen him 3 times, so I was not very intuned. Please look at the other conferences and try to bring in fresh speakers.

Inspiring but a bit scattered.

Excellent!!!

He was very inspiring. One of the best Keynote speaker

I enjoy hearing Louie's story (this was the third time I have seen him speak) but it seemed a little disconnected from advising and more related to art and entrepreneurship.

Excellent speaker, valid message

Wonderful and informative

Wow!

Very inspirational to hear his story of navigating the higher education system and the supports he did/did not receive.

I loved his presentation and it really stuck with me. Very good encouragement for advisors and students.

I enjoyed learning about his background and seeing his beautiful work.

Excellent message

It was neat to hear from him but I'm not sure his talk was super relevant

Excellent--very nice perspective to have.

13. Please comment on Keynote speaker Jennifer Joslin, NACADA:

Text Response

Another great choice and very fun approach to the keynote.

I couldn't relate to it

awesome

Great Speaker. Loved her Jane Austen references.

Jennifer is very articulate. I liked how she used literature to help focus her main points.

Jennifer was very engaging and inspiring.

The Jane Austen analogy fit many in the room, but was lost on me.

N/A

she is always very cute and agreeable

n/a

Good, more engaging and dynamic, I enjoyed her topic.

Full of life! She was great, and I loved how genuine and authentic she is.

Really enjoyed her keynote.

Funny.

For those of us who don't read Jane Austin, I was lost.

Very influential to my/our work - uplifting, guiding, inspirational

well-considered and humorous - as expected

Good!

Hard to hear in the back of the conference room, but I liked the Jane Austen references!

Motivational.

Jane Austin, what's not to love?

I was not able to attend this session.

Very warm and funny.

Excellent, relevant to advisors.

Jennifer Joslin was a joy to listen to. She had such a way of keeping the audience captured in her presentation. I felt like I was sitting on the couch with a close friend catching up on all the events in the advising world. It was a amazing to get some insight from such an expert in our field!

Wonderful speaker and powerful message

great comments

I liked Jennifer's analogy about the world of education being like a family.

A joy to listen to.

Jennifer's speech was both relevant to advising and engaging. I didn't entirely capture the connection between Jane Austin and NACADA, but I still really enjoyed her speech.

She was good

not really sure what was tangibly said

Uplifting and motivational

Fairly good

Great Story!

She had been really talked up, so my expectations were probably unreasonably high. Didn't feel especially inspired or loaded with takeaways.

Entertaining

Jennifer was entertaining and enlightening.

Funny relevant and good

Unique and fascinating, with great ideas and a great energy.

I very much enjoyed this talk.

Great!

good

n/a

Needed to be more related to advising.

I did not attend, though I was sorry to miss her.

NA

very good, relevant, encouraging

She was funny. I felt she reiterated a lot of what we already felt (family, networking). I got a lot more out of her workshop.

Amazing as always!

Goofy topic, unappealing to 49% of the population.

I missed her, unfortunately

She had a good sense of humor and I really liked how she tied her material to something unlikely - Jane Austin. This help my attention.

did not attend

Jennifer is wonderful, and it was great to see her, but her talk was pretty tacky. I was bored and left early.

I really was not able to connect with her.

She was funny!

Inspiring, knowledgeable, and delightful

She is brilliant and hilarious!

Fun, entertaining; and "outside-the-box" way of looking at our advising related work with students.

Not engaging.

Spoke to older crowd of advisors

I enjoyed her wisdom and experience.

Very relevant and engaging

I love Jennifer! I think she's always fantastic! She did a great job of engaging us, getting us to laugh, and making connections to the profession.

Cute, but not relevant, and I disagreed with much of what she had to say. I've read Pride and Prejudice several times and I found some of her comments irritating and a bit flippant.

Jennifer is a pleasant speaker, but I had a hard time making the connection between her presentation and why it should matter to me.

Great talk on values. Funny, inspirational. And a picture of Colin Firth!

Wonderful deep understanding of the need for and value of NACADA to professionals, and provided language for others to articulate that back on their campuses

It was just okay.

Engaging.

it was ok....

She was funny and creative.

Funny-which kept audience engaged during lunch, relevant material

I haven't read much by Jane Austen

I remember some of the pictures she used in her presentation, but I don't remember what her talk was about...

She was very personable and entertaining!

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It's always interesting to hear from Jennifer

Genuine and thoughtful. This was my favorite keynote out of all the conferences I have attended. informative and fun!

It is always a pleasure to hear Jennifer! She is such a strong voice for the profession of advising that one cannot help but feel proud of being a member of this wonderful profession. She keeps the field of advising honest and growth focused. Three cheers for Region 8!

Interesting

Jennifer is such a good speaker and leader. I'm so glad I got the chance to hear her at the conference. She seems to have a genuine concern for advisors, advising as a profession and for student success.

I enjoyed this session but I hate Jane AUsten so a lot was lost on me.

Great!

Very energetic and inspiring

Really good, what I heard. I needed to leave early.

Great

I didn't get the full point of this presentation.

Great speaker, the content not really within my interest

AWESOME! Can I get the transcript. Want to quote her. :)

N/A

Excellent presentation! I appreciate inspiration from those in the field, with honest reality about our jobs and struggles. She was able to embody the fulfillment of advising while at the same time encouraging us all to push for more learning, more empowerment, more leadership and more validity in our roles. Powerful.

Her passion and enthusiasm were evident! The comparison with Jane Austen was a little lost on me, but

perhaps because I'm not a Jane Austen fan. :-) Other than that, she was very inspiring! She was fabulous at drawing connections between Jane Austen and advisors in a way that was humorous, engaging and connected to our work as advisors currently.

I did not appreciate inserting politics into her speech. Even if I happen to share her views, I don't like that NACADA often assumes that everyone is politically homogeneous. It makes it clear to those with different views that they are not welcome and that their beliefs are not valued.

Jennifer, as always, was full of good ideas

Jennifer is everything you would want in a keynote, knowledgeable, funny, humble. I loved her!

Positive, but not fully relevant.

inspiring

14. Please rate the following:

#	Question	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Total Responses
2	How likely are you to attend a future Region 8 conference based on your experience?	3	17	59	130	209
3	How Helpful did you find the NACADA Region 8 blog leading up to the conference?	8	34	41	33	116

15. Did you participate in any of the following?

#	Question	Yes	No	Total Responses
1	Continental Breakfast	165	46	211
2	The Opening Reception	89	120	209
3	Lunch on Thursday	203	8	211
4	Lunch on Friday	167	41	208

16. Did you participate in any conference-arranged activities?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Yes	6	3%
2	No	187	88%
3	What was your opinion?	19	9%
	Total	212	100%

What was your opinion?

Loved the Group Dinner

good

It was nice to have reservations for a restaurant in Seattle ahead of time.

I live here, so I didn't partake this time

Dinner was expensive but good. I think it would have been nice to have \$\$ signs next to the dinner choices to show their pricepoint.

Went to the new member meeting--it was very appreciated.

I didn't know there were any besides the organized dinner the one night

I enjoyed the dinner

I didn't really even know what they were. They were poorly advertised.

I participated in the group dinner. I thought this was a great idea and I met a few people.

I enjoyed meeting new colleagues through the arranged dinner.

Great fun!

I try but the diner was cancel

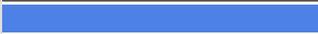
Well organized

It was great to get to know others at dinner

I attended a pre-conference workshop (Research). It was very helpful!

Great!

17. Were you previously aware of the NACADA Advising Awards prior to this conference?

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Yes		143	67%
2	No		69	33%
	Total		212	100%

18. Are you part of the Region 8 Facebook group?

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Yes		87	41%
2	No		125	59%
	Total		212	100%

19. Did you tweet (#nacadar8) about the conference?

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Yes		8	4%
2	No		204	96%
	Total		212	100%