

**Platform Statement for ND Steering Committee, Region 6**  
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Hello! My name is Katherine (Katie) Mehrer. I have been a Region 6 NACADA member since 2012, and am excited about the opportunity to serve the state of North Dakota on the Region 6 Steering Committee. Through my membership and active participation in Region 6 I have grown professionally and personally, and have been a strong advocate for NACADA at the University of Mary. The awareness and participation at our university has increased over the past few years, and I feel I could bring that same enthusiasm to academic advisors across the state of North Dakota.

NACADA has provided me a great deal of support and resources throughout my journey as an academic advisor and administrator. Recently, I was selected to be a part of the inaugural class for the Region 6 Leader-Mentor program. Connecting with a mentor from our region has been very rewarding thus far, and I am excited to continue working with my mentor to achieve the goals we have set forth. Over the past few years I have given back to NACADA by volunteering as a session moderator at our regional conferences, as well as at the annual conference. I also had the chance to be a proposal reader for the upcoming annual conference! These opportunities were very rewarding, and I feel strongly about continuing to give back to the community that has been such a valuable resource for me by increasing awareness in our state about the available resources and opportunities for both academic and faculty advisors.

Currently, I serve as the Director of Academic Advising and First-Year Experience at the University of Mary in Bismarck, ND, managing three academic advisors and the advising services for our undergraduate freshmen, undecided students, and academic probation program. In addition to my administrative position with academic advising, I also coordinate our first-year experience program, which includes Welcome Week and advising orientation events, and teach a freshmen seminar and transition seminar courses. I earned my M.A. in College Student Personnel Administration from Seton Hall University in 2012 and my B.A. in Communication from Monmouth University in 2003. My professional areas of interest include advising first-year students and other undergraduates in transition, academic probation advising, and servant leadership development in college students.