



Another awesome annual ILACADA conference is just about here! There is still time to register! <http://ilacada.org/conference>

The Illinois Academic Advising Association (ILACADA) Leadership Team and Conference Planning committee welcomes you to the 2014 ILACADA Conference “*Heard It Through the Grapevine: Collaboration in an Ever-Changing Environment*”. We are confident that you will return to your respective campuses after a full day of professional development, recharged and energized. Southern Illinois University Carbondale is the location for this year’s conference and we are very appreciative to SIU for serving as our host this year.

The southern seven community colleges, John A. Logan Community College; Illinois Eastern Community Colleges; Kaskaskia College; Rend Lake College; Shawnee Community College; Southeastern Illinois Community College; Southwestern Illinois College, are uniting with SIU and ILACADA to provide a multitude of sessions promoting student services and our profession as well as serving to enhance partnerships among academic advisors and higher education partners throughout Illinois. A special thank you goes to the ILACADA Leadership team, conference planning committee, conference co-chairs, Tamara Workman and Kimberly Little, volunteers and presenters for making this conference a success!

Supporting the conference theme, along with the ILACADA mission, you will find that [2014 ILACADA program sessions](#) address the core values of academic advising.

FOR THOSE ARRIVING VIA AMTRAK:

A shuttle van will arrange for pick up and drop off at the Carbondale Amtrak Station and to the conference hotel. An additional email with shuttle specifics will be sent to those who indicated on their conference registration form that they will use Amtrak as their primary transportation. Please contact Kim Little at klittle@siu.edu for additional information.

CONFERENCE HOTEL:

The Holiday Inn and Conference Center in Carbondale, IL, is the official conference hotel. Hotel directions and a fact sheet may be found at:

http://www.holidayinn.com/hotels/us/en/carbondale/mdhci/hoteldetail?qAdlt=1&qBrs=6c.hi.ex.rs.ic.cp.in.sb.cw.cv&qChld=0&qFRA=1&qGRM=0&qlta=99504440&qPSt=0&qRRSrt=rt&qRef=df&qRms=1&qRpn=1&qRpp=10&qSHp=1&qSmp=3&qSrt=sBR&qWch=0&srb_u=1&icdv=99504440&dp=true. Both the Hampton Inn and Comfort Inn and Suites are conveniently located next to the Holiday Inn.

CONFERENCE SOCIAL:

The conference social will be held on Wednesday, May 21st from 5:00 – 7:00 PM at Rustle Hill Winery. Directions to Rustle Hill may be found at: <http://rustlehillwinery.com/southern-illinois-winery-map/>. For those who prefer not to drive, a free shuttle service will be provided. The first shuttle will depart from the Holiday Inn conference hotel to Rustle Hill at 4:45 PM. For those new to the area, you are also welcome to caravan-up and follow the shuttle to the social! The shuttle will have scheduled times running throughout the social. Please contact Elaine Atwood, atwood@siu.edu, for additional information.

ILACADA WEAR - ONLINE CLOTHING STORE PICK-UP:

If you placed an online ILACADA clothing store order, your items will be available at the conference registration desk on Thursday.

If you would like to pick up your ILACADA wear at the Social, contact Teri Farr at tjarr@siu.edu or 309-287-4055 and she will have your shirt available for pick up at the social; this way, you may have your ILACADA wear for the conference!

STUDENT CENTER DIRECTIONS:

Directions to the Student Center at Southern Illinois University Carbondale can be found at: http://admissions.siu.edu/_documents/studentcenter.pdf. Most conference activities are in the Student Center.

CONFERENCE PARKING AND SHUTTLE PICK-UP:

Parking is free and is located in the SIU Arena Parking lot. A map to the Arena Parking lot may be found at: http://admissions.siu.edu/_documents/arena.pdf. Although the Student Center is a short walk from the Arena, a free shuttle between these two locations will be available every 15 minutes throughout the conference.

REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST:

Registration and a continental breakfast will be open from 7:00-7:45 am in the Corker Lounge area, 2nd floor of the Student Center. We encourage you to arrive on time to pick up your conference materials at the registration table so you may be present for the conference opening beginning promptly at 7:45 am with Dr. John Nicklow, SIU Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

KEYNOTE:

We are very excited that Jennifer Joslin, Associate Director for Content Development of the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA) is joining us this year as our keynote. Jennifer has a vast knowledge and expertise in the field of academic advising and has published numerous books and articles on our profession. She also teaches graduate courses in the Kansas State University College of Education in the Department of Counseling and Educational Psychology. Tweet ([@jenniferjoslin](https://twitter.com/jenniferjoslin)), befriend, and connect with her at <http://about.me/jenniferjoslin>.

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER:

Lieutenant Governor Sheila Simon offers a lifetime and legacy of public service. She is a lawyer, teaching and working mother. As Lieutenant Governor, Simon is the second highest executive officer in Illinois, and her mission is to make government more accountable, accessible and transparent for the taxpayers of Illinois. In her first year in office, Simon conducted a fact-finding tour of the state's 48 community college to highlight the role they play in increasing the state's college completion rate. Her white paper on Higher Education in Illinois may be found at: <http://www.collegechangeproject.org/dotAsset/7bcea3fb-298c-4b21-b3cb-7c339ed00f53.pdf>

LUNCH:

Lunch is included in your conference registration fee. A soup, salad and potato bar will be available along with drinks and dessert.

WEATHER: Average highs for the end of May in Normal range from in the upper 80's to low 90's. Lows in the evenings will likely be in the low 70's and you never know what the temperatures will be like in the conference areas. Bring layers so you will be most comfortable.

DRESS: Although there is no specific dress code for the conference, business casual attire is recommended. We will be taking pictures of conference attendees throughout of the conference and posting them on the conference PowerPoint throughout the day. Please contact Kim Little at klittle@siu.edu if you prefer not to be photographed.

SOCIAL MEDIA: We hope that those of you using Twitter will follow the #ilacada hashtag to interact during and after the conference. Also, "Like" the ILACADA facebook page and check out ILACADA on Pinterest and LinkedIn.

Some tips and suggestions for a successful conference:

- Be sure to **bring plenty of business cards**. They are a great networking tool plus you can use them to enter the drawing for our grand prizes.
- While we will provide you with a pen and notepad, **bring extras** just in case.
- A **highlighter** can be very helpful to use during sessions or when reviewing your program booklet.

- If you have a tendency to get cool, **bring a light sweater or jacket.**
- Be sure to keep your **cellphone on silent** during conference sessions. To avoid distracting presenters, please refrain from texting or emailing during conference sessions.
- Please do not come and go during sessions. It's distracting to both the presenter and the audience.
- Bring your **refillable water bottle.** Water stations will be located in the River Room Concourse at the conference.

If you have any concerns or questions, do not hesitate to contact Kim Little at klittle@siu.edu or at 618-697-1428. We look forward to seeing you soon!

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