

Well hello there then, my fellow Minnesotan members of NACADA. Is there ever a heck of a deal out there for you with NACADA in October. Not only is our great state playing host to the whopper of an Annual Conference in early October, but there is another opportunity for professional development later in the month. On **Friday, October 24**, the University of St. Thomas will host a statewide drive-in **Minne-Conference** for Minnesota NACADA members.

The Minne-Conference will be in the format of an open space meeting. This means that you get to submit ideas or issues that you hope to discuss with your colleagues prior to the conference. There will be no formal presentations – instead we will learn from one another, brainstorm, and problem solve together. For example, perhaps you have been hoping to implement a new system of advising and registration for incoming first year students at your institution. The Minne-conference may give you the space to learn from Minnesota advisors about their first-year registration updates and processes. Many of us will have recently attended the national NACADA conference in Minneapolis, so the Minne-conference may also provide an opportunity for you to take practical steps toward that big idea that inspired you during the national conference. If you wish to find new ways to help students explore majors, this may be the opportunity to see how other Minnesota advisors assist student exploring academic majors. It will be a simultaneous learning and networking event! Yah, sure, you betcha!

The event will run **10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** and will include refreshments and a little lunch (actually it'll be a heck of a lunch don't ya know). The event will take place on the St. Paul campus of The University of St. Thomas. The registration fee for **NACADA Members is \$20 and \$25 for non-members**. The conference is made possible by an allocation from the Region 6 Steering Committee. The **registration deadline is Wednesday, October 15**.

You can register online through the Eventbrite website linked [here](#). You are able to pay via credit card, though there is a service fee to Eventbrite. You also have an option to pay with check on or before the day of the event. Further details will be sent via email after you register.

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