

Joan Williams

1. How long have you been a member in NACADA?

I have been a member of NACADA for 5 years.

2. What types of involvement have you had in NACADA?

My involvement in NACADA includes:

- Attending National and Regional Conferences
- Serving as a facilitator at Regional Conferences
- Membership in the following Commissions: Multicultural, Peer Advising, Probation/Reinstatement and Health Advising
- Selected as 2009 Certificate of Merit Winner for Outstanding Advisor-Primary Role

3. What are your professional goals?

My professional goals include pursuing a Doctorate in Higher Education. I am currently an advisor in the College of Nursing and Assistant Director of the Office of Diversity and Institutional Equity.

4. What are your goals for your state if elected?

Working to represent the diverse interests in the state would be my primary goal as Alabama State Liaison. One goal is to connect individuals within the state with similar interests. I would work to encourage opportunities for networking within the state and I would want to provide resources to state members in the way of the grant process and professional development opportunities and the NACADA web site.

Finally, I think it is important for the Alabama State Liaison to seek out those members looking to move into leadership positions. This initiative could be achieved through intentional state involvement in the Emerging Leaders' program and or considerable recruitment for involvement at the regional conferences.

I have benefited tremendously from my involvement with NACADA, and this organization has given me many of the tools that have led to my success as an advising professional..

Professionally, serving as the Alabama State Liaison to NACADA seems to be a perfect fit. It gives me the opportunity to share with others the passion I have for this work, and it keeps me involved with an organization that has done so much to help me be successful.

I enjoy assisting college students create a successful college experience for themselves, and I view my primary role in this profession as that of an educator with an ethical responsibility to improve the lives of those around me.