I was shocked to learn there was an entire community of academic advisors with the same issues I had when dealing with students! My first NACADA conference was great, inspiring, and overwhelming. I quickly learned that everyone at NACADA is open to learning something and sharing their experiences.

That conference was the beginning of my global advising connection. I met people in sessions who had similar interests from across the country, I started asking many questions that were important to me, and I tried to see how others’ ideas could impact the work that I did when I returned home.

NACADA offers many involvement opportunities! It is never too early or late to say “Sure, why not!”

As a member of an Advising Community, I was asked to be a part of a presentation for the next annual conference. This led to a request to co-chair a regional conference where I met other advisors closer to home and better understood the work in the region.

My first year of NACADA included an annual conference, a successful presentation, and taking on my first leadership role. At the annual conference, I was struck by how friendly NACADA people were. I travelled alone but easily found people to eat meals and attend activities with.

THE REGIONS

1. US: Maine, Vermont, New York, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island & Connecticut
   Canada: New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland, Labrador & Quebec

2. US: Pennsylvania, Virginia, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland & Washington DC

3. US: West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina & South Carolina

4. US: Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida & Puerto Rico

5. US: Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan & Wisconsin
   Canada: Ontario & Nunavut

6. US: North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa & Nebraska
   Canada: Saskatchewan, Manitoba & Northwest Territories

7. US: Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas & Louisiana

   Canada: Alberta, British Columbia & Yukon

9. US: California, Nevada & Hawaii

10. US: Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, New Mexico & Arizona

THE NEW MEMBER GUIDE
**NACADA Vision**

Recognizing that effective academic advising is at the core of student success, NACADA aspires to be the premier global association for the development and dissemination of innovative theory, research, and practice of academic advising in higher education.

**NACADA Mission**

NACADA promotes student success by advancing the field of academic advising globally. We provide opportunities for professional development, networking, and leadership for our diverse membership.

**NACADA Strategic Goals**

- Expand and communicate the scholarship of academic advising
- Provide professional development opportunities that are responsive to the needs of advisors and advising administrators
- Promote the role of effective academic advising in student success to college and university decision makers
- Create an inclusive environment within the Association that promotes diversity
- Develop and sustain effective Association leadership
- Engage in ongoing assessment of all facets of the Association
- Pursue innovative technology tools and resources to support the Association

**ADVISING COMMUNITIES**

Advising Communities provide members an opportunity to join peers with similar academic or specific student population interests in advising. Communities are charged with advancing NACADA’s strategic goals, proposing and facilitating activities, and providing resources to advance the professional development of members while focusing on the specific area of the community. NACADA members can choose membership in a total of four (4) Communities - but can update their community affiliations at any time.

**Benefits of joining an Advising Community include...**

- Involvement in a topic that impacts your work
- Create resources that help advisors aid students
- Gaining experience in new areas of advising
- Contribute to the scholarship of advising
- Networking with colleagues
- Voting privileges
- Receive targeted updates and announcements
- Eligibility to hold an elected or appointed position within ACD

**MEMBER BENEFITS**

- NACADA Journal
- Academic Advising Today
- Member Career Services
- Consultant Speaker Services
- Special Publications, including DVDs & CDs
- Professional Development
- Listserv Membership
- Awards Program
- Scholarships
- Research Grants
- Involvement & Leadership Opportunities

**EVENTS AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

- Annual Conference
- Region Conferences
- International Conference
- Administrators’ Institute
- Advising Seminar
- Assessment Institute
- Summer Institutes
- Web Events
- Online Education
- Graduate Programs

**INVolvEMEnt OPPORTUNITIES**

- Advising Communities
- Writing for NACADA Publications
- Consultant & Speaker Service
- Graduate Programs - Graduate Certificate & Master of Science
- NACADA Internship Connection Service
- Emerging Leaders Program

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