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Mentoring Program Chair Nominee

**Why do you want to be on the Region 10 Steering Committee?**

As part of the Region 10 Mentoring program for the last two years - once as a mentee and once on the committee - I have gotten so much out of this program, and would love to give back to it. I would love to build up the Mentoring Program even more, and in turn give Region 10 as a whole more ways to network, build deeper connections, foster community, as well as opportunities to collaborate on everything from what our members are facing at work, to re-working advising philosophies, and even pursuing research together. A lot of our community starts on this smaller one-to-one level, and I would love to bring this perspective to the steering committee for Region 10 as well.

**What do you bring to the position you are applying for?**

I have been involved with the Mentoring Program since I have become an academic advisor, and it has been immensely helpful in getting more involved with NACADA. I was a participant of this program, and this year helped create the matches between mentors and mentees. I hope to create a Mentoring Committee for Region 10 that has a lot of fresh ideas and not only helps our members create meaningful connections to one another, but also helps our members develop further as professionals in the academic advising field. In my graduate program I helped create a mentoring program for the first time and that is still running now, and in my current role I work with student ambassadors and provide mentorship and coaching to them as well. I hope to bring all of my experiences to creating a great team and a great mentoring program!