



KACADA CONNECTS

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KENTUCKY ACADEMIC ADVISING ASSOCIATION

THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED: SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM NEW KACADA PRESIDENT

Benton Shirey
Eastern Kentucky University
KACADA President

When I think of Frost's poem, I am reminded of the fork-in-the-road moments that we experience in life, and how those choices affect us all. We are all linked in our continual journey called life.

As advisors, we guide students on this journey. As I advise students, I am constantly reminded of the need for a roadmap, for students and myself.

I have worked with many students who want me to choose for them, which I steadfastly refuse to do. Many of our students have a connection to a people and place, and a good idea of where

they came from and who their kin are. Unfortunately, they have less of an idea of who they are as a person, and only a vague idea of where they are going. This is the point at which advising is key to the future success of our students.

Imagine trying to give someone directions to a place you have never been yourself, without the use of a map. This is why it is so important for advising offices to have a comprehensive plan for advising students on our respective campuses.

If we do not have a plan, we will be ineffective guides and will at the least not be helpful, and at the worst, cause students to take detours that cost them

time and money and create confusion.

An advising plan should be a multifaceted approach to identify, clarify, and evaluate the student's educational and life goals. This process should be collaborative and intrusive, ongoing, and designed to move the student to the point of clarification and decision making.

Advisors must reach out to students and guide them through the process of creating their identity and setting goals for where to go next. We must understand that they know where they come from, but often do not know who they really are, or where they are going, so they cannot see a future. When they

cannot see a future, they do not have the incentive to persist when times get difficult. It is like we are showing them a map with only their hometown and the road to college, without any points past that filled in. At the first sign of trouble, they will turn around and go back to the place and people they know. We must paint a picture of what the map could look like and how the student can navigate various challenges along the way.

Let's work together across our campuses to help students create a plan for their success and take them on a trip to self discovery and the creation of a roadmap designed for them.

NEW OFFICERS TO SERVE ON KACADA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Shaun Ketterman
University of Kentucky
KACADA Elections Chair

At the April KACADA conference in Louisville, KACADA elected two new officers to serve on the executive committee during 2009/10.

President Elect

Jason Browning, undergraduate advising practice analyst at the University of Louisville, replaced

Benton Shirey as president-elect as Benton became the current president.

Jason is originally from Flemingsburg, Kentucky. He holds a BA in accounting and economics from Bellarmine University, an MBA from Xavier University, and is pursuing his PhD in college student personnel at the University of Louisville.

When not at work or school, he

enjoys spending time with his dachshund/German shepherd mix dog. He also enjoys traveling and has recently decided to try cooking, with mixed results.

Secretary

Shannon Tumblin, academic advisor at the University of Kentucky, replaced Nicole McGrew as secretary for KACADA. Shannon is a native South Carolinian. She earned a BA at Furman

University and an MS in psychology and counseling from Troy State University. She is working on her PhD in higher education administration with the University of North Texas.

Shannon moved to Kentucky to work at UK and enjoys her new home. She enjoys working with student organizations and community philanthropy projects and events.

KACADA RECOGNIZES MEMBERS WITH AWARDS

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During the recent KACADA Conference in Louisville, awards were presented on the closing day of the conference (listed at right).

During the course of the conference, \$670 dollars was raised to support the Scholar House through the auctioning of baskets supplied by various colleges, departments, universities and the Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE).

The drawing for the black Louisville Slugger bat, engraved with KACADA 2008, was won by Cindy Iten. The keynote speakers received engraved Louisville Slugger bats.

2009 KACADA AWARDS

Lifetime Membership Award

Kim Arington, Council on Postsecondary Education: a plaque with clock, for her service and dedication to the establishment of an advising organization in the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Outstanding Service Award

Executive Committee Members: engraved paperweights for their leadership during the inaugural year of KACADA

Outstanding Conference Poster

Vickie Bridgeman, University of Louisville: a \$25 Gift Certificate to Starbucks

Outstanding Conference Presentation

Kevin Thomas, Western Kentucky University: a plaque and free registration for the 2010 Region 3 Conference in Lexington

Presidential Service Award

Ellen Bonaguro, Western Kentucky University: a clear gavel and engraved sounding block to mark her service as president during the inaugural year of KACADA

Spirit Award

The University of Louisville: This award will return to the KACADA conference next year to make the rounds of future winners at the annual conference

INAUGURAL KACADA CONFERENCE HELD IN LOUISVILLE

Matt Church
University of Louisville

The inaugural KACADA conference took place at the Seelbach Hilton Hotel on April 2-3 and brought together over 185 academic advisors and professionals associated with academic success. The conference was preceded by a pre-conference session on Advising Today's Transfer Student and began with an address by Dr. Bonita Jacobs from the University of North Texas.

Concurrent sessions followed the opening lecture and covered a wide scope of topics such as advising student athletes, technology in advising, and advising adult students

among many others. Thursday concluded with a phenomenal and engaging keynote by Dr. Charlie Nutt, executive director of NACADA, which focused on the role in advising in the current national environment.

Friday included Dr. Sue Cain's address on developmental education in Kentucky followed by roundtables on developmental advising.

Other highlights were a reception in the historic Rathskeller, silent auction, the appearance of Big Red at Breakfast, awards for best presentation and poster, and the introduction of new KACADA officers.

Membership Update | 253
Conference Attendance | 188
Pre-Conference Attendance | 86

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