

FLACADA SUNSHINE TIMES



A Newsletter for the Florida Academic Advising Community

Letter from the Communications Coordinators

Hello FLACADA,

It's a new year filled with opportunities for personal and professional growth! This edition is devoted to helping you develop as a professional in the field of academic advising.

Just around the corner is our 2017 FLACADA Conference. This conference will be held on May 5th at [Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University](#) in Tallahassee. The FLACADA steering committee and the FAMU conference team are working diligently to bring you the best FLACADA conference yet!

Keep on reading the newsletter to find more specific information about the FLACADA conference and how you can take advantage of this great opportunity to network and connect with fellow Florida advisors.

We look forward to seeing you May 5th!

Cynthia & Stephanie



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FLACADA Annual Conference

Each year, FLACADA hosts an Annual Drive-In Conference that provides professional development for working professionals in the ever-changing field of academic advising. Our one-day conference includes a variety of concurrent sessions, a Plenary Session with a keynote speaker, a Welcome Breakfast, and a Continuing the Conversation Luncheon.

Benefits to Attending a FLACADA Conference

- ◆ Acquire in-depth information on the latest proven strategies
- ◆ Opportunities to confer with peers and experts in sessions
- ◆ Learn best practices from around the state

REGISTER HERE

The poster features a background image of a university campus with a large building and a fountain. The text is overlaid on this image. At the top, 'SAVE THE DATE' is written in large, bold, orange letters. Below it, 'MAY 5, 2017' and 'FLACADA ANNUAL CONFERENCE' are in black. The central theme 'It's A DIFFERENT WORLD' is written in a stylized, bubbly orange font. At the bottom, 'THE NEW AGE OF ADVISING' is in black. Logos for FLACADA, FAMU, and NACADA are included.

SAVE THE DATE
MAY 5, 2017
FLACADA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

It's A
DIFFERENT WORLD

Hosted By:
FAMU FLORIDA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL UNIVERSITY

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Florida Academic Advising Association

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THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY FOR ACADEMIC ADVISING

Awards Call for Nominations

FLACADA is pleased to offer recognition for academic advisors, faculty and administrators. These awards are designed to honor those making a significant contribution to academic advising.

Submit your nomination [here](#)

Deadline: March 3, 2017

1. Rising Star Award
2. Excellence in Advising Award
3. Outstanding Faculty Academic Advising Award
4. Outstanding Advising Administrator Award
5. Exemplary Practice Award
6. Lourdes Acevedo Student Advocate Award



Tips For Submitting a Conference Proposal

Here are a four things every proposal should include:

- Background information and a complete description of your topic
- Relevant theories and research
- An outline of the presentation, including description of format
- Intended learning outcomes for participants

Don't forget to create a stand-out Abstract!

The abstract is a brief description of your presentation that provides the reader with an accurate picture of what the presentation will cover. The Abstract helps conference attendees choose between different sessions. Well-written abstracts identify the purpose and intent of the program, are concise, organized and specific.

FLACADA Annual Conference
Submission Deadline: March 3rd

Submit [Here](#):



FLACADA Reads



Intrusive advising models can lead to greater retention and student success in college, which is why Intrusive Advising has become a common practice at colleges and universities today. Jennifer Cannon from the University of Arkansas discusses some best practices within her article, found in *Academic Advising Today*, *Intrusive Advising 101: How to be Intrusive with Intruding*. This article gives great tips for academic advisors to be intrusive with their students without intruding, a hard thing to balance for any advisor.

Make sure to check out this article:

[Intrusive Advising 101: How to be Intrusive Without Intruding](#)

Looking for other articles related to the field of academic advising? Just search #FLACADAreads on Twitter or Facebook to find more!

FLACADA Connections



One service we provide our members is access to “**FLACADA Connections**”, which are email listservs specifically geared towards academic advising across the state of Florida. FLACADA Connections are a great medium to solicit advice from your

We currently have four (4) groups dedicated to our members. These include:

- **Advising Issues in Florida** - The purpose of this group is to provide a forum for FLACADA members to share information and insights regarding advising issues specific to Florida higher education policies. Topics of interest include the Excess Credit law, the performance funding metrics, or other related topics.
- **Advisor Training & Development** - The purpose of this group is to provide members with a network for discussing advisor training and development issues as well as various practices and theories on training and development initiatives for academic advisors.
- **Distance Learning Advising** - The purpose of this group is to provide a network for advisors to discuss best practices or resources relating to distance learning advising.
- **Two-Year Institutions** - The purpose of this group is to create a network of academic advisors at two-year institutions across the state of Florida. While all members are welcome to join, the topics in this group will focus on advising programs, practices, policies, and advising issues at two-year institutions.

To **subscribe**, please email membership@flacada.org with the groups you would like to join as well as the appropriate email you would like to use to receive each group's messages.

Celebration Of



I would like to take a moment out of your hectic schedules to share something that is very dear to me. For quite some time I have been wanting to create this section in our newsletter, celebrating the lives of those who we hold dear in the advising community that are no longer with us. Instead of mourning their passing, we at FLACADA, want to Celebrate who they were and what they meant to us. I never thought that this first time I would

be doing this would be in the honor of a very loved friend and colleague who passed away last year, Lourdes Acevedo.

I first met Lourdes while she was working at Florida International University (FIU) as one of the strongest student advocates I have ever had the privilege of meeting. She was also one of the biggest LGBT Allies. She was known for having a contagious smile that would always make you feel better about your day and could always be seen with her LGBT rainbow FIU button so students and staff alike would know she was on your side. On a personal note, she is one of the main reasons I ever became involved in NACADA and ran for the state liaison position which led me to become Chair of FLACADA. She always had the right words to say to make you feel like you could do anything! Those who had the good fortune of knowing her were definitely blessed by it and I am sure we can all agree that her vivacious spirit made you want to call her your friend. She had such an amazing impact on us as an organization that we named an award after her.

I would like to leave you with some quotes that people have shared about Lourdes: *"She was a tireless advocate for students, a bright light to all who knew her, and a dear friend who could always make me laugh"* – Kim Martinez, UCF; *"Lourdes brought a bright light wherever she went. Her laughter and love encouraged students and she was a great example for those of us who were new to higher ed"* Marcia Valenzuela; *"An advocate for any who needed advocating for. She helped me understand a lot about academic advising and pushed me to take leaps to further my own education. The time I got to spend with her was always renewing for me. My work angel!"* Kaleena Salgueiro, FIU; *"Your passion was not just infectious but inspiring"* Joshua Johnson, UCF; *"She could capture the world with her smile..."* Helen Gonzalez, FIU

Although it has been extremely difficult to write this I knew I needed to honor her memory by sharing it with you. I would like to give you the opportunity to share with us if you have lost a friend/colleague in the advising community recently that would like to Celebrate their Life as well. Please contact me at info@flacada.org as I would love to read and share with everyone who that individual was and how amazing he/she was.

With much love and appreciation,
Helen Gonzalez, FLACADA Chair



"Never say no to yourself, let someone else do it. You have to just go for it". – Lourdes Acevedo

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UPCOMING Events

NACADA Region 4 Conference

March 29-31, 2017

Jackson, Mississippi



NACADA Annual Conference

October 11-14, 2017

St. Louis, Missouri



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