

# FLACADA SUNSHINE TIMES

## A Newsletter for the Academic Advising Community

### Letter from the Editor

Hello my fellow FLACADIANS!  
I hope 2016 is shaping up to be a great year for you! We have received exciting news as an association. NACADA has officially recognized FLACADA as an allied-member! This is huge since NACADA is so influential on an advisor's professional development. For more information on the allied membership benefits to us as an association and to you as a member, please visit the allied membership page on [NACADA's website](http://www.nacada.org).



In other news, please check out the '**In the Spotlight**' section for updates on career resources you can use when career advising for students.

Make sure to read '**Around the State**' to get updates on important news from colleges and universities in Florida.

The state Drive-In is scheduled for May 2 in Jacksonville. Please make plans to attend and meet me and the rest of your FLACADA steering committee!

See you soon!

Lindsey Byrd,  
Executive Editor

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## Florida High School Graduates Finish Strong in Advance Placement Exam Completion

The AP National Participation and Performance results have been released for the high school graduating class of 2015.

In the Sunshine State, 57.7% of the class of 2015 took at least one AP exam while in high school.

Florida is the second highest in the nation for the amount of students that take an AP exam during their time as high school students.

30.7% scored at least a 3, which is the minimum passing score on an AP exam a

student can receive in order for colleges to evaluate the test for college credit.

Florida is third highest in the country for the amount of students that complete an AP test with a passing score. The national average is 22.4% for students that take an AP test and pass it successfully.

To read a breakdown of the report including a state analysis and demographic information, please go to the [Florida Department of Education's website](http://www.flacada.org).

***30.7% of Florida's 2015 high school graduating class scored a 3 or better on an AP Exam***

### Tech Tip: Google Docs

Email attachments are quickly being replaced by Google Docs. With email attachments, copies of an original document can be generated multiple times. Edits to these documents can easily be overlooked or lost. Email attachments can be hard to keep track of and can be referred to as the slow mode of communication.

In the tech-savvy world we live in today, consumers expect quick responses. Google Docs is the answer to the "quick" method of communication. All it takes is a Google account. Once you have an account, you can share your document with people using a private link sent to their email. The document can then be viewed by everyone at once with real-time edits made to the document updating it automatically. Google Docs can also be used for spreadsheets and presentations.

As of February 24, 2016, **Florida Keys Community College** has its first bachelor's degree program: Bachelor of Applied Science in Supervision and Management (BAS-SM). The Florida State Board of Education unanimously approved FKCC's proposal for the new program. Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) approval is anticipated in June. The college will change its name to the "College of the Florida Keys" to reflect inclusion of higher level degree programs.

Mr. Gregg Bishop, a 2005 **Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU)** graduate, has recently been named a New

York City  
Commissioner  
by Bill de  
Blasio, the  
Mayor of New  
York City.

Bishop will  
oversee Small  
Business  
Services. Aside

from running the operations of the agency, Bishop will be busy connecting NYC residents to job opportunities and networking in order to create a stronger small business community within the city.



**Embry Riddle Aeronautical University** recently hosted 'Night to Shine' at the Jim W. Henderson Administration and Welcome Center. 'Night to Shine' is an initiative of the Tim Tebow Foundation that honors people with special needs. Members of the soccer team, cheerleading team, Naval ROTC, AcaBellas, and the Alpha Xi Delta sorority joined ERNIE the Eagle to help create a prom experience for the VIP guests of the night. Different offices on campus supported the event from the President's Office to Athletics, Community Relations, Dining Services, IT, and Safety and Security.

AROUND the STATE



## The Next Step in Career Advising: Introducing MyCareerShines.org

The University of West Florida's Innovation Institute has launched [MyCareerShines.org](http://MyCareerShines.org), Florida's new education and planning system. The system is designed to help Florida students and Florida job seekers align their interests, skills, and education to specific jobs and career fields within the state.

As early as middle school, students can assess their abilities, plan for high school, and learn about career options. High School, Vocational, and Technical students can learn about available options after graduation whether it be pursuing a college education or entering the job market. Adult and College Students can

research options available after graduation, search the job market, and prepare resumes.

A free account can be made by noting

whether you are a college student, adult education student, or job seeker wanting a career change. Once a login has been created, access to assessments, resume and cover letter tips, and job boards are provided to help

build the foundation for a lasting career.

To view the official press release, click [here](#).

***MyCareerShines has everything under the sun to help you land your dream job," said Dr. Karen Rasmussen, assistant provost and chief academic strategist at the University of West Florida Innovation Institute. "You can assess your skills and interests, explore careers, create a plan for education and prepare for a new career."***

## Awards Recognition



NACADA recently held elections for leadership positions within the organization. Congratulations to the following individuals for being named commission chairs for the 2016-2018 term:

Advising High Achieving Students  
**Kristy Spear,**  
University of Florida,

Advising Students with Disabilities  
**Erika Velarde,**  
Florida Atlantic University

Distance Education Advising  
**Lindsey Byrd,**  
University of West Florida

LGBTQA Advising & Advocacy  
**Craig McGill,**  
Florida International University

Multicultural Concerns  
**Claudine McLearn Turner,**  
University of Central Florida

**REGISTER NOW  
MAY 2, 2016**

***Swoop Into Excellence:  
Soaring Into New Heights***

**FLACADA 2016 Drive-In Conference  
Hosted by: University of North Florida**

**FLACADA**  
Florida Academic Advising Association

**UNF** UNIVERSITY of  
NORTH FLORIDA

Allied Member of  
**NACADA**  
National Academic Advising Association

**www.flacada.org** **#FLACADA16**

Register now for the Florida Drive-In Conference being held in Jacksonville on May 2, 2016! [Registration Information](#), [Awards Information](#), and [Proposal Criteria](#) can be found on the FLACADA website, [flacada.org](http://flacada.org).

### Dates to Remember:

- ◆ **Proposal Submission Deadline - March 14**
- ◆ **Award Submission Deadline - March 31**
- ◆ **Registration Deadline - April 15**



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## FLACADA.ORG Your Guide to the Florida Academic Advising Association

Our association has a new website, [FLACADA.org](http://FLACADA.org)!

On the website, you can find information about upcoming events, membership criteria, and news from around the state.

What's Going On?



Let us know what's happening in your office and on your campus



Professional Development



Proud Moments in the Office



Campus Activities and Social Events

Share Your Photos

Send your photos to [flacadasocial@gmail.com](mailto:flacadasocial@gmail.com) and make sure to check Instagram, Facebook, Pinterest, and Twitter to see who will be featured in this month's:

#FLACADAHAPPENINGS

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