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Editor Chatter



Lindsey Byrd, Executive Editor

Happy December! We made it another semester!

As the holiday season approaches and the semester comes to a close, take time to reflect on your accomplishments over the past months. If nothing else, you helped many students get registered and that is a plus for us all (we have to love these performance metrics)!

In your downtime over the next few weeks, I recommend recharging your advisor batteries by viewing articles within the [the NACADA Clearinghouse](#).

There are many different areas of interest that can be found in the Clearinghouse. Article topics range from mental health issues to student retention to the core concepts of academic advising.

It is important to remember why we have chosen advising as a career. Tis the season to bring cheer to others. If you have a special story to tell about a student's success, email it to newsletter@flacada.org or post via social media using the hashtag #FLACADAHappenings with a brief shout out to yourself.

We are all advisor superstars! If others do not brag on you, brag on yourself! Thank you for making me proud to be a part of the state of Florida advising network.

Happy Holidays to you and yours.

Lindsey Byrd

Region 4 Mentor-Mentee Program

The unofficial kickoff for the Region 4 Mentor-Mentee program kicked off in Las Vegas at the annual conference. The official kick off will be held at the regional conference in Orlando.

Eight teams of mentor-mentees were paired together based on advising experience and future goals relating to professional development. Of the 16 individuals, 10 are from the state of Florida!

Mentors include **Eric Crosier** (FSU), **Jay Fuller** (UNF), **Craig McGill** (FIU), and **Angela Moore** (USF).

Mentees include **Lynneah Brown** (FIU), **Lindsey Byrd** (UWF), **Myrian Herlle** (FIU), **Camilla Rivera** (UWF), **Tiana Solis** (FIU), and **Natasha Wedderburn** (FIU).

Congratulations on being the inaugural class for the Region's Mentor-Mentee program!



Region 4 Mentor-Mentee Inaugural class, Las Vegas, NV

Region 4 Conference



The Region IV conference is being held here in the Sunshine State in 2016. Help us represent FLACADA and make plans to gather together as we represent our great state in Orlando!

Region IV Conference Theme:

"The Magic of Advising: A Roller Coaster Worth Riding"

Region IV Conference Dates:

Wednesday, March 16 to Friday, March 18th, 2016, 2016 Orlando, FL!

Conference Proposals are due Friday, December 18!

[Click here for more conference information!](#)

For more information such as submission criteria or tips on how to get your boss to send you to a conference, please see our previous [conference edition issue](#).

In the Spotlight

Universities across the state have been busy putting their name out there. Here's one more shout out to add to the ones you have received in the past weeks due to your awesome accomplishments!

Congratulations to **Florida International's** Men's Soccer Team! The team defeated Marshall in the Conference USA Soccer Championship November 15. This is the team's first championship title in Conference USA. Go Panthers!

Did you know that **Indian River State College** has a planetarium? Shows are featured on select Fridays and Saturdays. For the holiday season, 'Star of Wonder' is the sought after show as it centers on finding the star that guided the Magi over two thousand years ago. To find out more information on show times and pricing, click [here](#).

Florida Institute of Technology has secured Buzz Aldrin to serve as a Research Professor for Aeronautics and as the Senior Faculty Advisor for the newly established Buzz Aldrin Space Institute. The Institute will support commercial and international development of lunar resources to support an eventual Mars settlement. Before becoming an astronaut in 1963, Aldrin earned a Doctorate in Aeronautics from MIT. Way to go, Florida Tech!

2016 FLACADA Drive-In Conference



The FLACADA drive-in conference will be held Monday, May 2, 2016 in Jacksonville, FL and will be hosted by the University of North Florida.

The conference promises to be an exciting time filled with professional development and networking opportunities.

More details will be provided in the next issue of the Sunshine Times.



Steering Committee onsite @UNF planning the 2016 Drive In Conference

Get Involved

There are many opportunities to get involved with FLACADA. Professional development, networking, and sharing your expertise with others are some benefits one might get from participating in the Florida Academic Advising Association.

The FLACADA Steering Committee is in need of a Financial Coordinator for our organization. The role of financial coordinator will involve drafting budgets and carrying out any additional tasks appointed to this individual by the FLACADA chair. If you are interested, please contact the FLACADA Chair, Helen Gonzalez, directly at helen.gonzalez@fiu.edu.

Write for FLACADA! Do you like to write and are interested in the happenings around Florida's universities and colleges? If this is you, we want you as a writer for the Sunshine Times! Writers are expected to work on stories of varying topics assigned by the editor. If you would like more information about writing for us, email newsletter@flacada.org.

Have another interest not mentioned but still want to get involved, email us at info@flacada.org

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