

## A Newsletter for the Academic Advising Community

#### Letter from the Editor

Hello all!

I hope you are doing well during such a hectic time in the semester. I will keep this brief since we all have other things to read and accomplish.



This edition is devoted to recapping

the regional conference. Thank you to the amazing team at **the University of Central Florida** for hosting our region this year! Please visit our <u>Facebook page</u> for pictures from the event.

Just around the corner is our 2016 FLACADA Conference so please make plans to join us on May 2 at the **University of North Florida.** Jay and his team are working diligently to ensure that the conference will be a day full of enlightening presentations, good food, and great friends.

Please make plans to attend and meet me and the rest of your FLACADA steering committee in Jacksonville. Beginnings are delicate and we are creating the foundation needed to make FLACADA a strong and influential association. We need your help to gain momentum!

I look forward to seeing you all soon! Lindsey Byrd, Executive Editor

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# Awards Recognition



Do you know of an awesome program or advisor that deserves recognition?

#### NOMINATE THEM FOR AN AWARD TODAY!

Awards include:

**Rising Star Award** 

Excellence in Advising Award

Outstanding Faculty Academic Advising Award

Outstanding Advisor Administrator Award

**Exemplary Practice Award** 

The deadline to submit nominations is March 31!

# **REGISTER NOW**

The 2016 Florida Drive-In Conference is being held in Jacksonville, FL on May 2, 2016! <u>Registration Information</u> and <u>Awards</u> <u>Information</u> can be found on the FLACADA website, <u>flacada.org</u>.



### **Benefits to Attending a FLACADA Conference**

Professional development is an important aspect of growing as in an academic advising role. Mark Duslak, Administrative Coordinator for FLACADA, shares thoughts on the benefits of attending a FLACADA state Drive-In Conference.

At a FLACADA Conference, attendees will have the opportunity to:

- Network with colleagues from around the state
- Enhance your professional development as you gain new insights about the advising profession
- Learn about topics that are tailored to our state
- Gain inspiration for improving your own university/college programs
- Ability to drive to and from the conference in one day
- Receive annual membership with more benefits to come

#### Justify Your Attendance to the FLACADA Conference!

We know that travel and training budgets are tight, and it can be difficult to get approval to attend events and conferences. We are here to help. Here are some tips on how to communicate to your supervisor why you should attend the 2016 FLACADA Conference.

- Download the <u>FLACADA justification letter (.docx)</u> that you can personalize and send to your supervisor.
- Do not leave it at the conference share your wealth! Let your supervisor know that you will commit to a post-conference briefing for staff where you'll highlight what you've learned from the conference. Tie your learnings to your school's long-term and short-term goals or strategic plan - it's important to show your supervisor that the conference was not just good in theory but that it gave you real, actionable solutions that you can implement at your school.
- Justify the cost of the conference by comparing it to other educational courses and offerings. Almost any alternative will prove to be more time consuming and expensive.

#### FSU Advisors Win Best of Region 4

The state of Florida was well represented as advisors from Florida State University brought home the BEST IN REGION 4 presentation award!

Congratulations to **Ky'Eshia Penn, Sabrina Smith, Kelsie Patton,** and **Dawn Matthews** for their BEST IN REGION win presenting "#BlackGirlMagic: The Role of Advisors in Supporting the Successes of Black Women.'

Per the abstract published in the conference bulletin, "#BlackGirlMagic represents a movement for supporting, connecting, and uplifting the accomplishments of a historically marginalized population."

BEST IN REGION sessions are selected for presentation at the Annual NACADA Conference. If you would like to hear these ladies in action, make plans to attend ATL: Advising to Learn in Atlanta, GA October 5-8, 2016.



From left to right: Ky'Eshia Penn, Sabrina Smith, Kelsie Patton,

Congratulations Ladies!



## 2016 Annual Conference



Atlanta, Georgia

## **2017 Regional Conference**



Jackson, Mississippi

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

Our association has a new website, FLACADA.org!

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

