

## FLACADA Sunshine Times - Issue 9 / February 2020



### Chair's Greeting



Hello FLACADA Members:

It is an honor to serve as your FLACADA Chair for 2020-2022 and I am eager to get acquainted with you, your interests, and your concerns in the coming years. The FLACADA Steering Committee and I hope to show how FLACADA can make a difference in your daily professional and academic experiences at your respective higher education institutions.

FLACADA offers guidance to implement best practices in the academic advising field in order to further develop our Florida advisors. Whether you are seeking your first advising position, creating a new program, writing an article for publication, or understanding how best to assure your advisees the value of completing a degree, FLACADA is here to support you.

Given our fast-growing student enrollment in the state of Florida, we need to ensure our advising skills remain top-notch so we can support our colleagues. FLACADA aims to prepare all of us to represent our field at our best so we may effectively work with diverse student populations. FLACADA

exchange of ideas and collaborative efforts.

As FLACADA Chair, I am committed to bring FLACADA to the next level. One of our top priorities is to explore different ways to improve outreach to prospective members while communicating with and acknowledging our current members. As a result, our annual drive-in conference will better serve the needs of our attendees. Furthermore, I would like to ensure that FLACADA will maintain itself as a quality professional organization for academic advisors in Florida; one that welcomes collegiality and celebrates the innovations needed to further develop the profession.

Together, we can create significant change in our field and for the betterment of our students. On behalf of the Steering Committee and myself, we thank you for being a FLACADA member, and ask that you promote the benefits of membership to your colleagues as we work to support you. I look forward to working with you, and for you, as Chair.

**Erica M. Levy**, M.S.Ed., Ed.M.

**FLACADA Chair**



### **Advising Program**

Congratulations to Hillsborough Community College for being featured In The Spotlight!

Hillsborough Community College (HCC) academic advisors are engaging in

Plan (QEP) and emphasizes goal formation, academic/career planning, knowledge of support services, and engagement. Included are two class sessions where academic advisors take part in the facilitation of course content in which they focus on educational goals, proactive planning and degree completion.

This is a unique opportunity for academic advisors to work with students to further develop their understanding of the College's resources and discuss the decision-making process that all students must go through to successfully plan out and complete their college requirements. At the end of the second academic advising session, students will have developed an education plan that includes consideration for future academic goals and their intended career choice. In addition, they are more informed about the College's resources and how to effectively use them to make academic decisions.

The SLS 1106-First Year Experience course is still in the early stages of implementation, and yet Student Services has seen a positive impact from the academic advising classroom engagement. Students are proactively engaging in registration activities earlier and have a better understanding of the policies and procedures that affect their academic endeavors.

**Submitted by Holly Fitch**

Do you know an advisor, administrator, department or program who deserves some special recognition? If so, consider nominating them for The Spotlight! Submit nominations, along with an explanation for why this person, department, or program is exceptional, to [newsletter@flacada.org](mailto:newsletter@flacada.org)

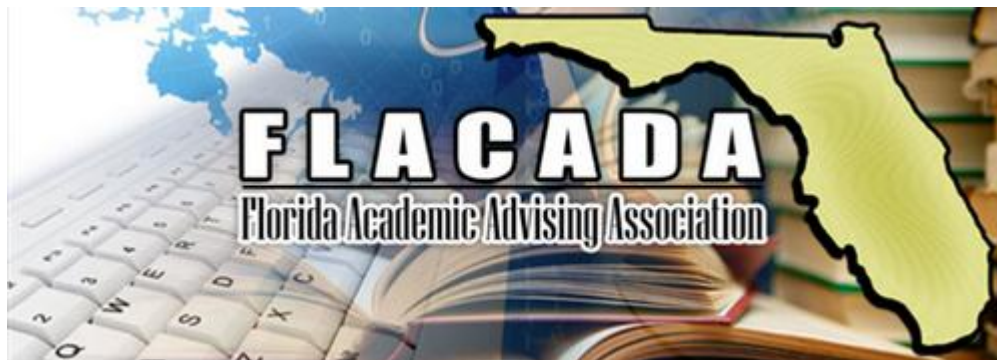
## **NACADA Region 4 Conference** **is being hosted in Florida this year!!**

It looks like this year's conference will offer eight concurrent sessions, many of which will be given by advisors from Florida.

We look forward to seeing all of you who have registered for and are presenting at this year's Region 4 conference in Tampa on March 1-3.



## All Things FLACADA!!



### FLACADA Drive-In Conference 2020

Come join us at this year's FLACADA Drive-In Conference in Daytona Beach!

**Date:** Friday, May 8

**Location:** Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

Registration is open at <http://flacada.org> until April 15.

The registration cost is \$75.00, which includes the annual FLACADA membership.

Guest speaker will be the Executive Director of NACADA, [Charlie Nutt](#).



## Get Involved in FLACADA!

*Would you like to contribute to your state's professional advising association?*

There are many different opportunities to participate with our state organization. Some benefits of involvement include networking with other advisors in our state, exposure for yourself and your institution, professional development and sharing your expertise with the advising community. We have several ways to get involved.



- Join a FLACADA Connections group
- Write an article for the Sunshine Times - email [newsletter@flacada.org](mailto:newsletter@flacada.org)
- Help find sponsors for FLACADA - email [sponsorship@flacada.org](mailto:sponsorship@flacada.org)
- Volunteer at our annual Drive-In Conference - email [conference@flacada.org](mailto:conference@flacada.org)

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