

President's Welcome



Greetings, Advising Colleagues across the state! A new season is upon us! Spring is springing, and as I write this, the forecast is promising temperatures in the upper 70's by the weekend. Already, the 40-degree temperatures that we

welcomed in February are considered "chilly" as our blood thins in preparation for summer's heat and humidity.

In the same manner, Advising has its seasons. I'm sure that all of us would say that there is not much "down time" over the course of the year. I personally am never bored!! However, there are the more frantic times: class scheduling questions, registration emergencies, disappointing results of competitive program admissions; and there are the calmer times: the months between registration emergencies, leisurely discussions with families of prospective students, repetitive summer orientations, spring break (...ahh...spring break). Changing seasons are a necessary and (usually) welcome part of the advising career. If we are mindful of the students' thought processes and needs throughout the year, we aren't taken by surprise.

Of course, in Wisconsin, the season that follows winter is also "Road Construction" season. This is when we are mandated to slow down, be careful, and allow the important reconstruction work to take place. (Unfortunately, the optimist in me never remembers to allow extra travel time!)

For the Advisor, the equivalent of our Road Construction season might be the annual WACADA Conference (and/or the Regional and National NACADA conferences). These allow us time to slow down, rethink, maybe tear apart and rebuild, for the purpose of an overall improvement to the road our students are following. Join us in Whitewater on September 16 & 17 and bring your jackhammer!

Best wishes for a fruitful spring!

Carla



Important Dates

- Region 5 Conference – April 14-16, 2010 in Niagara Falls, Ontario
- WACADA Annual Conference - September 16-17, 2010 at UW-Whitewater
- NACADA Annual Conference - October 3-6, 2010 in Orlando, Florida

NACADA Updates

From Diana Maki, WACADA Liaison to NACADA

-Hello! I am your NACADA Liaison and your source for all things NACADA. Whether its events at the state, regional, or national level, I am your connection to our national organization. Please feel free to contact me [<dsமாகi@wisc.edu>](mailto:dsமாகi@wisc.edu) at any time with questions or to request a NACADA webinar. I look forward to hearing from you!



-The NACADA Summer Institutes are the most comprehensive consideration of academic advising available! Plan to attend [Summer Institute](#) in St. Louis, June 27-July 2 or in Philadelphia, August 1-6. A limited number of [Wesley R. Habley Summer Institute Scholarships](#) are available. Apply before May 3.

-Do you advise student athletes? Learn about the NACADA/ NCAA educational opportunities for advising student-athletes offered this spring and summer: a [One-Day Seminar](#) and a [Non-Credit Online Course](#).

-Plan your trip to Florida now for the 2010 NACADA [Annual Conference](#), October 3-6, 2010, Walt Disney World, Florida. The [Coronado Springs Resort](#) is currently accepting reservations and an abbreviated [Preliminary Conference Registration Form](#) is also available.

-Did you know that NACADA and Kansas State University offer an online [Master of Science Degree & Graduate Certificate](#) in Academic Advising?

-WACADA now has 17 NACADA Webinars to choose from! Check out the details on the [WACADA website](#) to borrow these NACADA Webinar CD's for free!

Annual Conference Update

From Quinn Mullikin
VP of Programs

Plan on attending the 2010 WACADA Conference at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater September 16th and 17th!



Pat McCurdy

Join us in Whitewater Wisconsin for the 15th Annual WACADA Conference “Don’t judge a book by its cover: Advising Students with Unique Abilities”. The pre-conference meetings for UW-System, Wisconsin Technical Colleges and Private Colleges and Universities will be held on Thursday, September 16th. The Conference itself will kick off at 5:30 with a reception featuring live music by Wisconsin’s own Pat McCurdy. If you haven’t seen him perform, now is your chance! Thursday’s pre-conference and reception provide great opportunities to network with over 150 colleagues representing higher education institutions throughout the state. As always, Friday’s Conference will be filled with sessions addressing a wide-scope of topics and issues relevant to this year’s theme and the Wisconsin academic advising community. This is an excellent opportunity to learn from your fellow advisors, but we also hope that many of you will submit proposals (**watch for an email and a deadline of May 15th!**) to present a session yourself and share your own ideas and best practices in advising. After the sessions are complete, a recognition luncheon program will conclude this year’s Conference.

The Conference Planning Committee at UW-Whitewater has put in tremendous effort to provide an outstanding professional development opportunity. WACADA encourages all members to attend what promises to be a wonderfully unique Conference in 2010.

Board Member Bios

**Diana Maki - WACADA's State
Liaison to NACADA**



Hello! I am WACADA's State Liaison to NACADA and this is my first year on the WACADA Board. I am excited to have this leadership role with both WACADA and NACADA for the next two years. As State Liaison I help to connect WACADA and all of the state's NACADA members to the national organization. In this role I also sit on NACADA's Region 5 Steering Committee with representatives from the region: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and the province of Ontario.

I got to this point after a tour of capital cities in the Midwest. After growing up in St. Paul, Minnesota I went off to college in Des Moines, Iowa, where I received my Bachelor's Degree from Drake University. I spent some time working at a residential treatment center for emotionally disturbed youth and at a law school admission's office before returning to school in Madison, WI. I completed my MS in Counseling at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and was lucky to find a job here at UW as a Career Advisor for undecided/exploring students. Working at Cross-College Advising Service allows me to work with a population that I adore and also give back to the advising community through organizations like WACADA and NACADA.

Graduate Student Update

*From Teri Passow
Graduate Student Representative*

Happy Spring WACADA Members!

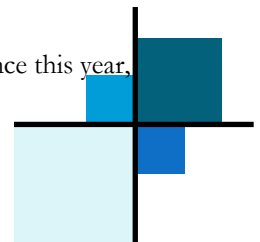
I'm happy to announce to all of you that we have selected a new Graduate Student Representative for the upcoming year!

Benjamin Rohde will move into the position as of our next scheduled board meeting. Ben is currently completing his Master's Degree in the Student Personnel Administration program at Concordia University in Mequon. He also plans to obtain a certificate in Academic Advising from Kansas State University – an added bonus for his connection to our group!

Ben's dedication for the field combined with his unique ideas for recruitment and outreach made him an obvious choice for the Student Rep. position. His varied experiences in the college setting have prepared him well for his new role in the WACADA Organization and everyone is very excited to begin working with him soon.

Although I am sad to be transitioning out of my position because I have had such a wonderful experience this year, I know that Ben will take great care of our graduate student members as he assumes this role!

Thank you, Teri, for your hard work, energy and enthusiasm as the WACADA graduate student representative. We wish you the best as you continue to grow and learn more about the profession.



Call for WACADA Board Members

Would you like to be more involved in WACADA but don't know how? Run for a Board Member position!

President-elect: (elected position ~ three year terms)

- Assumes the duties of the President when he/she is not present
- makes arrangements for the subsequent year's conference in conjunction with the Vice President for Programs
- Responsible for all facets of the newsletter (three newsletters~ December, April and July)
- Responsible for "thank you" gift for President at the conference (WACADA will provide up to \$50.00 value as gift item to president)

Vice President for Programs: (elected position ~ two year terms)

- Assists the President-Elect in making arrangements for the next year's meetings
- Serves as co-chair and/or member in the Conference Planning Committee in planning the annual conference
- Serves as a liaison between the Conference Chairperson and Executive Committee
- Assist president in arrangements for the subsequent year's conference
- Responsible to keep records of all conference information
- Responsible to share all conference information with subsequent chair
- Maintain and update conference information on website
- Serves as liaison person(s) for pre-conference planning (private, tech and UW System)

Watch for more information in your email or on the WACADA website!

www.wacada.org

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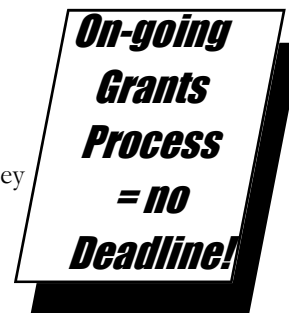
Board Members Needed!!!

Run for a position on the Board!
Email your contact information and why you're interested in the specific position to Carla Burkhardt, burkhard.carl@uwlax.edu

Professional Development Grant Awards

How you can get **free money** from WACADA!

Do you have a new advising program you want to develop at your institution, but don't have any money to get it started? Do you want to bring in a professional individual to help motivate your advising office about a specific or current issue about advising, but need funding? **You have ideas; we can help!** WACADA is committed to assisting members in participating in professional development opportunities through classes, workshops, seminars, and research. Grants will be awarded to a maximum of \$250.00 each for professional development purposes. Visit the [WACADA website](#) for more information. If you have any questions, contact Jeff Ritter at jeff.ritter@snc.edu or call (920) 403-3234.



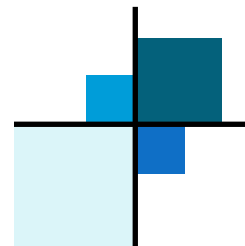
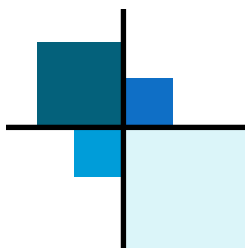
WACADA Advising Awards

Give the Gift of Recognition

Do you have a colleague or a friend who is an outstanding advisor? Are you a past award winner and know of a colleague or friend who deserves to be recognize? It's simple! **Give the Gift of Recognition.** Nominate this someone by filling out a simple form on-line. Visit the [WACADA website](#) for more details. If you have any questions, contact Houa Xiong at xiongh@uwosh.edu or call (920) 424-0206. **Nominations are due on July 1st!**

- Advising Excellence Award (up to 2 @ \$150.00 each)
- Advising Profession Impact Award (1 @ \$150.00)
- Leadership Award (1 @ \$150.00)
- Outstanding Graduate Student Award (1 @ \$150.00)
- Foundation Award (1 @ \$150.00)
- Graduate Student Award (1 @ \$150.00)
- Peer Advisor Award (up to 3 @ \$50.00 each)
- Graduate Student Scholarship (2 valued \$30.00)

NEW!!!! Faculty Advisor Award (1@ \$150.00 + 1 yr WACADA Membership) See WACADA website for details.



Membership Update

From Megan Paulson
VP of Membership

As the temperatures warm up and the days become longer, isn't it time you consider getting involved in WACADA? We are currently planning for the WACADA Conference in September and can always use more members to help spread the word about the great connections you can make in WACADA to take back to your institution.

Here are a few facts about WACADA to get your mind working this spring. Did you know...

...that WACADA members can borrow NACADA webinars FOR FREE?! Contact Diana Maki dsmaki@wisc.edu.

...that WACADA members are eligible to apply for grants and awards?

...that it only costs \$8 for students and \$15 for faculty and staff to join WACADA and take full advantage of all this organization has to offer?

...that we currently have 200 members? Seventy-one percent represent public institutions in Wisconsin, 15% are from private institutions, and 14.5% are from technical institutions.

Congratulations to Karen Bowen from UW-Oshkosh, who has been a WACADA member since 1995! Thank you for your years of dedication to WACADA!



I'd also like to extend a welcome to new members who have joined since the new year has begun: Rebecca Balistreri (Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design), Jennifer Degener (UW-Oshkosh), Amanda Hruzek, and Kenneth Macur (Edgewood College). Welcome to the following students who have also joined WACADA since January: Melissa Fitzenberger (UW-River Falls), Noel Howlett (UW-Madison), Abbey Rusch (Marquette University), and Kimberly Scardino (UW-Madison).

As always, please spread the word of all that WACADA has to offer its members and ultimately, the students we serve. If you have any questions or suggestions about membership or recruitment, please feel free to contact me: mpaulson@bus.wisc.edu or (608)262-1247.

Faculty – Our MVPs

From Kenneth Macur,
WACADA Faculty Representative



If you are a faculty advisor and have any questions/concerns, please feel free to contact Ken at kmacur@edgewood.edu



Treasurer's Report

For the 7 months ended 3/31/2010

Cash on Hand, 9/1/2009 \$9,308.56

Receipts

2009 Conference and Membership Fees
\$3,457.99

Interest 10.09

Total Receipts 3,769.66

Expenditures

2009-2010 Expenditures 8,660.97

Cash on hand, 3/31/2010 4,417.25

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Balances at Fox Communities Credit Union

Savings \$ 2,317.97
Checking 1,885.18
PayPal 214.10

Total Balance \$4,417.25
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JOB POSTINGS

If you have a job available, WACADA is happy to post your

information on our website. Please include the following information in an email to Carla Burkhardt at burkhard.carl@uwlax.edu and we would be happy to post it on the WACADA website.

- Institution
- Position/Title
- Application due date
- Status (full/part time)
- Salary (optional)

