

# The Wisconsin Advisor

## A service for WACADA Members

Wisconsin Academic  
Advising Association

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### “JOIN THE TEAM IN GREEN BAY: CREATING ADVISING LEGENDS

Football season? Fall Colors?

Is it too early to start thinking about school next year? Not if you're planning the annual-WACADA conference in September. You're invited to join us in thinking ahead and making plans for the conference on September 24th in Green Bay. Pre-conference activities will take place on the afternoon of September 23 with specific breakout sessions for technical colleges, private universities/colleges, and the UW system.

Charlie Nutt, noted author representing NACADA, will be our featured keynote speaker and has agreed to do several break out sessions on both days. Other highlights include a social at the Lambeau Field atrium following the pre-conference activities. The conference theme is Join The Team in Green Bay: Creating Advising Legends.



NWTC NEW WELCOME CENTER

#### CALL FOR NOMINATIONS COMING SOON

Please consider running for a WACADA office. It is a great experience representing your advising colleagues in the state. You will have a rewarding time working with professionals from other institutions to promote advising in Wisconsin. Positions open for next year 2004-2005:

**President-Elect**-Assumes duties of president, and when doing so, exercises the powers of the president; makes arrangements for the subsequent year's meetings in conjunction with the VP of Programs and Program Committee. The president-elect is responsible for all facets of the newsletter.

**VP-Programs**-Assists the president-elect in making arrangements for next years meetings, serves as chair of the Program Committee, if any, and provides WADACA Executive Committee materials to new members.

**Treasurer**-The treasurer produces an annual financial report for distribution at the business meeting and works with annual audit committee, if any.

Contact Steve Schneider at [schneide@fvtc.edu](mailto:schneide@fvtc.edu) if you have any questions about the duties of these WACADA positions.

Please mark your calendars to join us and start thinking about the possibility of making a presentation at the conference. (Call for Proposal brochures mailed out March 8th) Here's an opportunity to showcase a unique program, method, model, or activity that works for you. By sharing your "legendary" advising techniques with others, we can continue to grow as a profession and provide quality services to all our learners.

If you have questions about the conference, please contact Mary VanHaute, Conference Chair, at 920-498-5498 or [mary.vanhaute@nwtc.edu](mailto:mary.vanhaute@nwtc.edu). If you have a question about submitting a proposal, contact Gretchen Gall at Moraine Park Technical College via her email, [ggall@mptc.edu](mailto:ggall@mptc.edu) or call 920-924-6342.

#### 8TH ANNUAL WACADA CONFERENCE KEYNOTE: DR CHARLIE NUTT

Dr. Charlie Nutt is currently Associate Director of the National Academic Advising Association. Prior to this, Dr. Nutt was Vice President of Student Development Services at Coastal Georgia Community College. Going back a number of years, Charlie was Assistant Professor of English/Director of Advisement-Orientation at the same college.

He has won the Pacesetter Award in 2001 for his outstanding support for advising on his campus. He has a number of years of experience with NACADA and has done numerous presentations on advising at national conferences as well as on college campuses.

Charlie will keynote on advising as teaching and also conduct sessions related to faculty advising. We are in for one exciting time.

#### Send Nominations for Awards

Outstanding achievement in advising should be recognized and rewarded. Although many professionals in the field deserve recognition for all the energy and dedication that goes into their advising career, only a few shall be identified as outstanding advisors doing exemplary work in the field. Please don't let those outstanding advisors go unrecognized. The following awards are open for nomination:

Advising Excellence Award, Outstanding Achievement in Advising Award, WACADA Leadership, Advising Profession Impact Award (for new professionals).

To learn more about each of the awards, obtain criteria for submission or to acquire the nomination forms, go to the WACADA website at [www.wacada.org](http://www.wacada.org). Just scroll down the website until you reach "Monetary Awards Opportunity" and click on the awards. If you have questions regarding the WACADA Advising Awards, contact Jim Joque, Past-President at [jjoque@uwsp.edu](mailto:jjoque@uwsp.edu). And remember that the deadline for award nominations is July 1, 2004.

#### FROM THE PRESIDENT: Steve Schneider

When I think of March, I think of basketball tournaments and of spring coming soon. The outdoor temperatures are beginning to warm up and the snow is finally disappearing. I can't wait for plants and trees to start growing and things to green up.

Between high school basketball in Madison, and the NCAA March Madness games, there is no shortage of exciting stories to be told. Can we say the same of academic advising in our colleges? Although our work with students doesn't usually make the front pages of the newspaper, we can "play" an important part in their lives.

Like a couple of students I had in my office this week, no matter if it's the 50 year old dislocated worker or the 19 year old student who survived his family's house being burned down, all students may need an advisor or counselor to help them through bad times and good times. Sometimes we are their "coach" in the "game" of life. Our job is to help students understand the "play book" of college so they can "score" a success in their education. Come graduation time, we probably will be their "fan" sitting in the bleachers, cheering them on as they cross the stage, most people unaware that we were on their "team".

I hope you will be on our WACADA "team" in the coming events. The NACADA Region V conference, Winds of Change in Chicago, April 22-24. Then in the summer we will be looking for individuals to run for WACADA offices in three open positions (President-elect, VP-Programs and Treasurer). Please consider running for office—we need you on our executive team.

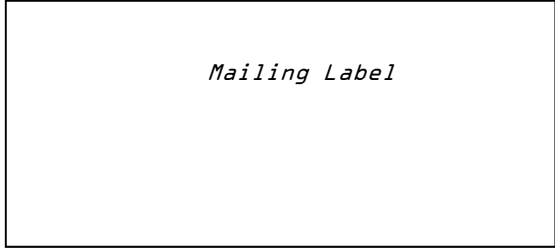
Plans for the 8th annual WACADA conference at NWTC on September 23-24 in Green Bay are taking shape. Mark your calendar for this event with Charlie Nutt (NACADA Associate Director) as the keynote and facilitator of faculty advisor sessions...maybe we can get Charlie to do the "Lambeau Leap" for WACADA.

**WACADA membership \$35**



**WACADA 2002-2003 BOARD**

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**Mark Your Calendar:** NACADA Advising Summer Institute is June 6-11 in Portsmouth, VA and August 1-6 in Milwaukee WI. NACADA 28th Annual Conference is set in Cincinnati Ohio for October 6-9, 2004.

**2004 NACADA REGIONAL V CONFERENCE  
 IN  
 CHICAGO ILLINOIS  
 "WINDS OF CHANGE"**

**April 22-24, 2004 Holiday Inn-Mart Plaza**

If you have questions contact Carla Burkhardt, burkhard.carl@uwvlax.edu  
 Update from the **Great Lakes Region V:**

Everything you need to know for the Regional Conference can be found at: [http://www.nacada.ksu.edu/Regional\\_Divisions/region5/confindex.htm](http://www.nacada.ksu.edu/Regional_Divisions/region5/confindex.htm). If you missed the deadline to secure the early registration fee for the conference, don't let that stop you from attending.

Pre-conference workshops begin at 1:00pm on Thursday, April 22 and the conference opening reception follows at 6:00pm. The exciting keynote presentation by Dr. Terry Kuhn ("Kent State: The Story of US) and con-current sessions begin at 8:15am Friday, April 23rd. The conference ends at noon, Saturday, April 24th.

**2003-2004 Executive Board**



**Membership Update**

As we await our 8th Annual WACADA conference in Green Bay, it is a great time to start promoting the many benefits associated with our organization to those on your campus. The theme of the conference will focus on creating legendary advisors and we encourage you to bring a colleague to experience WACADA for the first time. Help our membership grow.

The September 23 & 24 conference at NWTC will be a fantastic venue for sharing ideas, networking and fun. Join us again this year and renew your membership at the same time, all for the very low cost and a very high benefit. We hope to see you and a friend on the Lambeau Field tour and in the many exciting and informational program sessions.

Can't make the conference. A simple \$15 can renew your membership and allow you to take advantage of member benefits for another year. Please continue to invite non-member advisors to join WACADA.

**If you have any questions about your membership, please contact Matt Jurvelin at: [jurvelim@uwv.edu](mailto:jurvelim@uwv.edu) .**

**THE STATE OF THE BUDGET**

Cash on Hand (3/1/04)	\$1638.08
Expenses	\$586.00
Income	\$145.00
Balance	\$1197.08

**2004 Professional Development Grants  
 Call for Applications**

WACADA is committed to assisting members in participating in professional development opportunities through classes, workshops, seminars, research and conferences. In that spirit, two awards will be granted up to a maximum of \$250 each for professional development activities. Awards will be announced and awarded at the WACADA 2004 Fall conference. *Deadline for submission: July 1, 2004.*

You can find the application on-line at: <http://www.nacada.ksu.edu/wacada/wacada.html> and you can send all applications to Nanette Jordahl, Assoc. Professor, Communicative Disorders, UW-River Falls, 104 North Hall, 410 S. Third St. River Falls WI 54022. If you have question, Nan can be reached at 714-425-0699 or [nanette.j.jordahl@uwrf.edu](mailto:nanette.j.jordahl@uwrf.edu).

**Summer Institute Coming to Wisconsin**

The National Academic Advising Association (NACADA) will be hosting two Summer Advising Institutes again this year, and one of them will be held right here in our state.

The first Advising Institute will be held in Portsmouth Virginia, June 6-11. The other one is being held in Milwaukee Wisconsin, August 1-6. If you are planning to attend, check out the NACADA website for registration and other conference information.

**NATIONAL CONFERENCE PLANNING**

The National Conference planning is well under way. Please join us in Cincinnati Ohio for an enjoyable conference and awesome networking. This year's theme is **"Building Bridges: Advisors as Architects for the Future"**. For additional information about these events, as well as cutting edge advising information, visit <http://www.nacada.ksu.edu>.