

TennACADA Times

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President's Corner

Hello everyone! I am so excited to be working with the UTK Advising community this year as President of TennACADA. Thank you to all who came by our Welcome Reception in the Haslam Business Building in August. The terrace was a little wet, but it was great to catch up with friends in the midst of a hectic week of walk-in advising. I enjoyed meeting several of our new members too!

We all know how vital it is for our students (as well as our colleagues) to feel that they matter and belong here at UTK. We all know that individually and collectively we can make a difference in whether or not students feel this. I encourage everyone to keep an eye out for Vol is a Verb campaign events throughout the semester, and to show up and be visible to our students as often as possible. Attend the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion speakers and workshops to learn from experts outside of UTK, and to reflect on your next steps in your development as an inclusive advisor or coach. We also hope to see you at specific TennACADA events that will provide networking, professional development, and opportunities to collaborate and support each other (see more info on page 5).

Will you be attending or presenting at the NACADA Annual Conference in Louisville this October 20-23? If so, please let us know by emailing tennacada@utk.edu. We would love to help facilitate connections amongst our UTK community while at the conference.

Finally, are you interested in joining this fun group of people (pictured below) as the Professional Development Committee Liaison on our Executive Board? Submit your name as a nominee for our upcoming election! We hate to let Demetria Mells move on, but she would be happy to talk with interested candidates who have questions about this position. We are accepting nominations through September 24th.

Best wishes for a great semester, and please don't hesitate to contact any of us if you have questions or suggestions for TennACADA this year.

-Robin Anderson



2019-2020 TennACADA Executive Board: Emilie Aslinger, Kerri Cline, Robin Anderson, Stephanie Weathers, Demetria Mells (left to right)



Spotlight: Academic Success Advocates

The UTK community has three new Academic Success Advocates (ASAs) on our campus, working through First-Year Studies: Krys Cooper, José Lee-Perez, and Avery Miller. We asked Stella Bridgeman, Interim Director of First-Year Studies, to provide some insight into their role.

Could you describe the role of the ASAs? The Academic Success Advocates will assist with the management of Academic Alert and Case Management. Their student contact will come from all things Academic Alert. Using a holistic approach, the ASAs will strive to invest in each student while providing transformational opportunities anchored through building relationships. ASAs are students' resource guide, connecting them to a network of applicable services from campus-partners united in one aim—their success!

How are they different from academic advisors and academic coaches? The Academic Success Advocates will not advise or coach students. They will refer students to advising and coaching resources when needed. The goal is for them to really get to students as quickly as possible, find out what the issues are, and connect them to the best resources. Getting to students quickly and closing cases has been the challenge for First-Year Studies given the scale of Academic Alert.



Krys Cooper, PhD
Academic Success Advocate



José Lee-Perez
Academic Success Advocate



Avery Miller, PhD
Academic Success Advocate



2019 NACADA Award and Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to international award winners from the UTK advising community! Dr. Ruth Darling is the recipient of the prestigious Virginia N. Goodman Award for Excellence in the Field of Advising, which is given to a NACADA member who has made significant contributions to the field of advising. Dr. Darling retired in 2017 as Associate Provost for Student Success, after a career of 37 years at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. She has continued to be engaged in the field, serving as an editor to the *NACADA Review: Academic Advising Praxis and Perspectives*.

Dr. Karmen Stephenson has been awarded the NACADA International Conference Scholarship. She presented “Using the F-Word: Feminist Pedagogy as a Unifying Theory of Academic Advising”

at the NACADA International Conference in Hasselt, Belgium this summer. She will also be presenting at the annual conference in Louisville, KY in October.

Kirsten Pitcock has been awarded the Outstanding Advising Award- Primary Advising Role-Certificate of Merit. She advises students majoring in English and is the advising coordinator for the Humanities.



Ruth Darling, Karmen Stephenson, Kirsten Pitcock

Ruth Darling Service to Academic Advising Award

Congratulations to George Drinnon, the winner of the Ruth Darling Award, which recognizes excellence in academic advising at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Mr. Drinnon began his career in higher education as an academic advisor after working in private industry. After several years advising business majors at UT, he managed the implementation of the predecessor to Grades-First, AdvisorTrac. While involved in that process, he became an Assistant Director in Haslam Undergraduate Programs and added international programs to his responsibilities. In 2011 Mr. Drinnon became Interim Director of Haslam Undergraduate Programs, later selected as Director and titled Executive Director by the college in 2016.



George Drinnon, Ruth Darling, and Missy Parker (2018 recipient)



New Faces

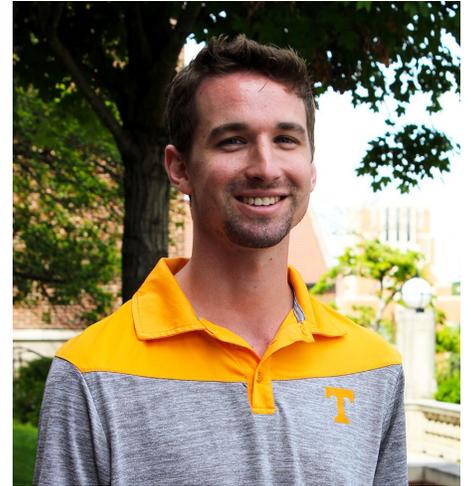
In addition to our Academic Success Advocates, we welcome new advisors and coaches to our team. Advising 2020 is in full-swing, which has allowed us to grow our advising community. There are lots of additional new faces on campus! Please send your picture to tennacada@utk.edu if you are a new advisor, and we'll highlight you in our October edition!



Jennie Scott
Transition Advisor
First Year Studies



Keima Talley
Academic Advisor
Haslam College of Business



Ross Johnson
Academic Advisor
College of Arts and Sciences



LaDawna Williams
Academic Coach
Student Success Center



Jeremy Mobley
Academic Advisor
Tickle College of Engineering



Fall Events

Event Name	Date	Time	Location	Type of Event
Safe Zone Training Part 1	9/25/2019	9:00–11:00	FBCC Multi-purpose Room	Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
TennACADA—Dr. David Grey, University of York St. John—Research in Advising	10/24/2019	3:00–5:00	SU 162	Professional Development
Dr. Mehvash Ali (two times available for the same event)	10/25/2019	9:00–11:00 or 1:30–3:30	SU 362 (a.m.) I-House Great Room (p.m.)	Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
Dr. Laura Rendon	11/4/2019	6:00–8:30	SU 180	Lecture & Reception—Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
Dr. Laura Rendon	11/5/2019	9:00–11:00	SU 272 ABC	Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
NACADA Webinar: All I Need to Know (about Academic Advising) I Learned...	11/14/2019	2:00–3:30	SU 362 B	Webinar
TennACADA Career Advancement Workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crafting your Academic Advising Philosophy: 1:00–2:00 Updating and Revising your CV: 2:15–3:15 Career Ladder Panel: 3:30–5:00 	11/21/2019	1:00–5:00	SU 362 A	Professional Development
Dr. Kimberly Smith	12/3/2019	9:00–11:00	SU 169	Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
NACADA Webinar: Academic Advising and Trans Equity: Building our Tomorrow	12/11/2019	2:00–3:30	SU 262 B	Webinar
TennACADA Morning Coffee and Pastries Social at UPerk	12/13/2019	8:00–9:00	UPerk	Social

