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2024-2025 TennACADA Executive Board with Dr. Melissa Irvin

Welcoming in the 2025-2026 Academic Year!

As we dive into another exciting chapter, we are thrilled to bring you our **first edition of the TennACADA Times** for the new year!

This newsletter is your source for **celebrating** the incredible work we do, **sharing** opportunities for growth, and **connecting** with advising professionals from across the institution.

Together, let's **embrace** the new year with enthusiasm, dedication, and collaboration. Here's to a **fantastic** year ahead!

Signed,
Your 2025-2026
TennACADA
Executive Board

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Advising All-Stars: Spring 2025 Award Winners

Each Spring, we have the privilege of honoring some of the brightest stars in our advising community. Congrats to our recent Spring 2025 winners!

Raini Sizemore, CAS
Outstanding New Advisor

Ashley Williams, Haslam
Outstanding Primary Advisor

Dr. Gary Petree, CEHHS
Outstanding Faculty Advisor

Rachel Duncan, Tickle
Innovative Advising Award

Julie Gillette, One Stop
Advocate in Advising Award

Erica Ury, Baker School
Melinda "Missy" Parker Outstanding Administrator Award

Margie Russell, Tickle
Ruth Darling Excellence in Advising Leadership Award

Moves in Motion: Madeline's Merit Achievement

We've got a celebrity in the mix! **Madeline Anderson**, an advising coordinator in the College of Arts and Sciences, was awarded a **certificate of merit** in the **Outstanding Academic Advising** award in **NACADA's Global Awards** this year!

Congratulations, Madeline!



Three of our TennACADA Award Winners!

New Talent: Meet Our Newest!

Each edition, we hope to recognize the **new advising staff** we've brought on! Be sure to give a great **UT welcome** to our new staff! (May - August)

Tony Schnadelbach, CAS
Casey Kellogg, CAS
Allyson Wierenga, CAS

Katelyn Tuck, CAS
Mika Douglas, Herbert
Sawyer Rials, Haslam
Hannah Scheurer, Haslam
Ian Jeffries, Haslam
Brian Todd, Haslam
Carly Mulcahey, Haslam
Jeanette Stevens, Haslam
Paola Wolaver, Baker
Harrison Lacayo, CEHHS
Sarah McCormack, SOWK
Daniel Roberts, Tickle
Sidney Slater, Tickle

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Volunteer!



Executive Excellence: Introducing Our New Officers

Welcome in our new **2025-2026 Executive Board!** We're excited to bring our best to the TennACADA community!

Laura Beth Anderson | President
Brooklinn White | Vice President
Devon Keith | Secretary
Raini Sizemore | Communications Coordinator
Hannah Frankel | Professional Development Committee Liaison

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Advise. Inspire. UTK Annual Advising Conference Reminder

Each year, UTK hosts the **Academic Advising & Student Success Conference** with the mission of supporting student success and building community across the region. This year's theme, **Effective Collaboration**, will aid student success staff in fostering quality communication and collaboration skills to further our collective mission to enhance student success. The conference is on **Tuesday, September 9th** in the **Student Union**. Excited to see you there!

Advancing the Profession: 2025 NACADA Annual Conference

Las Vegas, NV will host the **2025 NACADA Annual Conference (October 26-29)**! This is a great opportunity to learn about unique student success strategies, collaborate with advisors from around the globe, and renew your commitment to the advising profession. Grab your in person or virtual ticket by **September 11th** for the early bird pricing!

[Click to learn more!](#)

Pillars of Success: Chancellor's Excellence in Advising Recipients

The **Excellence in Advising** award, presented at the Chancellor's Honors Banquet, honors those with high impact in academic advising and student success. Four UT members were recognized this spring - **Brian Schmid** (advisor in CAS), **Michael Woods** (professor in History), **Daniel Simberloff** (professor in Biology), and **Luis Stand Stracuzzi** (professor in Tickle). Thank you for being strong pillars of student advocacy and success!

Advising + Student Success Conference

ADVANCING STUDENT SUCCESS:

Enhancing
Student
Support



Through
Effective
Collaboration

[Click to view the schedule!](#)

Webinar Wonders: Level Up Your Skills With NACADA

Advising Technology and Initiatives (ATI) is hosting a series of NACADA webinars for the advising community! We encourage you to register early to mark your calendars.

Preventing Advisor Burnout (September 17th)
Support Students Through a Trauma-Informed Lens
(December 11th)

[Click to register!](#)

TennACADA Tips: Membership Benefits & Resources Galore!

Not yet a NACADA member? Consider joining the community of **over 14,000** professional advisors, faculty, and administrators committed to furthering student success. Members have access to additional **professional development** opportunities, **leadership** positions, **scholarships**, event **discounts**, research **grants**, **awards**, **career support**, and more! NACADA also offers a variety of resources for advising staff, such as the **Clearinghouse** for advising resources, **Academic Advising Today** for articles, and the **NACADA Journal** for research! Take a look through what NACADA has to offer to enhance your skills!

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