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No Tricks, Just Treats: Fall Into Advising Excellence!

As the fall season settles in and our schedules grow busier, it's a great time to prioritize **self-care** and lean on your **support**

systems. Whether it's sharing a **laugh** with colleagues, enjoying a **quiet moment** with your favorite autumn drink, or taking a moment to **breathe**, remember that small actions can make a big difference. Take stock of your support systems and teams, and connect with others as much as you can. Let's tackle the season together with **energy**, **collaboration**, and maybe even a little **pumpkin spice**!



CAS Advisors at the Fall Conference!

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Signed,
2025-2026 TennACADA
Executive Board



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RUN IT BACK

Check out these highlights!

Good
work
y'all!



A Sweet Start to a New Year: New Advisor Mixer Recap

TennACADA welcomed new advisors and advising staff with a special ice cream mixer at the chilly UT Creamery last week!

A big Vol Thanks to all who attended and supported the Tennessee community.

We're super excited to have you as part of our advising family here at UTK!



Cass Bennett preparing for their presentation!



Group photo during the keynote address at the conference!

A Heartfelt Thank You: Academic Advising & Student Success Conference Recap

TennACADA extends its deepest gratitude to everyone who attended and presented at the **Academic Advising & Student Success Conference** last month. Your participation, insights, and dedication made this event a resounding success! From informative sessions to engaging discussions, the conference showcased the incredible talent and commitment within our advising community. Round of applause for our UT presenters:

Madeline Anderson	Aerin Farrell	Lauren Morton	Mike Taylor
Edison Aubrey	Malachi Frederick-Webb	Mia Pearson-Loomis	Annemarie Thomas
Cass Bennett	Nick Grant	Patrick Riley	Christopher Treece
Jenny Boucher	Meredith Hawk	Krystyne Savarese	Jessica Twitchell-Hollingshead
Sophie Cole	Antonio Harris	Bernie Savarese	Jenny Ward
Abraham Cervantes	Hannah Hodge	Brooke Schmalhorst	Ashley Williams
DaShawn Dilworth	Adam Lanagan	Raini Sizemore	Travis D. Williams
Faith Edwards	Ellie Milherin	Taylor Stumpff	Katie Wiley





Membership Made Simple: You're In!

Earlier this fall, we sent out a probe to gauge membership, which sparked some great questions! As a reminder...

TennACADA membership is open to all faculty and staff at UTK who have an interest in academic advising. At present, we don't have a formal process to be a member. Simply being invested in advising means you are included!

TennACADA Leadership are continuing discussions around membership procedures. Stay tuned for updates as we grow!



Advising Adventures: NACADA Annual Conference Reminder

Are you attending the **2025 NACADA Annual Conference** this year? We hope you have a wonderful time in Las Vegas (or virtually)! Represent UT well!

Some tips for conference-goers:



Network like a pro.
Take breaks and recharge.
Explore local attractions.
Stay inspired!

Whether it's your first time or you're a seasoned attendee, we'd love for you to **share your experience** with us! Snap some **photos**, jot down your favorite **moments**, and let us know about any inspiring **sessions** or **connections** you make. Your stories help us celebrate the incredible work happening in advising and inspire others in our community.

Send your pictures and stories to **tennacada@utk.edu** to be featured in a future edition of the TennACADA Times!

[View the Annual Conference site!](#) 🔍

Spring into Advising: NACADA Region 3 and 4 Conference Proposals Open!

Mark your calendars — the **NACADA Region 3 and Region 4 Conference** is coming in the spring! The regional conference is a fantastic opportunity to connect, learn, and share insights with advising professionals across the region (mid-south and southeast). The conference will be hosted **March 16-18** at the **Galt House Hotel** in **Louisville, KY**.

Looking to present? Proposals from a variety of topics are welcome! Proposals are evaluated for their relevance to current issues in advising, appeal to participants, creativity, ingenuity, and applicability. Anyone involved in advising duties are invited to submit proposals. All presenters must be current NACADA members at the time of the conference. Proposals can be concurrent sessions, posters, or preconference workshops.

Registration begins on November 4. Proposals submitted by November 5. Proposal notifications in December.

[View NACADA tips for proposal success!](#) 🔍

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LEVEL IT UP

Professional Development!



Learn More: NACADA Webinar Series

Advising Technology and Initiatives (ATI) continues to host NACADA webinars for the advising community! We encourage you to register early to block your calendars as we dive into peak season!

Support Students Through a Trauma-Informed Lens
(December 11)

[Click to Register!](#)

Thoughtful Thursdays: Inspiration for Access & Engagement

The **Division of Access and Engagement** (DAE) has brought back **Thoughtful Thursdays** - informative sessions and mindful conversations around **healthy support** and **positive interactions**. Below are the workshops for the fall term. We encourage you to attend and learn more about access and belonging across campus.

Courageous Dialogue
October 23
International House

[Register Here!](#)

Cultivating Conflict-Capable Teams
November 6
International House

[Register Here!](#)

Join ABEC for Career Readiness & Belonging

Discover how to help students find **belonging** and develop **career-ready** competencies! This session will explore key skills employers seek, provide an overview of Career Competencies, and include small group discussions. Don't miss this opportunity to support student success!

October 22 1:30-2:30pm

Virtual (Zoom)

Presenter Ellie Riggs

Reach Out For Questions:

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New Staff: Returns Soon

We will now feature the new staff section every other month to ensure we keep the list accurate! Check out the new staff section in the next edition!



NACADA Engagement: Advising Communities, Restructuring Roadmap, and Getting Involved

For years, NACADA has hosted advising communities - specialized groups to engage with other professionals and focus on specific attributes of advising. After some careful planning, NACADA is introducing a new restructure of advising communities to promote collaboration and communication. Check out the new communities coming!

Identity-Based Support
Advising Diverse Pops
Advising for Social Justice
Institution-Based Initiatives

Advisor Types/Roles
Academic Majors
Students in Transition
Cocurricular Advising

Advisor Training/Development
Assessment/Scholarly Inquiry
Advising Technology & Tools
Well-Being/Advisor Retention

Approaches of Advising
Place-Based Advising
Advising by Institution Type
Advising Admin/Leadership

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