NACADA Annual Conference 2019

The 2019 Annual Conference for NACADA: The Global Community for Academic Advising took place October 20-23 in Louisville, Kentucky. The University of Tennessee-Knoxville was well-represented by Advisors from most colleges, Academic Success Advocates, Academic Coaches, and others. Dr. Tyrone Howard from UCLA opened the conference with a sobering, if humorous, call to move beyond diversity buzzwords and to take concrete steps toward creating equity for all higher education students. The conference theme was “In Their Corner: Advising Students to be the GREATEST,” in reference to the Louisville-born professional boxer Muhammad Ali. Many presentations embodied this theme in both title and structure.

The NACADA Region 3 meeting had a large turnout to hear about changes in Region 3 leadership and to discuss upcoming Region 3 conferences. Remember – the upcoming regional conferences need volunteers! Region 3 conference will take place April 20—22 in Lexington, KY.

Presenters from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville included Madeline Anderson, Jeff Elliott, Lindi Barillaro, Emilie Aslinger, Chris Shuping, Ashleigh Powers, NaQuaina Moore, Dr. Mitsunori Misawa, Brian Schmid, Alex Sharp, Dr. Karmen Stephenson, and Dr. Ruth Darling. Presentations covered topics including hiring, career advising, advisor wellness, and a generational perspective on advising.
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So You Want to Write?

Dr. David Grey from York St John University gave an informative and engaging presentation entitled “So You Want to Write?” to the TennACADA community on October 24. Did you know that NACADA has a spectrum of publications and venues through which an advisor can contribute, starting with the NACADA blog (a great way to dip your toes into writing)? In addition, advisors can consider writing for the e-zine Academic Advising Today, the NACADA Review, the NACADA Journal, as well as other non-NACADA journals like The Mentor or the Journal of College Student Development. Dr. Grey shared several tips about how one can start the writing process (such as “free writing” without judgment, and speaking ideas out loud and recording them), and then looking for threads to emerge and ideas to explore further. Other suggestions include setting aside dedicated writing time, writing with others (such as at a Writing Retreat), and seeking feedback from “critical” friends. Dr. Grey’s presentation can be found on the UTK Academic Advising SharePoint site in the Reading Room. If you are interested in forming a writing group with others in the advising community here at UTK, let us know by emailing tennacada@utk.edu and we will connect you.

Supporting Muslim Students

Dr. Mehwash Ali is the Director of the Academic Support Center at the American University of Sharjah. She recently presented information to the UTK advising community about the history and beliefs of Islam and specific ways that advisors can create an inclusive community for the Muslim student population. Supporting religious pluralism can include:

1. Offer space for prayer & sinks for washing feet
2. Provide interfaith space and events
3. Avoid prayer times when scheduling advising appointments
4. Recognize all religious holidays
5. Educate the community for a cultural change
6. Support and participate in cultural festivals on campus
7. Create a Muslim student association
8. Offer dialogues, Muslim speakers, Hijab Monologues, interfaith services, Muslim music and poetry nights

Dr. Ali recommends the following website with more information on supporting Muslim college students: https://www.affordablecollegesonline.org/college-resource-center/muslim-student-
New Faces

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### Next Month in TennACADA Times

Watch for the December edition of the TennACADA Times! It will highlight National First-Generation College Student Celebration, which took place during the week of November 4-8. Additionally, UTK first-gen staff will be interviewed about their experiences as college students and best practices for supporting first-generation college students.