TennACADA Times

Welcome back advising and student success community! I hope you all had time to rest and recharge before the start of this upcoming semester. The past year has been challenging for our community, but we've also seen new growth as we've welcomed so many new students and staff to Rocky Top. Through the many changes, the UT Advising Community remains a constant.

Whether online or in-person, we look forward to working with you this year to provide ways to engage and support each other. As we plan the rest of the fall semester, please let us know what type of events you want to see by filling out our TennACADA Feedback form. If there is any way we can support or celebrate you this year, please let us know.

Let us continue being there for our students, and each other. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Ali Aust (she/her)
President- TennACADA

2021-2022 TennACADA EXECUTIVE BOARD:

Ali Aust, President: Ali serves as an Academic Coach in the Academic Success Center and has been in this role since September 2018. Prior to UT, Ali earned her Bachelor of Science in Sociology from the University of West Georgia in 2014 after which she began her career in higher education. Ali came to UT in 2016 to earn a Master of Science in College Student Personnel and through her grad program, fell in love with UT and Knoxville.

While not on campus Ali enjoys spending time with her dog, Pepper, and soaking in all that East Tennessee has to offer, in addition to going back to her home state of Georgia to spend time with friends and family.
Amber Rayborn, Vice President:
Amber is Advising Coordinator for the Department of Animal Science in the Herbert College of Agriculture. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Human Environmental Sciences in 2008 and a Master of Arts in Higher Education in 2010, both from The University of Alabama. Prior to joining the VOL community in August 2017, Amber worked as an advisor for both The University of Alabama and The University of Georgia and taught College Success at Pellissippi State.

A native of northeast Alabama, Amber is proud to be the first person in her family to graduate from high school. When she isn’t advising, Amber enjoys spending time with her husband and daughter, cuddling with her wiener dog (Pebbles), crafting, listening to true crime podcasts, and spending entirely too much time on TikTok.

Melinda Crecelius-Lanham, Secretary:
Melinda began at UTK in 2020 and is an Advisor in the College of Arts & Sciences. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Dramatic Arts, a Master of Arts in Theatre Education, and a Master of Education in College Student Personnel. Melinda has worked, previously, with the University of Louisville, Indiana University – Southeast, and Kenyon College.

Having moved from Louisville, KY, to Knoxville last year in the height of COVID, Melinda and her family are still in the process of discovering all that their new city has to offer from parks to restaurants to local shops (recommendations always welcome)!

Kam Manuel, Communications Coordinator:
Kam is an academic advisor in the Haslam College of Business. She has been with the Haslam College of Business since the fall of 2018. She also teaches the colleges freshmen in BUAD 100. Kam earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from the University of Tennessee in 1993 and her Master of Science in Educational Psychology with a concentration in Adult Learning in 2018.

Kam grew up in west Knoxville and lived in Sevierville for almost 20 years before moving back to the Knoxville area. She enjoys playing with and walking her dogs, Lily and Chloe, reading, binging tv shows and going out with her husband.
Jeremy Mobley, Professional Development Liaison: Jeremy is a Senior Student Success Advisor for the Herbert College of Agriculture’s Department of Animal Science. Prior to joining Herbert, he served as Academic Advisor for the Tickle College of Engineering’s Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Sociology with minors in Psychology and Women’s Studies from Radford University in 2013. He then went on to earn his Master of Arts in Global and Sociocultural Studies from Florida International University in 2019. Since 2012, Jeremy has worked in different capacities within higher education, ranging from research and instruction to event management and diversity programming. Academic advising and student support services, though, is what he considers his true calling, and his background in critical race, gender, and sexuality studies allows him to approach this discipline with a lens considerate of students’ diverse and complex life histories.

Born in Virginia’s Roanoke Valley, Jeremy moved to east Tennessee in 2018, but the Appalachian Mountains have always been what he considers home. He’s an avid consumer of comic book media and Korean pop music, and he also enjoys frequent trips to the Knoxville Zoo along with hunting for nerdy collectibles on the weekends with his partner.

2021 TennACADA AWARD WINNERS

We would like to recognize and celebrate our advising community colleagues and the great work they do — congratulations to all of the 2021 TennACADA award winners!

Amanda Lovelace
Outstanding Advising – Primary Role
Professional Advisor
Tickle College of Engineering

Lindi Barillaro
Outstanding Advising Administrator
Associate Director of Advising
College of Arts & Sciences

Alison Connor
Advocate in Advising
Associate Registrar
Office of the University Registrar
ARE YOU SERVING ON ONE OF THE CHANCELLOR’S COMMISSIONS/COUNCILS?

We want to hear from you! We would like to include updates from the Chancellor’s Councils and Commissions that impact the advising and student success community in upcoming newsletters. Please email tennacada@utk.edu and let us know what commission or council you serve on.
FALL 2021 EVENTS

We hope to offer a variety of modalities for our events this semester. A Zoom link/additional details will be provided via email closer to the event date. Events will be updated throughout the semester. Contact us at tennacada@utk.edu if you have any questions.

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REMINDER:

Please take a moment to tell us what you would like to see as part of TennACADA!

[Link to TennACADA Feedback form]