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# THE TENNACADA TIMES

Newsletter of the UT Academic Advising Community



## From the President

Dear Community,

Happy Spring 2024 Semester! I hope that you all had a wonderful holiday season and time to recharge and gear up for the new year. I want to highlight some great things that happened within the Advising Community this past fall:

- 2 Advisors were awarded NACADA Global Awards in Orlando, FL
- Several UTK colleagues did concurrent session presentations and poster presentations at NACADA
- 70 people signed up to participate in the inaugural TennACADA 4X4 program (Thank you to Rachel Duncan for her hard work, dedication, and vision)
- UT Advisors and Staff attended the TASSR Conference in Knoxville.

This spring 2024 TennACADA is excited to continue supporting the community with several initiatives and programs.

- The 4X4 program will run again this spring 2024!
- TennACADA will be accepting nominations for Awards this spring!
- TennACADA will also be accepting nominations for the 2024-2025 TennACADA Officers!
- Elections for next year's TennACADA officers will be held later this semester!
- TennACADA will be available throughout the semester to support the community in whatever ways we can!

Please find helpful information throughout this newsletter and don't hesitate to reach out to me or any TennACADA Office if you have any questions or ideas that you want to share!

Best,  
Christopher Kelley  
TennACADA President 23-24



## SAVE THE DATE

Professional Development  
Committee Programs:

- Conference Proposals Workshop  
January 31 | 2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.  
362A/B Student Union
- Career Advancement Beyond  
Advising March 6 | 3:30  
p.m.-4:30 p.m. 169 Student  
Union
- Considerations for Continuing  
Education April 3 | 2 p.m.-3 p.m.  
377A Student Union
- LinkedIn and Professional  
Branding April 24 | 2 p.m.-3 p.m.  
169 Student Union



## TennACADA AWARDS!

Can you feel it? It's AWARD SEASON!!!

It's time once to recognize your colleagues for their commitment and contributions to the UTK Advising Community! You can read more about the available Awards and view the rubrics on our [website](#).

The nominations for awards are now open and can be submitted here: [tiny.utk.edu/TennACADAawards23](https://tiny.utk.edu/TennACADAawards23)

**Nominations Close - February 14th at 11:59 pm**

## TennACADA 4x4 Spring 2024

Interested in broadening your network and seeing new places on campus? Join professionals from the Division of Student Success and the Division of Student Life in the spring 4x4 program.

A 4x4 is a group of FOUR professionals who do not work together who meet FOUR times in the spring semester for casual professional and personal networking.

Find out more and sign up here: <https://bit.ly/4x4atUT> or contact Rachel Duncan at [rachelduncan@utk.edu](mailto:rachelduncan@utk.edu). Sign ups close at noon on January 17th.

## OTHER TENNACADA EVENTS

- **March 8th** 12pm-3pm Baker School Hosting Meet and Greet for TennACADA Community
  - There will be snacks, handouts, and time for staff to meet some of our faculty and staff. More information and RSVP will be sent later
- **March 20th** 1pm-2pm TennACADA Officer Interest Meeting
  - Are you interested in getting involved with TennACADA by running for an officer position? Please join the current e-board to learn more about the positions available.

### DEI BOOK CLUB ON THE CHOSEN ONE: A FIRST-GENERATION IVY LEAGUE ODYSSEY, BY ECHO BROWN

**DATES:**

- THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 11-12PM
- THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 11-12PM
- THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 11-12PM
- THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 11-12PM
- THURSDAY, MAY 2, 11-12PM (IF NEEDED)
- THURSDAY, MAY 23, 11-12PM (IF NEEDED)

