

## REGION 1 CONFERENCE ~ BURLINGTON, VT

Great networking, excellent professional development, and the legendary state basket raffle and giveaways were once again featured at the Region One Conference. Attendees selected from a packed schedule of 66 pre-conference, concurrent and poster sessions as well as keynote speeches from Art Esposito and Rodney Mondor. See additional highlights including the Advising Excellence Awards and Region One's first community service initiative on page 2.



Kerianne Silver from Excelsior College at her poster presentation "Challenges and Solutions to Academic Probation and Academic Bankruptcy for Distance Education".



Conference attendees decorate scrabble tiles during the Welcome reception.



Conference committee members Kevin Piskadlo, Erik Colon, Laurie Nelson, Amelia Coleman, and Jennifer Fath work the registration tables.

## BEST OF REGION



Congratulations to Kevin Piskadlo, Melissa Jenkins, and Meghan Charbonneau from Bentley and Cory Davis from Salem State. Their presentation *The Advisor Buck-et List* was selected Best of Region. Look for it at the National Conference in Denver this October.



One of the many tiled collages constructed from the tiles decorated during the reception.



## TECHNOLOGY PRE-CONFERENCE

Region One hosted a special, extended pre-conference workshop "Technology: Online Collaborative Tools for Increasing Effectiveness with Decreasing Resources" at the University of Vermont on March 8th and 9th. Art Esposito from

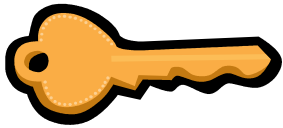
Virginia Commonwealth University (pictured left) led the workshop.

Art also delivered the opening conference keynote "Evolution and Progress in Advising".

## CONFERENCE ~ HIGHLIGHTS

### Graduate Student Dinner *Rodney Mondor*

In its 3rd year, the Region I Graduate Student dinner was a huge success. With 15 graduate students in attendance, 17 professionals joined our evening at Three Tomatoes. Beside having a terrific meal, the night was filled with conversation and networking. Professionals shared their stories of how they got started in the field and graduate students were able to make some professional and social connections. The goal of the evening was to help graduate students feel connected with NACADA and with the profession. We were successful. Thanks to all who were responsible for coordinating the event and to our professionals for taking the time to network with the future of NACADA.



In addition to coordinating the graduate student dinner, Rodney, pictured left, delivered the conference's closing keynote speech entitled, "The Sustenance of an Advisor"



### Food Drive for VT FoodBank *Jennifer Fath*



To show our commitment to service and the Region One community, members who attended the recent NACADA Region One conference in Burlington, VT came together and made an astonishing 250 lb donation of non-perishable food items and household items to the Vermont Foodbank. During these difficult economic times, we made such a positive impact in our Region to those in need. We plan to continue with a service initiative for next year's Region One conference in Connecticut. Great job Region One!

### Advising Excellence Awards *Ana Ketler & Mary Fraser*

The Awards & Scholarships committee was especially challenged this year with many fantastic nominations for the Advising Excellence Awards. Recipients were announced at the Welcome Reception and honored during the Awards Program Thursday morning.

Pictured left to right: Meg Murtha, Mitzi Anderson, Vince Kloskowski, Tamara Rury, Christine Guarnieri, Sharon Santobuono, Cathleen Engle, and Kat McGrath.



## EMERGING LEADERS PROGRAM

Wanda Reyes-Dawes

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*-Wanda Reyes-Dawes  
2010-12 Emerging  
Leader*

In April of 2010, I received an unexpected spring gift; a personal call from President Jayne Drake. She informed me that I had been selected as one of 10 Emerging Leaders for the Class of 2010-12. I recall my excitement could not be contained. I basically screamed with pure delight! I believe President Drake was totally amused by my reaction.

Well, this unexpected spring gift turned into a divine connection in the fall of 2010 in Orlando, FL when I was matched with my heavenly-sent mentor and friend, Ms. Elizabeth Higgins. I could sense that my Emerging Leaders experience would not only be a two-year leadership growth opportunity, but that it would turn into a flourishing bouquet of lifetime professional and personal connections.

Recently, I had the pleasure of presenting at Region 1 (Northeast) Conference in Burlington, VT on "An Advising Connection: Mentoring Latina Students" with my mentee, Stephanie Rodriguez, and facilitating a First Generation Interest Group meeting as the incoming Regional Liaison for the State of Connecticut. Guess what? Another divine connection took place; my mentor met my mentee!

I am a firm believer that there are only divine interventions or connections. My Emerging Leaders experience is proving to be exactly that, a divine connection to all that NACADA has to offer.

### IN OTHER NEWS.....

Kudos to the *Explorations Program* at the University of Maine for receiving a 2010 Certificate of Merit Award.

NACADA members Ethel Hill, Dominick Varney, Julie Lop-pacher, Emily Jirsa and Barbara Ouellette all work for the *Explorations Program*. Congrats!

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## REGIONAL LEADERSHIP PROFILE

Scholarships & Awards Committee

Each year Region One awards multiple scholarships for the region conference and national Advising Institutes as well as the Advising Excellence Awards. Applications for scholarships and nomination forms for the awards are typically available in December/January. Completed applications and nominations are reviewed and rated by a committee.

The Scholarships & Awards Committee Chair serves on the Region Steering Committee and works with the Region

Chair and Budget Chair to determine the number and amount of scholarships that can be offered each year. The Scholarships & Awards Chair receives and coordinates the distribution of applications and nominations to the committee and compiles the committee's ratings and responses to determine the final recipients. The committee Chair and members are appointed by the Region Chair and serve for a term of two years. They may serve two consecutive terms.

For more information on the Scholarships & Awards Committee, visit the [Region One website](#). If you are interested in joining the Scholarships & Awards Committee or another regional leadership role, contact Region Chair Susan Moyer smoyer@excelsior.edu