

1. *How long have you been a member in NACADA?*

I began as an institutional member of NACADA with my first position in academic advising in 2002. Since February of 2007 I have held an individual membership in NACADA.

2. *What types of involvement have you had in NACADA?*

I am an active NACADA member who has both attended and presented at statewide, regional and national meetings. I participate as a member of the Peer Advising Commission, the Advising Administration Commission, as well as the Undecided/Exploratory Student Commission and enjoy volunteering to assist with the conferences in general when attending. Though I have had the opportunity to travel to many of these NACADA events, I also gain much from the NACADA webinar series viewed here at my home campus of Georgia Southern.

3. *What are your professional goals?*

In my profession as an academic advisor and coordinator, my overarching goal is to improve the experience for the students I serve. I strive to stay updated on current trends and issues both in academic advising and higher education more generally in order to always improve my ability to help students.

In recent years I have had the opportunity to develop training protocol for academic advisement professionals at varying levels, and am extremely interested in pursuing excellence in advisor training. I am currently collaborating with my colleagues at Georgia Southern to create a more formalized advisor training certificate program and am excited about the possibilities it holds for both our professional and faculty advisors on campus. Finally, I will begin post-graduate coursework this fall with the eventual goal of completing my Ed.D. in the Educational Leadership program here at Georgia Southern.

4. *What are your goals for your state if elected?*

If elected, my first goal is to encourage increased involvement in NACADA by current members in the state. This involvement could be in the form of presentations at national and regional meetings, by book reviews or other publications for the NACADA clearinghouse, or by volunteering to assist with the upcoming regional and national conferences in 2010! I would especially love to see increased involvement by the "south Georgia" institutions and feel I can be a good representative for my wonderful region of this state, as well as for the metro-Atlanta and north Georgia institutions.

I would also like to improve opportunities for advisement professionals in the state of Georgia to share successes, challenges and problem-solving tactics with each other. By encouraging more connectedness among the individual institutions, I believe Georgia can continue to be a model to other states in our region (and nationally) for innovations in advisement practice, for professional development of our members and for excellent service to our students.

I thank you for the opportunity to be considered to serve in this capacity, and if elected, I look forward to working with you in the months to come.