

MY LEADERSHIP JOURNEY

Name:

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Fayetteville Technical Community College

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Fayetteville, North Carolina

Years Advising: **4**

Years in NACADA: **4**

Why did you decide to get involved in NACADA?

I decided to get involved with NACADA because I was essentially new to advising. I spent 15 years of my higher education career working in Student Affairs. After earning my Ed.D., I transitioned into a leadership role at my institution focusing on student retention and academic success. I knew I quickly had to find a place to connect with others in the field. NACADA was that place for me. It provided me with connections and relationships with colleagues in the field where I could ask questions, learn from, and connect with.

How did you build your NACADA network of people?

I built my network of people from NACADA by getting involved in my Learning Communities and my NACADA Region. I quickly made friendships and professional relationships with colleagues from around the world. I attended Region 3 Chats, followed conversations on social media, and attended region and annual conferences. The turning point for me was volunteering to serve as our Region's communication coordinator for our Region conference. Through this experience, I was able to make an impact. I was able to give back to NACADA by sharing my skills and knowledge with others. This opened doors for me to lead in all sorts of ways.

Is there something you would like future NACADA leaders to know?

I would want future NACADA leaders to know the best way to grow is to get involved. Growth and comfort can't co-exist. You must force them together to grow as a professional in the field. The best thing I did for my professional career was get involved in NACADA. It was hard and uncomfortable at first, but it was where I needed to be. Advising is always changing, and higher education institutions are more focused on ways to improve it more today than they have ever been. If you want to grow you need to get involved and find ways to connect. To do this, you need to find ways to create a path for yourself down roads you've not been on before, here is where you will find growth.

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS HELD:

2024

- Attend and lead Region 3 Conference in Greenville, South Carolina; Win "Best of Region" Award
- Serve as Region 3 Chair

2023

- Serve as the Communications Coordinator for Region 3 Conference and Steering Committee
- Attend the Region 3 Conference in Wilmington, NC
- Nominated to serve as the incoming Region 3 Chair for 2024-2026
- Elected to serve as the Region 3 Chair for 2024-2026
- Attend the Annual Conference in Orlando, Florida- Begin term as Region 3 Chair

2022

- Serve as a member of the Small Colleges and University Learning Community Steering Committee
- Serve as a member of the Region 3 Conference Planning Committee (Communications Coordinator)
- Attend the Region 3 Conference in Knoxville, Tennessee.
- Serve as a member of the Region 3 Steering Committee as the Communications Coordinator

2021

- Become a NACADA Member
- Attend Virtual Region 3 Conference
- Attend Annual Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio