

# MY LEADERSHIP JOURNEY

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Years Advising: **15**

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## How has being a NACADA leader made a difference in your life?

Being a NACADA leader has profoundly impacted my professional growth, fostering invaluable connections, enhancing my leadership skills, and equipping me with innovative strategies to support student success and engagement.

## What is your proudest accomplishment in a NACADA leadership role?

My proudest accomplishment is the successful implementation of a mentoring program, which increased the connections of new advisor with experienced advisors, fostering academic and professional growth.

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

Embrace collaboration and continuously seek professional development opportunities to inspire and implement innovative advising practices that enhance student success and engagement.

## LEADERSHIP POSITIONS HELD:

2023

— Region 9 Chair, 2023-2025

2022

— Membership Recruitment and Retention Committee AND Co-Chair of Region 9 Conference with over 400 attendees in Orange, Anaheim, CA