August brings a sense of excitement to campuses. A new quarter or semester; a new institution; a new academic year. While we continue to be in unprecedented times, there is a great opportunity upon us to connect even more intentionally with transfer student populations. For those students who are starting at a community college with the aspirations of transferring to a four-year institution, they may have quickly adjusted their plans in the spring to account for the current climate. How can you work to set that student up for success and the long-range planning they need to start immediately in order to successfully transfer after they complete their associates degree, or complete a year of courses? For those who have incoming transfer students at the four-year institution, how do you better serve those students who may have to navigate your campuses much differently than they would have in previous semesters? Hopefully these are things we have already been thinking about, but now are the moments those ideas will come to full fruition.

I am going to quote a line from the recent NACADA e-mail from our leadership, because I think it bears repeating loudly for us all to hear. “These unprecedented times present new challenges daily, on our campuses and in our lives. Our association membership includes academic advisors, faculty, and student success staff who have continued to give support and guidance to students during these trying times. We want to acknowledge all you have done and thank you for the energy you continue to pour into your students, staff, and campuses.” Throughout these past few months, our advising community has hosted several events and opportunities to connect such as Transfer Talks, Bring Your Own Topic (BYOT) socials, and we’ve had several robust conversations on our listserv and social media. In all of this, we continue to see our commitment to transfer students play out. Thank you all for being such strong voices and advocates for transfer students around the globe. With over 40% of students in higher education transferring at some point in their academic journey, our group and the collective knowledge we share is extremely vital!

You see this particular part of the message every month, but I think it is important to continue to share the work we’re doing. If you know someone who would benefit from joining our community, please forward this message to them. For those of you who are new to the group this month, welcome!
If you are viewing this on the website, here are ways to official join and receive information in your e-mail inbox. If you are currently an NACADA member and want to make our Advising Community one of your 4 official advising communities that you are a member of, follow the directions below.

- Go to nacada.ksu.edu and log-in to the membership portal.
- Once you have logged in, you can then click on your name in the top right and then click on Edit under the My Communities portion of your profile.

Additionally, we have a lot of ways to engage members and we rely on you to help make this group as robust as possible. Whether it is engaging with our listserv (directions on how to join can be found by clicking here), our Facebook and Twitter accounts, or attending an event, this group is what you make of it.

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**Listserv Threads This Month**

We realize that many may not read through listservs topics right away, so hopefully having a condensed subject view and summary might give you a reason to go back and dig through your inboxes.

- **Transfer Seminar/ Transition Course** - This thread began with a request for sharing of syllabi and any assignments associated with transfer seminars/ transition courses.
- **Transfer Partnerships and Employee Opportunities** - this e-mail thread sought information on CC/4-year partnerships for employee benefits, including things such as CC employees wanting to pursue advanced degrees at a partner 4-year institution and receiving reduced tuition rates, scholarships, deferred payment, cohort programs, and programs relevant to working in higher education. **NOTE: There has not been much response to this yet, so if you have information to share, please do so.**
- **Job Descriptions Examples for Transfer Advisors/Community College Representatives** - this e-mail thread sought information to receive any job description examples for a transfer advisor position that encompasses advising, community college outreach, and transfer student programming.
Transfer Talk Recordings

Our July Transfer Talk- Making Campus Connections, was well attended. The session spotlighted two sessions that were accepted for regional conference presentations; both of these presentations focused on helping transfer students establish advising connections as they transition to four-year institutions. In one, two transfer counselors from the University of Hawai‘i shared some insight about advising students on the run (without a permanent office space), and the other discussed the DirectLink dual advising program at Kansas State University.

Recordings of all Transfer Talks can be found at https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1WWuQg0j4ijchapxdUkFk2VnVcRWESX AeO8oXHYpjxZI/edit #gid=0

Transfer Bring Your Own Topic (BYOT) Social
As mentioned before, we are going to continue to host a number of BYOT socials in the coming months. This month’s will be on Wednesday, August 12th at 3pm Central. The link is below the flyer.

https://ksu.zoom.us/j/97936960336?pwd=Z0w5SGlqRVBUV1hDUUV1cmRpeFNQdz09
Meeting ID: 979 3696 0336
Passcode: 982637
Annual Conference 2020
At this point, the annual conference is still planning to go on in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Registration is now open. Hotels options for the conference are now accepting reservations. See the link for details on costs, hotel and travel information. https://nacada.ksu.edu/Events/Annual-Conference/Registration-Information.aspx. Details on refund policies as well as the latest updates regarding the conference can be found at the conference website: https://nacada.ksu.edu/Events/Annual-Conference.aspx.

Annual Business Meeting
Each year at the annual conference, advising communities hold business meetings. We intend to be able to host the business meeting in person, but because many will be limited in their ability to travel this year, we’re going to also host a virtual annual business meeting this year as well. While we are finalizing the date/ time for this event, it will be in early October. More details will be shared soon. This is a great way to have your voice heard and share what we can to do make this advising community the most meaningful to you and your work.

Resource/ Article Spotlight
While many of the recent resources have been print resources, we change that up this month and highlight a podcast episode from the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) that is part of their podcast “College Admissions Decoded.” NACAC hosted an episode entitled: “Demystifying the College Transfer Process: What Students and Families Need to Know.” From their website: “This episode offers tips to potential transfer students and explores ways to make the transfer process between community colleges and four-year schools more seamless. The episode features Janet Marling, executive director of the National Institute for the Study of Transfer Students, and Dayna Bradstreet, senior associate director of admission at Simmons University in Boston. The conversation is moderated by Juleyka Lantigua-Williams.” While the focus is on admissions, there is a lot of material that crosses into advising. Additionally, the content can help advisors consider some of the information and misunderstandings that students may have as they plan on their transfer experience. The podcast can be found at this website: https://www.nacacnet.org/news--publications/podcast-college-admissions-decoded/episode-seven-demystifying-the-college-transfer-process/

If you believe you have a resource that is worth highlighting here, forward it to me at tlazarowicz2@unl.edu with a quick statement as to why you find that resource or article valuable.

As always, thank you so much for being a member of our advising community. If there is anything our advising community can do to help you with your role, please do not hesitate to reach out!