

# 2020 ACD Service Award Winner

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**WIONA  
PORATH**

Wiona is a Senior Academic Advisor at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland. She's been actively involved in the ACD since 2011 and has contributed to several working groups including the restructure group and also the communications group. She says she found her home in NACADA through the ACD and we agree! Her creativity, ingenuity and ability to execute on her ideas are all valuable skills she readily lends to the Division.

What's she currently up to? She's the Cluster (7) Representative (2019-2021) and is a very inspiring mentor in that role. She asks her Chairs to think beyond what's been done in the past and inspires such innovation! Wiona knows her stuff as she served as the Chair of the Small Colleges and Universities Advising Community from 2016-2018. She was also a Chair during the transition from commissions to communities, which she helped shape by her participation on that working group.

Wiona has also participated in many ways outside of the ACD. She will begin her role as the Administrative Representative to Council at the Annual Conference (2020-2022). In addition she served as the Finance Committee Chair (18-20), Finance Committee Member (15-19), and is an Emerging Leader Program Graduate (14-16 Class). She's also been involved at the regional level and has presented numerous times. Wiona received the Outstanding Advisor-Primary Role Award in 2012.

We are so lucky to have Wiona's multi-faceted perspective of the inner workings of NACADA. This makes her perspective very unique and utterly invaluable to the ACD!

Congratulations and thank you!

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**GAVIN  
FARBER**

Gavin Farber is an Academic Advisor II at Temple University's Fox School of Business and Management. He has been in this role for 9 years. Back in 2012, he joined NACADA and has not stopped giving back to the association since. His involvement started in the Region 2 Mentoring Program in 2013 as a mentee and later served as a mentor in 2015 and 2016. If anything is Gavin's specialty, it's mentoring and bringing people together!

Gavin has presented at NACADA state drive-ins and at all types of NACADA conferences on mid-level advisors, advisor mentoring, and advisor training and development. Gavin was elected the Advisor Training and Development Advising Community Chair for the 2019-2021 term. He's redesigned the advising community to offer new leadership roles through the creation of subcommittees. His association roles also include serving as the NACADA Region 2 Mentoring and Membership Coordinator and serving on the NACADA Professional Development Committee and NACADA Webinar Advisory Board.

Gavin is a ray of sunshine and the word "no" is not in his vocabulary when it comes to volunteering with NACADA. He's never met a stranger that he didn't convince to join his community - or the #nacadafamily! His energy is infectious and we cannot wait to see what he does during his second year as Chair of the ATD.

Thanks for all your work and congratulations!

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**WENDY  
SCHINDLER**

Wendy Schindler is the Program Coordinator of TRIO Student Support Services at Northern Kentucky University. She has been an active NACADA member since 2011 and her dedication to the ACD is inspirational. Her service-minded attitude lead her to collaborate on various ACD projects, such as designing new training sessions for AC chairs and assessing the ACD Fair. She is a consummate professional and has a deep knowledge of the workings of the ACD and NACADA, which she readily shares.

Wendy is incoming to the NACADA Council as the appointed Advising Communities Division Representative (2020-2022) and is finishing her term as a Cluster Representative for the ACD (2018-2020). She is a former Chair of the NACADA LGBTQA Advising and Advocacy Community (2014-2016) and has served on its steering committee for four years in an advisory role.

Wendy has presented extensively at NACADA Annual and Region conferences and her sessions have been AC-sponsored numerous times. Outside of the ACD, Wendy chaired the 2015 Region 3 Conference in Covington, KY and consequently served on the Region 3 steering committee. She has also serve on the Inclusion and Engagement Committee and participated in the Emerging Leaders Program. She is currently co-authoring two chapters for a forthcoming book about advising LGBTQA students. Wow! We are honored to have her serve as Division Rep!

Thanks for all your work and congratulations!