Hi All!

I hope everyone is gearing up for the Spring Semester, and is going into it well-rested, rejuvenated, and excited to see what the semester has to hold!

As part of our efforts to continue to build connectivity between the members of the NACADA High School to College Steering Committee Community, we have planned that each month, on the first of the month, we will be sending out a newsletter that will highlight: member ideas, best practices, on-going challenges, and bring together all of the wonderful members involved in our community.

A Few Ways to Get Involved:

- **Call-to-Action**: Each Newsletter will include a “Call-to-Action” section. This will include ideas that members would like to share; responses to questions we will pose; and best practices that members find to be helpful at their institutions.

- **Idea Corner**: You will also be able to send us ideas, that you would like us share, including, but not limited to: articles, best practices, intuitional programming, and questions that you have for the greater High School to College Steering Committee Community.

We will post a link in each “Call-to-Action” and “Idea Corner” section, allowing you to submit your responses to us! If your submission is shared, we will highlight you by sharing your name, title, and institution in the following newsletter.

As this is our first official High School to College Newsletter, we will start our first topic focusing on avenues for transitioning High School Students to College institutions. With the ever-changing times, transitioning students to a college institution can be challenging, to say the least. Although there is a myriad of ways to achieve this, every college and university has their own unique style. Some of the common styles being:

- Dual Enrollment/Concurrent Enrollment courses;
- Summer Transitional Programs;
- First Year Experience Programs;
- First Year Studies courses;
- Peer Mentors/Peer Advisors;
- Academic Advisor access and support.
With each of these practices that we individually use to positively impact our varied student populations, we understand that the avenues to achieve how advisors guide experiences for our students depends on the specific strategies and avenues that are taken. With each Advisor having their unique path to guiding students’ journeys, our questions, ideas, and challenges may differ; yet, our goal to facilitate student success remains the same. In spite of working with the same population of students in respect to college/university enrollment, we guide our students uniquely, for each student we meet is unique, and their knowledge, abilities, and dreams are different. In hopes of bringing our Community of Advisors together in a way that we can all grow, develop, and enhance our pathway to guide students from High School to College, we must have a deeper and more complete understanding of the best practices that are used, and available. This sharing and reflecting will make us not only individually stronger in our goal to increase student success, but will also make our institutions stronger.

In an effort to guide our next Newsletter, we hope to grow a complied resource list of best practices used by our Community members, to give more access to avenues and ideas that we can share and utilize at our individual institutions. As we start this journey, we hope to have each and every one of you involved to make this another insightful avenue to share the amazing work that we do with our students!

Thanks, and have a wonderful Spring Semester!

-Rashonne Founts
High School to College Steering Committee Member

To Be Featured in Our Next Newsletter:

Make sure to select a link below, and submit your best practices!

CALL TO ACTION: High School to College Best Practices Resource List
https://goo.gl/forms/L7C2PdX6qiltPQF03

IDEA CORNER: Have an Idea to share? Click the Link below!
https://goo.gl/forms/8oAdwYVz8Q2Vu2VG2

WEBSITE: https://www.nacada.ksu.edu/Community/Advising-Communities/High-School-to-College-Advising.aspx