

Different Tunes for Success:
Advising Students with Disabilities Commission

Greetings from Your Chairs



Erin (left) and Rebecca (right) at the national conference in 2009.

Outgoing Chair, Erin Hayes:

“My work the last two years centered around bringing more people into the conversation. Between reviewing our NACADA web pages, starting the Facebook commission page, and putting regional representatives into place, I hope I have begun to spread the dialogue and commission work to a more diverse group.

I look forward to working with Rebecca in the next two years as a volunteer.”

Incoming Chair, Rebecca Cofer:

“I am more than excited to be starting as Chair of the Advising Students with Disabilities Commission. Erin has done such a great job organizing the group and redoing some of our wonderful resources, so I am ready to continue her fantastic work.

One of the best things about NACADA is the small groups like this one that allow for some real personal connections. Please feel free to contact me any time with questions, ideas or concerns!”

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“Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision... It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results.”

~Unknown



Did You Know?

- After the GI Bill was passed in 1944, college enrollments had doubled since before the war
- The number of student with visual impairments declined from 1988 to 2000- from 30% to 16%
- More students with disabilities are going to 2 year colleges and vocational schools

*Info from Going to College (Getzel and Wehman)



Like us on Facebook- "Nacada- Students with disabilities commission"

FAQs

So, what exactly is the purpose of this particular group?

- serves as a resource by providing models for administrators, faculty, and staff whose primary responsibility is providing advising services for students with disabilities
- The commission seeks to establish standards of good practice in such areas as protection of privacy, documentation of disability, and determination of reasonable accommodation.

How can I get involved with this commission?

- Volunteer opportunities are always available (reading proposals, administrative tasks, updating social media, etc.)- ask the Chair for more info
- Like our "NACADA: Students with disabilities commission" page on Facebook to keep updated
- Post to the members on the listserv- stay abreast of the current issues and concerns at other institutions

Will I only communicate with members of the commission at the national conferences?

- While the annual conference is the only chance for us to see each other face-to-face, we can communicate in lots of other ways throughout the year (Facebook, Face Time on iPhones, Listserv, etc.)

Do I need to currently be working in a Disability Services office in order to join and be active in this commission?

- Not at all! Any NACADA member is welcome to be a part of this group. Whether we know it or not, we all work with students with disabilities

Commission Book Nook

Temple Grandin's *Thinking in Pictures: My Life with Autism*

John H. Stone's *Culture and Disability*

Charles W. Hoge's *Once a Warrior, Always a Warrior: Navigating the Transition from Combat to Home*

Scott Rigsby and Jenna Glatzer's *Unthinkable*

Bruce S. Sharkin's *College Students in Distress*

Nashville Commission Meeting

Date: Friday, October 5th

Time: 8:45 am-9:45 am

Location: Jackson E/F

Meet your fellow commission members and join us for some news and goal setting for the upcoming year.

