Hello community members and supporters! I hope your semester is going well.

My name is Christina Bowles, and I am an Academic Advisor at Missouri State University. I have been an advisor to undeclared students and an active member of NACADA for ten years. This is a new role for me as I have previously been involved in the Region Division. Thankfully, I have a wonderful and supportive steering committee who really should receive all the credit. I am excited about what this community has accomplished and plans to do over the coming months. If you have questions, or would like to be involved, please do not hesitate to contact me!

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Member Spotlight

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How long have you been supporting undecided/exploratory students?
9 years

Why did you join the Undecided and Exploratory Students Advising Community?
To deepen my understanding of the research and practice involved with supporting this population of students.

What makes you excited to work with Undeclared/Exploratory students?
I changed majors 6 times during undergrad and never used intentional resources to do so. Because of my own lived experience, I find deep value in helping other people uncovering who they can become.

What is the greatest challenge in working with this population?
The enormous pressure caused by external factors (parents, teachers, the media, society) on making 'the right' choice and making it as early as possible. In our work, we often have to do a fair amount of myth busting (major does not equal job, yes you CAN get a job with that degree) before a student can make progress.

What is one fun fact about you?
I'm a baseball fanatic and few things bring me more joy than teaching life skills through the game.

Do you want to introduce yourself to other community members? Sign up with our online form.

Upcoming Events

Save the Date!
Our next Exploratory Conversation will be in November. Details to come!
Interested in coordinating a conversation? Contact Christina

Annual Undecided and Exploratory Students Advising Community Social
Thursday, October 7th, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Nicholson’s Pub, 625 Walnut Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Annual Undecided and Exploratory Students Advising Community Meeting (In-Person)
Friday, October 8th, 2021, 8:45 AM to 9:45 AM
211, DECC

Virtual Annual Undecided and Exploratory Students Advising Community Meeting
Details to come!

Resources
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