

Platform Statement: Mentoring Program Chair

Greetings Colleagues:

I am Dr. Andrea Dorsey, an academic advisor at the University of the Virgin Islands for approximately eight years, and adjunct faculty in the School of Education. I am also an owner of a management training consulting firm specialized in creative leadership training and problem-solving strategies. As a NACADA member, I have served as a proposal evaluator for the annual conference. I have also served in various leadership roles to include: program coordinator for student remedial support services, chairperson for a task force committee focused upon developing initiatives in the areas of creativity, innovation, and change. Most recently, I led the implementation of an empowerment conference focused upon bridging theory with practice through a comprehensive approach toward community engagement and enrichment. In addition, my professional experiences include developing a mentoring program for at-risk students ranging from junior high to college level for approximately 10 years. This program involved both academic, personal, and professional development through a holistic approach.

In addition, my personal philosophy would include utilizing the platform of leadership for the means of empowering the lives of others. In an effort to lead according to this premise, I operate by the following core values of uncompromised integrity, unconditional positive regard, service to others, collaboration, ethics and professionalism, and openness to change. As your Mentoring Program Chair, I would aspire to:

- Continue to foster opportunities for growth and development through mentor-mentee relationships
- Continue to create initiatives that would allow for building meaningful relationships to encourage personal and professional development
- Continue to develop initiatives focused upon leadership training and problem-solving strategies

I would like to request your support in service as your Mentoring Program Chair. Thank you for your attention and consideration.

-Dr. Andrea J. Dorsey