

One of the areas that I have been keenly passionate about within NACADA has been professional development. I strongly believe that the best thing that an institution can do for its advisement teams is to provide opportunities for them to attend professional development opportunities and spend time in research. One of the ways I would like to assist in this would be to establish an institution-level toolkit - NACADA in a nutshell - that would allow advisors new to the profession to gain insight into what NACADA is and what it can do for them. Similarly, this toolkit can be used by experienced advisors in order to provide leadership opportunities at the campus level as almost a mini-NACADA liaison. When I started in advisement, it took several years before I truly saw the value of NACADA membership and I believe that campus liaisons will help to mitigate this problem while simultaneously giving members opportunity for leadership.