



NACADA Region 8
Newsletter
Spring 2019



Welcome!

The [NACADA Region 8 Steering Committee](#) and I hope you enjoy this first edition of our quarterly newsletter! This is a new way members can learn about NACADA events, professional development opportunities, and academic advising resources. We appreciate your membership and involvement, so please contact me at lpanga@uw.edu if you have any ideas, questions, or comments about how we can make Region 8 even greater.

Sincerely,
Leah Panganiban

NACADA Region 8 Chair

WHAT WE DO

8 truly is great. Every year the NACADA Region 8 Steering Committee creates goals whose outcomes align with NACADA's [Mission and Vision](#).

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#SUMMERTIME

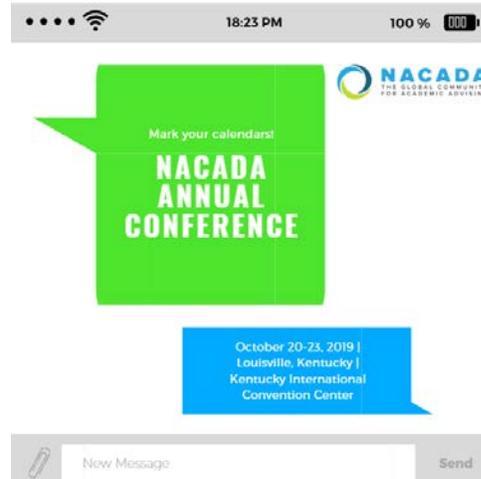
What's going on over the summer?

Check out page 3 for updates about things happening in Region 8 while the sun is out!

KUDOS!

Surprise to no one, someone in Region 8 is doing something AWESOME!

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GOALS

What's our plan?

1) Increase two-year-college advisor involvement

We value our colleagues in the two-year-college systems! Thus far, the subcommittee has implemented various policies and opportunities in support of this goal. We have created a two-year-college advising award and annual Region 8 conference scholarships specifically for two-year college advisors. We have also added a TYC liaison to the Steering Committee – Patrick Fernandez! Patrick is the first person to serve in this position and is open to questions, concerns, ideas, and emerging topics and trends for which you would like to see more professional development. Patrick can be reached via email at pfernandez@highline.edu.

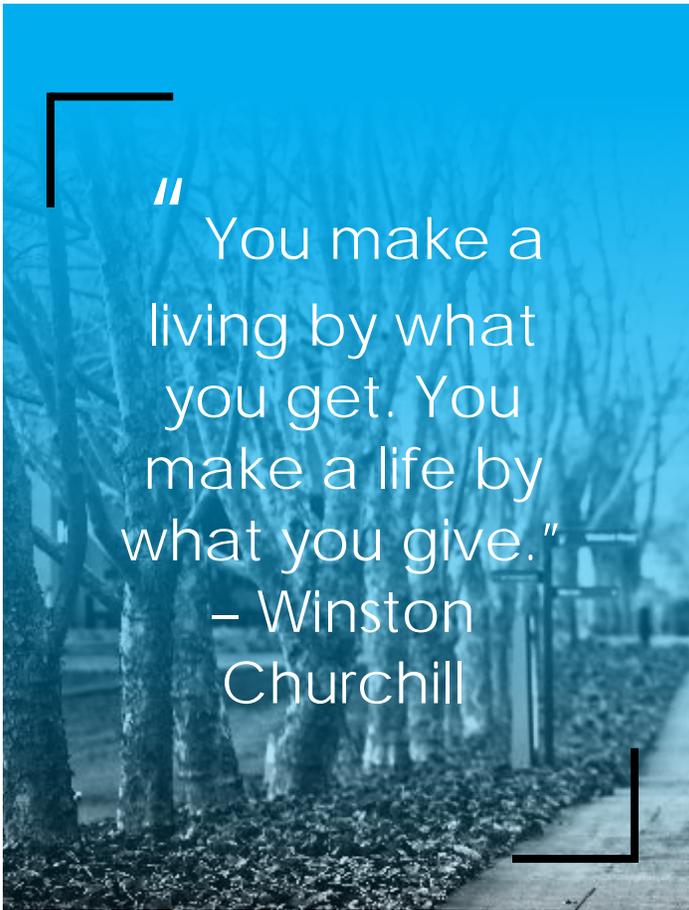
2) Raise awareness, production, and dissemination of scholarship and research

This subcommittee has some exciting events coming up that will help us reach our goal! In July, we will be hosting a webinar focused on brainstorming ideas for a research project (see page 3). Also, this year we created an Outstanding Contribution to Scholarship Award to recognize advisors whose research has the potential to have an impact on future scholarship and discussion. If you would like to get involved with this goal, please contact Brighton Brooks at brighton.brooks@alaska.edu.

3) Be transparent about who serves on the Region 8 steering committee and the work we do

The biggest project our subcommittee has worked on recently was organizing the New Steering Committee Member Orientation at the Region 8 Conference in Calgary. The orientation was a success with all of the new members in attendance either via Zoom or in person. We will organize a similar session to be held in Victoria 2020 for any new members. Our next project is focused on increasing transparency regarding the members of our current committee. Via the monthly “Meet your Steering Committee Member” posts on our [blog](#) and [Facebook](#) page, you can learn more about us, so be sure to check them out! We are also looking at different ways to increase visibility within the region, so please reach out to Kate Elias at eliask@seattleu.edu if you have any suggestions.





“ You make a living by what you get. You make a life by what you give.”
– Winston Churchill



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And the living is easy!

Looking for some patio reading?

Region 8 member Kurt Xyst (University of Washington) wrote:

[Kurt Xyst \(2016\) Constructivism, Dewey, and Academic Advising. NACADA Journal: 2016, Vol. 36, No.2, pp. 11-19](#)

Many published scholars argue for constructivism as a basis for academic advising theory. However, few have discussed the commensurate ontological assumptions of constructivist thinking. Potential problems with the metaphysical view of the student in contemporary academic advising may be attributable to constructivism. John Dewey's critique of dualism suggests that although constructivism proves fruitful for practice, academic advisors may need to reexamine the use of it to avoid creation of educationally harmful conditions for students. They can begin this investigation by looking at the work of John Dewey and by reconsidering their own assumptions about knowing and learning.

Awards and Scholarships:

Know someone who is an awesome advisor? Want to go to the Region 8 Conference in Victoria? Nominate a colleague or apply for a NACADA Region 8 Scholarship! This year there are some new categories so be sure to check them out. Applications open July 1st. For more information visit our [website](#). The new categories will be listed soon!

Upcoming Events:

Join Brighton Brooks on Tuesday, July 30th to learn about getting started with research through the webinar “Rockstar Research.” This will be part one of our three-part webinar series about practical strategies to engaging in research and scholarship. Join us at: <https://zoom.us/j/594183015>.

[Summer Institutes](#)

June 23rd-28th, 2019 – Lexington, KY, USA

July 21st-26th, 2019 – Little Rock, AR, USA

[Virtual Town Hall](#)

Friday, June 14th, 2019– Finding your NACADA Major: Taking your Next Steps in the Organization

[Conferences](#)

July 8th-11th, 2019 – Hasselt, Belgium - International Conference: “Student Autonomy: Advisors Creating Positive Change for Students”

Kudos and Shout-Outs

Kyle Ross and Kristi Overfelt have been selected as Emerging Leaders Program (ELP) Mentors for the 2019-2021 cohort! Congratulations to them both!! [Click here to learn more about the ELP.](#)

Kyle Ross recently earned his Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership from Washington State University Department of Educational Leadership, Sport Studies, and Educational/Counseling Psychology. His dissertation topic is "Building Capacity for Adult and Organizational Learning to Address RN-BSN Student Attrition". Congratulations, Kyle!

NACADA Annual Award Winners

Anna Chow (Washington State University): Advising Administrator Winner

Laura Robson (University of Idaho): Primary Advising Role Winner

Anna McLeod (Washington State University Everett): Primary Advising Role Certificate of Merit

Leonard Garrison (University of Idaho): Faculty Advising Certificate of Merit

Shawna Bertlin (University of Idaho): New Advisor Winner

Stephanie Heffner (University of Oregon): New Advisor Winner

In the Next Issue

Keep an eye on your inboxes in September for the Fall issue of the quarterly Region 8 Newsletter!

- NACADA Region 8 Resources Page
- Information about Volunteering
- Highlight on Victoria – why you should attend the R8 conference next year!
- NACADA Advisory board information
- Information about the NACADA compendium

Want to be involved?

If you have ideas for content for the newsletter or want to reach out, please contact the Bri Harvie (newsletter editor) at bharvie@mtroyal.ca.

Stay in Touch

