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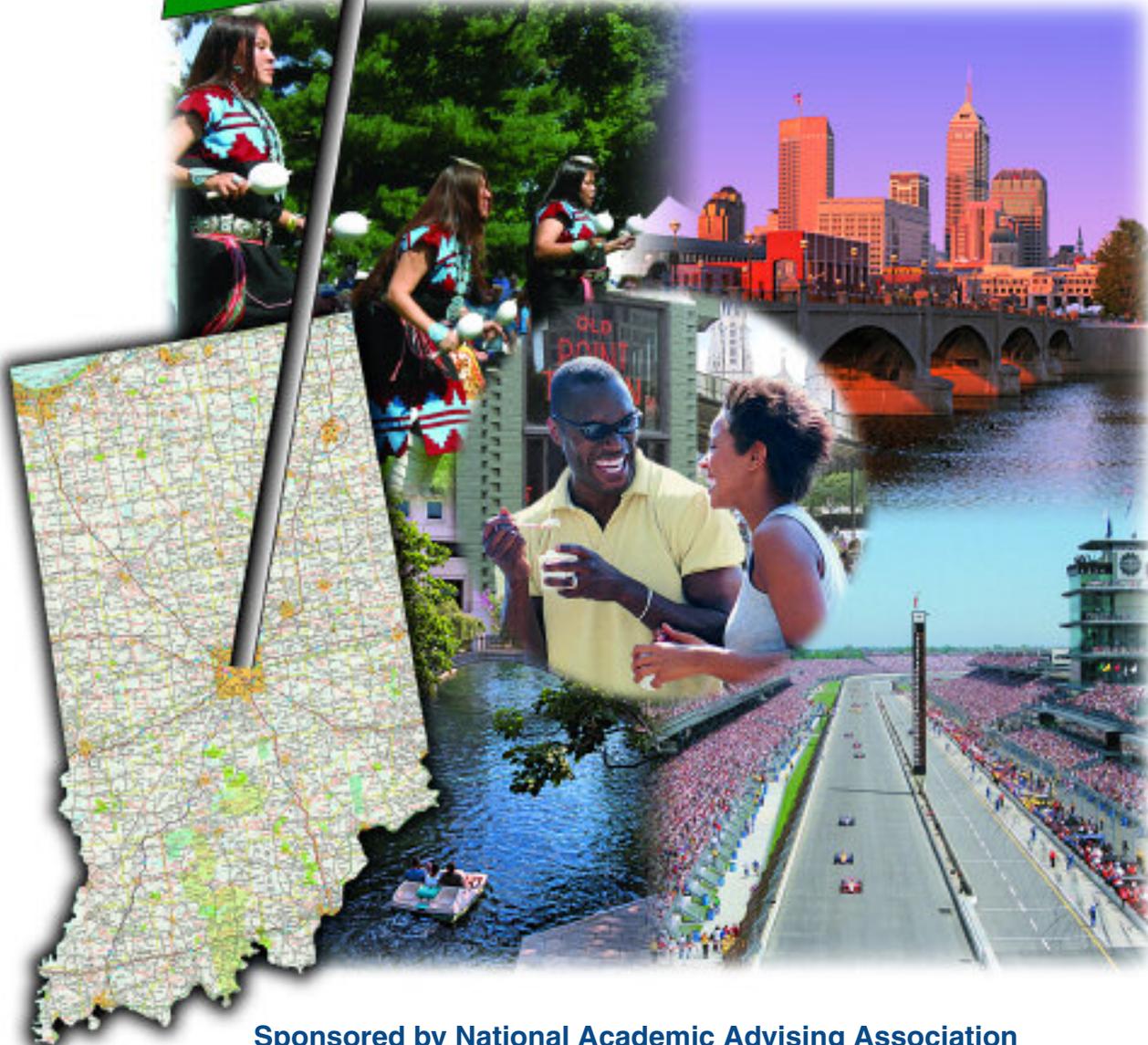
NACADA
National Academic Advising Association

30TH NATIONAL CONFERENCE
ON ACADEMIC ADVISING

Indianapolis, Indiana

October 18-21, 2006

***Diverse Advising
for a
Diverse World***



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NACADA Conference Invitation

If you haven't traveled to Indianapolis in a few years, now is your chance to see one of the most transformed cities in the United States. And while you're at it, you will get a chance to contribute to an exciting look at academic advising and how it can help transform the face of higher education. The 30th National Conference on Academic Advising will be held October 18-21, 2006 in the Indiana Convention Center and the Westin Hotel. This year's theme is *Diverse Advising for a Diverse World*.

Academic advisors are positioned to help future citizens make sense of their personal and academic goals, the myriad of career directions, and the abundance of opportunities that these students face. Meanwhile, the world around us is becoming ever more diverse. President Bush has recognized that the United States must make significant strides toward improved competence in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics in order to remain competitive in world markets. The world continues to struggle with issues of war, terrorism, energy needs, and genocide. Higher education will have to become even more involved with the topics of access, success, and engagement in order to remain a vital part of addressing these concerns.

Two keynote speakers will help us understand what role advising can play in helping our students become the leaders we need. George Kuh is the Director of the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) and an Indiana University faculty member. The measures of effective educational practice identified through NSSE have been used to begin transforming the landscape of some campuses, leading to effective learning environments for a broad and diverse student body. Donald Thompson is Acting Assistant Director of the National Science Foundation (NSF) and its portfolio of programs to improve the teaching and learning of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). He brings campus experience combined with an inside view of policies in Washington, helping us articulate important insights to our students.

During the conference, you will find plenty of sessions to help you understand the diverse world of academic advising. You might find it in one of more than 300 concurrent sessions, posters, interest group, or commission meetings or in conversations over a meal. Plan to spend some relaxing time outside of the conference visiting one of the nearby award-winning museums or the Indianapolis Zoo, walking along the canal, or shopping in the convenient Circle Centre. Come join us in beautiful Indianapolis and Restart your Engines!

Jo Anne Huber
NACADA President

Bobbie Flaherty
NACADA Executive Director

Alan Welch
2006 National Conference Chair

Conference Overview

Wednesday, October 18

9:00 am–5:15 pm	Pre-conference Workshops
4:00–7:00 pm	Exhibits
7:00–8:30 pm	Opening Plenary Address—George Kuh
8:30–10:30 pm	Welcome Reception

Thursday, October 19

7:30–8:30 am	Full Buffet Breakfast Commission/Interest Group Fair
8:00 am–5:00 pm	Exhibits
8:45–9:45 am	25 Individual Sessions
10:00–11:00 am	25 Individual Sessions
11:15–12:15 pm	25 Individual Sessions
12:15–2:00 pm	Lunch on your own
2:00–3:00 pm	25 Individual Sessions
3:15–4:15 pm	25 Individual Sessions
4:30–5:30 pm	Region Meetings Exhibitor Presentation

Friday, October 20

7:30–8:45 am	Full Buffet Breakfast Poster Session
8:45–10:00 am	Plenary Address—Donald Thompson
8:00 am–4:30 pm	Exhibits
10:15–11:15 am	25 Individual Sessions
11:30 am–12:30 pm	25 Individual Sessions
12:30–2:00 pm	Lunch on your own
2:00–3:00 pm	25 Individual Sessions
3:15–4:15 pm	25 Individual Sessions
4:30–5:30 pm	25 Individual Sessions
5:45–6:15 pm	Annual NACADA Business Meeting

Saturday, October 21

7:00–8:00 am	Full Buffet Breakfast
8:00–9:00 am	25 Individual Sessions
9:15–10:15 am	25 Individual Sessions
10:30–11:30 am	Hot Topics
11:30 am	Conference Ends

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This brochure, plus updated conference information, can be viewed at www.nacada.ksu.edu

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About NACADA

The National Academic Advising Association grew out of the first National Conference on Academic Advising in 1977 and now has over 9,000 members representing every state, Canada, Puerto Rico, and several other countries. Members represent higher education institutions across the spectrum of Carnegie college classifications and include professional advisors, counselors, faculty, administrators, and students working to ensure the educational development of students.

NACADA strives to enhance academic advising by supporting:

- ACADV (electronic listserv for worldwide discussions on advising issues)
- Active Involvement/Leadership Opportunities
- Awards Program
- Commissions/Interest Groups (to address specific advising interests)
- Institutes (Administrators, Assessment, Summer)
- Topical Seminars
- Conferences (regional and national)
- Consultants Bureau (assistance to institutions interested in enhancing advising services on campus)
- Member Career Services
- National Clearinghouse for Academic Advising (repository and distribution center for information)
- Networking and Professional Identity
- Publications (refereed *NACADA Journal*, *Academic Advising Today* quarterly newsletter, monographs, books)
- Research Grants
- Scholarships
- Videos on Academic Advising to Foster Retention and Advisor Training

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About Indianapolis

What to do in Indy? Attractions abound in downtown: **White River State Park**, one block from the Convention Center, is home to the newly expanded **Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art**, a showplace for the art, culture and history of the American West and its indigenous people. The park also contains the **Central Canal**, a 10½ block area that has been transformed into a garden-like oasis with lush

landscaping, fountains, walkways, and jogging paths. **The Indianapolis Zoo** occupies 64 acres in the park, and features a Dolphin Adventure.

Follow the journey of the student-athlete at the **NCAA Hall of Champions**, where visitors can see and hear athletes and coaches describe how they excelled in their respective sports. When it comes to racing, Indianapolis takes the checkered flag every time. Visit the Hall of Fame Museum on the grounds of the **Indianapolis Motor Speedway** to discover how the city's love affair with racing started.

Attend the **Indiana Repertory Theatre** for the best in professional theatre including comedies, dramas and musicals, both contemporary and classic. Take a listen to the **Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra**. Love shopping? The **Circle Centre Mall**, directly connected to the Convention Center and several hotels, offers more than 100 shopping, dining and entertainment options. The **nightlife** in Indianapolis is as varied and vibrant as its other offerings. Relax in a cozy lounge while listening to cool jazz, get your groove on in a high-energy dance club or sip sophisticated concoctions in an upscale martini bar. Whatever your pleasure, Indianapolis promises to not go to sleep until you do!

What to eat in Indy? Indy's diverse and abundant (over 200 downtown) restaurant selection gives diners a lot to chew on, from familiar chain restaurants to exciting and surprising independent, local establishments serving up their own specialties. Travel around the globe without ever leaving the city with Indy's impressive variety of ethnic eateries. Catch the big game on one of the many TVs at area sports bars and neighborhood pubs, many located in or near hotel properties.

Go to www.indy.org for more information on Indianapolis.

Volunteer Opportunities

At this year's conference we have many opportunities for participants to get involved. It doesn't have to be an all-day commitment; a couple of hours would be helpful. It's a good way to meet new people. If you are interested in serving as a volunteer (helping at the hospitality desk, assisting with the evaluation process, etc.), please contact Larry Ottinger, Ball State University: lottinge@bsu.edu Be sure to mention in the e-mail if there is a particular area/time in which you would like to volunteer or if you are open to any assignment.

Indianapolis Hospitality/Volunteer Center

The Hospitality Desk will be open daily throughout the conference from **4:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 17, through Saturday noon, October 21**. Plan to visit the Hospitality Desk in the second floor foyer of the Indiana Convention Center, just across the skyway from the Westin Hotel. There will be knowledgeable volunteers with information about local attractions and restaurants.

Dinner Group Sign Up

If you'd like to meet other attendees and perhaps share dinner or evening entertainment opportunities, come to the Hospitality Desk in the second floor foyer of the Convention Center. Volunteers will have restaurant suggestions and sign up sheets to facilitate forming informal dinner groups

NACADA National Awards Program

The National Awards Program honors the people, programs, institutions, and technology innovations making significant contributions to the field of academic advising. A special Awards Reception will be held for award recipients and their invited guests on Wednesday afternoon prior to the opening general session of the national conference.

Award recipients will also be recognized as a group at the opening general session, on posters with photos of the awardees displayed throughout the conference, and in a special booklet listing all award recipients that will be included in the conference registration materials. There will be several other opportunities for conference attendees to acknowledge and honor their colleagues, such as during the Region, Commission, and Interest Group meetings, as well as at the opening night's Welcome Reception.

Region Meetings

Come to one of the ten Region Meetings on **Thursday, October 19, from 4:30–5:30 p.m.** A region meeting is your opportunity as a colleague to informally discuss issues and topics that affect your region, network with one another, hear about what's up and coming in your region, learn how to get more involved in NACADA, stay informed, and to generate ideas for the upcoming year.

Conference Highlights

Commission/Interest Group Fair

All NACADA members are given the opportunity to join commissions and interest groups each year, (up to a total of four) but when making their selection, often some members are not fully aware of what our commissions and interest groups have to offer. On **Thursday, October 19, from 7:30–8:30 a.m.**, we will host the seventh annual Commission/Interest Group Fair. Each commission and interest group chair will have an informational table with material concerning their group's goals and activities and how you can get involved. Come join the commissions and interest groups in this excellent opportunity to meet and network with your colleagues during a full buffet breakfast. All attendees are invited, whether or not you have joined any commissions or interest groups. The buffet breakfast is included in the conference registration fee.

Poster Sessions

On **Friday, October 20, from 7:30–8:45 a.m.** we will be focusing on our excellent poster sessions which will be built around a buffet breakfast for all participants. Poster presenters will have an opportunity to discuss their presentations with participants one-on-one or in small groups to facilitate sharing valuable information. We feel this enhanced Poster Session opportunity will be a wonderful asset for our conference. The buffet breakfast is included in the conference fee.

Breakfast for New Advisors

To inaugurate the 2006-2007 initiative of "*Building the Next Generation of Academic Advisors*," President Jo Anne Huber and President-Elect Susan Campbell invite all those who have been

advising three or fewer years to join them and other NACADA Leaders for a buffet breakfast **7:00–8:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 21**. It will be a chance for new advisors (professional, faculty, or peer), to meet and join in the discussion on how NACADA can support new advising professionals in their careers and in their work with students. Chairs of the New Advising Professionals Interest Group will also be in attendance to meet all participants.

NACADA Choir

Join the NACADA choir for another thrilling performance! Linda Gillingham will coordinate and direct the seventh annual NACADA choir performance at the **8:45 a.m. Plenary Session on Friday, October 20**. First-time and returning singers of all abilities are welcome. Come join the fun!

We will rehearse **5:30–6:30 p.m. Thursday, October 19, right after the Regional Meetings**. Some of us may want to then explore dinner options together. We'll warm-up at 7:00 a.m. on Friday just prior to performing. You will have time to visit the Poster Session after the warm up.

It's not necessary to register in advance. Check at the conference registration area for rehearsal locations—they will also be listed in the onsite conference program. Please join us; you'll have a blast! If you have any questions, email Linda Gillingham:
linda.h.gillingham@cmich.edu

Involvement in NACADA: Contributing to the Association's Diversity

NACADA encourages involvement from its diverse membership in all areas of the association—in addition to leadership positions, you can volunteer for regional and commission steering activities and committees, serve on national committees,

write for the Newsletter, *Journal*, or Web resources, or sign up for the Consultants' Bureau. Whether you are a new or seasoned advisor, association involvement is an excellent step toward becoming successful in the profession as well as reaping personal rewards. You're invited to attend this panel discussion **Friday, October 20, from 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.**

NACADA "Hot Topic" Sessions

Plan to attend one of the "Hot Topic" sessions presented by many NACADA Commissions and Interest Groups on **Saturday, 10:30–11:30 a.m.**! A variety of interesting and thought-provoking topics will be discussed. Having these "Hot Topics" as the closing concurrent sessions should provide a strong quality end to the conference, increase participation in the last sessions of the conference, and provide commissions and Interest Groups an opportunity to gain additional exposure. These "Hot Topic" sessions will provide a forum for discussion on a major issue as well as serving as an additional opportunity for members to network one last time.

Most leaders have chosen a specific "Hot Topic" to be addressed. Those sessions are identified in this brochure under the appropriate track. Don't miss out on this unique opportunity!

New format this year: Panel Sessions

Presenters from different institutions have come together to form ten panel sessions. Each session will feature a moderated panel format, where several presenters will speak for about 20 minutes each, plus a follow-up question time. Be sure to attend one or more of the panels in order to gain different perspectives on topics of relevance to all advisors.

Special Appreciation

Thanks are extended to the **College of Education at Kansas State University** for its continuing support of NACADA's Executive Office.

Commission and Interest Group Meetings

These sessions scheduled through out the conference focus on specific aspects of advising. Plan to share ideas, develop resources, and identify topics for future regional and national conference sessions.

NACADA Annual Business Meeting

The NACADA Annual Business Meeting will include a summary of current issues and initiatives. Participants will have the opportunity to share questions and comments. The Annual Business Meeting will be held **Friday, October 20th, from 5:45–6:15 p.m.** Plan to attend and take this opportunity to hear about the path NACADA is planning for the future and provide feedback as to what you would like from the organization.

NACADA “School Spirit” Day

Thursday is Spirit Day at the conference. Show your school spirit on **Thursday, October 19** by wearing a rugby, polo shirt or T-shirt from your institution. Join the fun and see how many different schools are represented!

Conference Attire

Comfortable and casual best describe the “dress code” at NACADA national conferences. Wear comfortable shoes—sessions will be both in the Westin Hotel and the Convention Center—with access between them either via an elevated climate controlled skywalk or at the street level. Learning and networking are emphasized, not a formal dress code.

Special Door Prizes!

Door prizes will be awarded and winners’ names posted at the NACADA registration area and exhibit booth. Prizes include a free registration to the 2007 NACADA national conference in Baltimore, MD; a complete set of NACADA monographs & *Family Guide*; individual copies of NACADA monographs published from 2004–2006; the *Academic Advising Handbook*; NACADA apparel; and a NACADA 25th anniversary travel mug. Be sure to visit the NACADA exhibit booth to register for these prizes. Winners must pick up prizes at the NACADA exhibit booth before closing at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 21.

Exhibits

The Exhibit Hall will be open **Wednesday, 4:00–7:00 p.m.; Thursday, 8:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m. and 1:30–5:00 p.m.; and Friday, 8:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m. and 1:30–4:30 p.m.** Vendors with products and services of interest to advisors will be attending the conference. Exhibitors will be listed in the conference program.

The Exhibit Hall will also feature NACADA publications and promotional items for sale and the Cyber Café.

Continuing Education Units

NACADA is recognized by the National Board for Certified Counselors to offer continuing education units (CEUs) for National Certified Counselors. It is the responsibility of the attendee to abide by NBCC Continuing Education Guidelines. Information will be available at the conference registration desk.

Graduate Certificate Program in Academic Advising

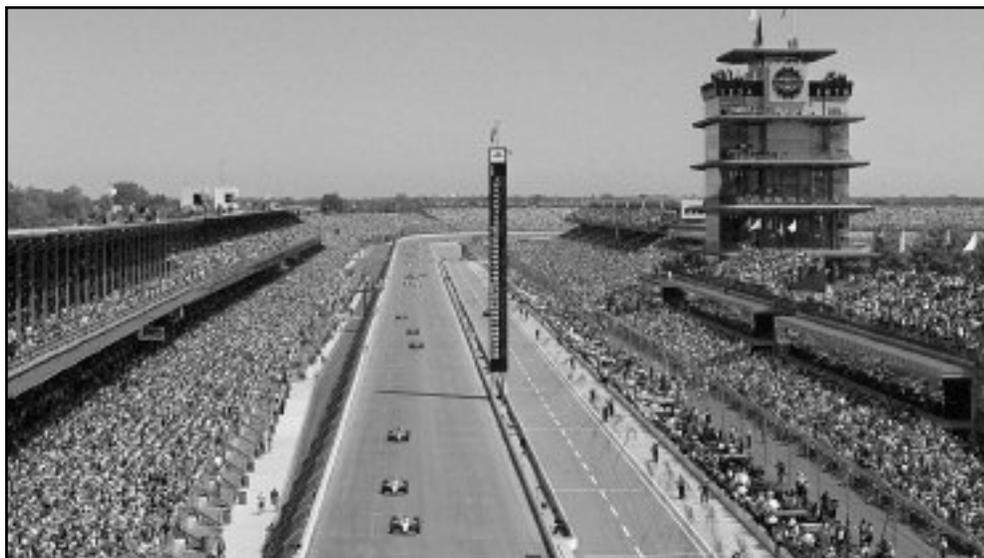
Kansas State University, in partnership with NACADA, offers an on-line Graduate Certificate Program in Academic Advising. The 15-semester credit certificate program is offered totally on-line. Students work at their own pace to complete the course or courses within a semester/term time frame. For more information on the program and procedures for applying for the certificate program, visit www.nacada.ksu.edu/GraduateCertificate/index.htm.

Conference Hotels

The official hotels are the **Westin Indianapolis, Indianapolis Marriott Downtown, Hyatt Regency Indianapolis, Crowne Plaza at Historic Union Station, and Hampton Inn Downtown.** After September 26, rooms and rates are based on availability. NACADA's room allocation at the various hotels may sell out before this date. Look over the conference schedule and make your reservations as soon as possible. Please note that the conference ends on a Saturday, so you may want to compare the cost of an additional hotel room night to a potentially higher airfare without a Saturday night stay. If you'd like to economize but don't have a roommate, click on *Sharing Hotel Accommodations* at www.nacada.ksu.edu/NationalConf/2006/index.htm.

All five official conference hotels are within 2½ blocks of the Convention Center and Westin Hotel where conference sessions will be held. In addition to being easily accessible at street level, most are connected to the Convention Center by a climate-controlled skywalk. Hotel rates and reservation instructions are at www.nacada.ksu.edu. Click on National Conference, then Hotel Information. To receive the special conference rates, all reservations must be directed to the Housing Bureau. If you have any questions about the reservation process, including changes or cancellations for an existing reservation, email housing@indianapolis.org. The hotels cannot take reservations directly from individual attendees.

When you reserve your hotel room, we ask that you stay in one of the official hotels and reserve it through the official Housing



“The Greatest Spectacle in Racing,” the Indianapolis 500, takes place at the famed oval of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Bureau. Staying at a conference hotel and using the Housing Bureau reduces meeting expenses by strengthening NACADA's "buying power" when negotiating with hotels for future rates. If NACADA does not meet its room guarantee at each hotel, penalties are charged, which in turn raises registration fees for upcoming meetings. Please support NACADA and reserve your hotel room through the Housing Bureau. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Optional Tours

If you have some free time during non-conference hours, **Accent on Indianapolis, Inc.** is offering three daytime tours on

Wednesday, October 18 plus a dinner theatre on **Thursday** evening. Read extended descriptions of the tours on page 40 and print the registration form at www.nacada.ksu.edu. These tours are optional, not part of the conference.

- A motor coach tour of the city's best known landmarks plus a visit to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway
- Tour the restored and preserved historical homes of President Benjamin Harrison and James Whitcomb Riley, creator of Little Orphan Annie. Includes drive-by views of other significant homes.
- Visit the quaint village of Nashville, a haven for artists with 250 shops offering the finest handmade items. After lunch drive through Indiana University's campus, then visit a winery that produces regional specialty wines.
- Thursday evening, enjoy a sumptuous dinner buffet, then sit back and enjoy a theater production of the classic musical "South Pacific".

Airline Discount Fares

American (authorization # 06H6AE): 5% discount on qualifying base fares. Call: 1-800-433-1790 (\$10 service fee for phone reservations). **Note: You or your travel agent must call** this convention reservations number, not the general airline reservation number, and reference this authorization number in order to receive the discount.

Continental: (Z Code: ZSS5 Agreement code: VHJWKY): 2% discount less than \$299; 5% discount \$299-\$598, additional 3% discount if booking online. Call: 1-800-468-7022 (\$10 service fee per ticket for phone reservations) or book online at www.continental.com (no service fee). Put Z Code and Agreement Code in Offer Code Box with no space.

Ground Transportation to Downtown Hotels

Taxi service: Taxicabs are outside of baggage claim. The fare is \$20-25.00 for one person; additional persons are \$.65 each.

Share-ride limo service: Carey Indiana is in the Ground Transportation Center, across the street outside baggage claim. The fare is \$11.00 per person. You may make advance reservations at (800) 888-INDY or just go to their desk in the Ground Transportation Center upon arrival.

Arriving by auto: Indianapolis is intersected by more segments of interstate and U.S. highways than any other metro area: I-69, I-70, I-74, I-65, I-465, I-865, and U.S. 40. Check with your hotel for specific instructions.

AVIS Car Rental

AVIS has arranged for special convention rates valid one week before and after the conference. Should a lower promotional rate become available, Avis will offer the lowest rate at the time of booking. You must reference NACADA's Avis Discount Number (AWD) **J097937** to receive the special rates.

Call **AVIS at (800) 331-1600** or your travel agent. Refer to **AWD J097937**. You can book online at www.nacada.ksu.edu/NationalConf/2006/discounts.htm. The AWD number is built-in at that link.



Indianapolis skyline looking from the Central Canal

NACADA Member Career Services

Looking for a new position or tips on how to successfully advance your career?

If so, plan to stop by the Member Career Services desk at the conference!

The NACADA Member Career Services committee is committed to helping you advance your career. We will be offering a number of services at the National Conference, including the opportunity to have your résumé/CV and/or cover letter critiqued and even the possibility of interviewing for open positions throughout the country. We aim to be instrumental in connecting job-searching members with administrators that have available positions to fill. You may be able to meet your potential employer or candidate and actually interview at the conference in Indianapolis. Look for our counter located in the Exhibit area.

Members Seeking Employment:

❖ Members who are seeking a new position or advancement in higher education are encouraged to bring several copies of their résumé to the conference. We will have professionals on site to give you constructive feedback on how to improve your cover letter and/or résumé/CV. In addition, résumés may be submitted for available positions. Job descriptions will be posted on a bulletin board and in binders for perusal.

❖ Interested candidates will need one résumé for each position for which they would like to apply. They will be provided to any employers who are at the conference so they can contact candidates and schedule interviews.

Employers:

❖ Employers who are interested in posting available positions at the conference need to bring at least 20 copies of the position description to the conference. These need to be submitted to the Member Career Services table in the exhibit area as soon as possible, where they will be posted on a bulletin board and included in binders for perusal by candidates.

❖ Employers will be able to pre-screen candidates and schedule their own interviews. Come prepared to interview candidates on site if you would like!

Keynote Speakers



George D. Kuh will speak at the opening plenary session on **Wednesday, October 18, 7:00 p.m.** He will share the four top strategies used by academic advisors at “DEEP” institutions

that have proven successful in helping students from a wide range of abilities and backgrounds succeed in college.

Dr. Kuh is Chancellor’s Professor of Higher Education at Indiana University Bloomington. He directs IU’s Center for Postsecondary Research, home to the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) and related surveys for faculty and law school students, the NSSE Institute for Effective Educational Practice, and the College Student Experiences Questionnaire Research Program. He received the B.A. from Luther College, the M.S. from the St. Cloud State University, and the Ph.D. from the University of Iowa. At Indiana University, he served as chairperson of the Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in the School of Education, and Associate Dean of the Faculties for the Bloomington campus.

Dr. Kuh has published about 300 items and made several hundred presentations on topics related to assessment, institutional improvement, and campus cultures.

Among his 20 books and monographs are *Student Success in College: Creating Conditions That Matter* (2005), *Student Learning Outside the Classroom: Transcending Artificial Boundaries* (1994), *Involving Colleges* (1991), *The Invisible Tapestry: Culture in American Colleges and Universities* (1988), and *Indices of Quality in the Undergraduate Experience*. He is active in the American College Personnel Association (ACPA), Association for American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U), Association for the Study of Higher Education (ASHE), Association for Institutional Research (AIR), American Educational Research Association (AERA), and the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA). He is past-president of ASHE and serves on the editorial boards of *Change* and *Liberal Education*.

He has received awards for his research and writing from ACPA, AIR, ASHE, and NASPA. In addition, he received the Academic Leadership Award from the Council of Independent Colleges, the Virginia B. Smith Award for Innovative

Leadership from the National Center for Public Policy in Higher Education, the Lifetime Achievement Award from ACPA, and two honorary degrees (Luther College, Millikin University). In 2001 he received Indiana University’s prestigious Tracy Sonneborn Award for a distinguished record of scholarship and teaching.



Donald Thompson will speak **Friday, October 20 at 8:45 a.m.** He will bring campus experience combined with an inside view of policies in Washington, to help us articulate important insights to our students.

Dr. Thompson has worked in higher education and government for more than twenty-five years. He has earned wide respect for his work in urban education administration and evaluation methodology. As a national and international consultant, he has assisted both public and private sectors in refining systemic approaches to planning and program operations, establishing comprehensive human resource policies, and developing education policies and practices. He has provided guidance on systems evaluation and community planning to some of the nation’s largest foundations.

On January 1, 2005, he was named Acting Assistant Director of the National Science Foundation (NSF) with responsibility for the agency’s Education and Human Resources (EHR) Directorate and its extensive portfolio of programs to improve the

teaching and learning of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). He manages a \$900+ million budget supporting 28 national and international programs with a staff of approximately 150.

As a tenured professor of Urban Studies and Education, and a member of the graduate faculty at the University of Michigan’s Flint and Ann Arbor campuses, he taught courses in the fields of sociolinguistics, urban education and statistics. Additionally, he served as the University’s Director for the Division of Health, Education and Social Professions. He developed and directed the Office of Projects for Urban and Regional Affairs (PURA) which focused on evaluation and assessment of local municipalities and building capacity in urban settings.

At Western Michigan University, Dr. Thompson served in numerous capacities including Dean of the College of Education, Associate Vice-President for Academic Affairs and Vice President for Research and Dean of the Graduate College. Dr. Thompson led the dramatic growth of research and graduate studies that catapulted the university to be ranked as one of the nation’s Doctoral Extensive Research Universities. Additionally, he worked to put in place a 347-acre business technology research park now housing more than twenty companies (along with the College of Engineering) focusing on life sciences, information technology and the pharmaceutical industry.



Indianapolis skyline

Panel Sessions:

New for 2006! Attend one or more of these exciting panels to learn more on these relevant topics.

Transfer Transition: Two Approaches

Susan Weir, Linda Martin, Mary Ann Harris
Oklahoma State University
Charlene Stinard, Robert Snow, Jacqueline Jessup
University of Central Florida
Moderator: *Anita Carter*, Wayne State University

Advisors and Advising that Impacts Adult Learners

Teri Farr, Illinois State University
Susan Adams, Meredith College
Erika Laquer, Smith College
Heidi Waltz, University of North Carolina-Charlotte
Sharon Aiken-Winiewski, Sandy McLelland, University of Utah
Moderator: *Kenn Skorupa*, DePaul University

Working with High Achieving Students: Who They Are and What They Need

Rich Robbins, Cornell University
Marion Schwartz, Penn State University
Richelle Brown, Indiana University
Moderator: *Iona Black*, Yale University

Effective Intrusive Advising Programs

Christopher Gregory, LaDonna Bridges
Framingham State College
Barbara Miller, Karen Clement, Kent State University
Linda Hapsmith, University of Alaska Fairbanks
Moderator: *Jenny Bloom*, University of Illinois

International Education and Academic Advising

Ann Schneider, Independent International Education Consultant
Martha Greer, University of Iowa
Moderator: *Kris Rugsaken*, Ball State University

Understanding the Needs of Millennial Students

Mark Vegter, Illinois State University
Stephanie Hamington, University of Southern Indiana
Moderator: *Jill Johnson*, University of Guelph

Advising at a Distance: Experimenting for Success

Ann Sukalac, Linfield College
Gaye Luna, Catherine Medina, Northern Arizona University
Moderator: *George Steele*, Ohio Learning Network

Are Specialized Transition Programs Needed for Special Student Populations?

Terri Forsbach-Rothman, Dana Forsbach
Monmouth University
Michael Randle, San Jose State University
Moderator: *Nancy Walburn*, University of Alabama-Birmingham

Active and Guard and Reserve, Oh My! Creating a Military-Friendly Campus

Margaret Kindsvatter, Harford Community College
Deborah Cynar, University of Alaska Fairbanks
Moderator: *Rex Fodrea*, Purdue University

Blurred Boundaries: Advising and Teaching

Kathleen Brown, St. Edward's University
Ned Donnelly, University of Cincinnati
Rhonda Sprague, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
Moderator: *Maura Reynolds*, Hope College

Best of Region Winners!

Congratulations to our Best of Region winners from the 2006 regional conferences. Come listen to some of the Best of the Best!

Best of Region 1

It's All Fun & Games Until Someone Gets Trained
Terri Downing, Franklin Pierce College
Susan Kolls, Northeastern University

Best of Region 2

Academic Advising via Online Communication: Bearing the Facts While Avoiding Cyber and Legal Bear Traps
Rebecca Sterley, Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Best of Region 3

Drawing Conclusions Through an Interactive Online Advising Training Manual
Carla Hatfield, Mark Templeton, Barbara Hensley
Middle Tennessee State University

Best of Region 4

Breaking Bad News to Students: Delivery is Key
Jose Rodriguez, Florida International University

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