

I have over 15 years of experience in the field of education. For the past few months, I have been a Faculty Coach working with students in Walden University's competency-based learning M.S. in Early Childhood Studies program. For over three years prior to that, I was an Academic Advisor for students in management and technology doctoral programs. My experience prior to Walden was as a high school social studies teacher. I have an undergraduate degree in history from the University of Wisconsin, an M.Ed. in Teaching Social Studies from the University of Minnesota, and a Graduate Certificate in Academic Advising from Kansas State University.

As I attempted to move out of teaching and into academic advising, I decided to pursue a Graduate Certificate in Academic Advising at Kansas State. During that program, I learned about NACADA, joined the organization, and attended the 2011 National Conference in Denver. As a direct result of my attendance at the conference and the networking I did there, I secured a position in academic advising. During my time as a member of NACADA, I attended a regional conference, as well as the national conference in Minneapolis, and will be co-presenting a session this year in Fargo. I would like to serve as the state liaison to give back to NACADA for what I have gained from it. I will work to provide others opportunities to benefit more from NACADA state and local events and leadership opportunities. I look forward to the opportunity to serve as the Minnesota Liaison on the Region 6 Steering Committee.