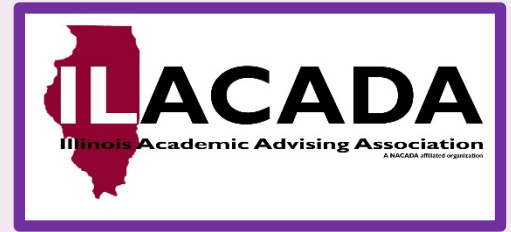


ILACADA (Sporadic) Newsletter, Spring 2021

Happy spring, ILACADA! No time like the present for a sporadic ILACADA newsletter, eh? We've been hard at work, and wanted to update you, the membership, on all that we have going on!

Cheers!

-President Jaimie



ILACADA Conferences

ILACADA State Drive-In Conference: For the 2nd year in a row, the state drive-in is going virtual! Hosted by Lincoln College on **Friday, May 14th**, this year's theme is ***Unmasking Student Potential: Embracing Responsibility, Perseverance, and Courage in Academic Advising.***

The call for proposals is open until **Monday, March 29th!** **New this year, all virtual Drive-In Conference presenters attend for FREE, get FREE ILACADA membership through October 2022, and get entered into a drawing to receive FREE registration for the NACADA 2021 annual conference!** Visit the following link for proposal submission info: <https://ilacada.org/2021-drive-in-call-for-proposals>.

Don't feel like presenting? Conference registration for current members is **FREE**, and for new members, just \$25! This also covers your ILACADA membership through October 2022, provides you a discounted registration fee for ILACADA annual conference, and enters you in that drawing to receive NACADA annual conference registration paid for by ILACADA! Registration is now open at: <https://ilacada.org/>, both for Members, and for New Members!

ILACADA Annual Conference: **Friday, September 24th**, hosted by Eastern Illinois University! We will have a social the evening before the conference, on Thursday, September 23rd, in EIU's Center/Bowling Alley. Check your email for a Save-the-Date sometime in April! We will also post updates on the [ILACADA website](#) and [Facebook](#) page.

Monthly Brown Bag Virtual Events

Brown Bag virtual lunches have been going great! We launched with Ryan Echevarria's LGBTQ+ ally discussion in October. November was a BYO_ discussing hosted by VP Dawn Huckelberry. (BYO_ means bring your own topic, snack, beverage, etc. These are basically casual conversation hours, and we host one every other month!) In December, we gathered a couple of advising leaders from City Colleges of Chicago, and the University of Illinois, to discuss institutional responses to COVID-19. Our January event was another BYO_ event co-hosted by past president, CJ Holterman, and current president, Jaimie Engle. Logistical issues prevented us from hosting a February event, but we came back strong in March with a panel discussion co-hosted with NACADA's Small Colleges & Universities Advising Community, entitled "One Hat Wears All: Handling the Multiple and Conflicting Roles of Small School Advisors." Holding up the ILACADA side of the panel was Joy Trout, from Principia College in Elsah, IL, and Crystal Bryson from SIUE serving as moderator for the panel. And what a great job they both did! The event pulled in 50 advisors from across ILACADA and NACADA, many of whom followed up to have Joy share some of her advising training expertise after! We're hoping to get this recording from NACADA, to share with ILACADA members who could not attend that day. Please stay tuned!

ILACADA's Brown Bag Lunch virtual series takes place on the 2nd Friday of each month, at noon CST.

Next Event: Join us in April when Ryan Echevarria will present the second segment in his LGBTQ Advocacy series: **"Becoming an Ally through Advocacy" Friday, April 9th at noon CST.** You will be emailed an invitation from ILACADA, so as always, check your spam folder if you don't see ILACADA things in your inbox!

Professional Development on Your Time

In case you missed our December Brown Bag event, you can access the recording [here](#). Stephanie Krah, from City Colleges of Chicago, along with Dan Turner and Teri Farr, from the University of Illinois, discussed institutional responses to the COVID-19 pandemic. Another huge thanks to the panelists for their time, and expertise!

Have suggestions for NACADA or other advising/higher ed articles you've recently read? Send them our way! We'll share on Facebook for other advisors to engage in a common reading and discussion. [Email](#) Crystal or Jaimie, or message us on [Facebook](#)!

ILACADA Executive Board 2020-21

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*Communications Coordinator – **vacant**, contact Jaimie or Dawn if interested!

*Member-At-Large – **vacant**, contact Jaimie or Dawn if interested!

*Visit the ILACADA website for board member contact info: <https://ilacada.org/about/executive-board-members>.



Administrative Updates

In September, we voted to approve a change to the bylaws to increase regular board member terms from one year, to two (with the exception of the VP, Pres, and Past-Presidency roles, which are a three-year commitment in all.) This benefits the organizing by increasing the potential for board members to master our roles, which was a challenge with just 1-year terms.

We moved forward purchasing Wild Apricot to better manage our membership, website, communications, and more.

Elections will be here before you know it! Consider running for an ILACADA Executive Board Position. Position descriptions can be found in the bylaws: <https://ilacada.org/about/ilacada-bylaws>. Stay tuned for details!

Keep in Touch!

- For the most up-to-date ILACADA happenings, please Like and Follow us on [Facebook](#)!
- Check your spam/junk folder for ILACADA emails, if not in your inbox!
- If your university has any events, or job openings to promote, send them our way!

Save the Dates!

- **Friday, 4.9, noon CST** – Next ILACADA April Brown Bag Virtual Event (details [here](#))
- **Friday, 5.14** – ILACADA Annual Drive-In (Submit Proposals [Here](#), Register [Here](#))
- **Thursday, 9.23 & 9.24** – ILACADA Annual Conference & Social, Eastern Illinois University