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Note from the Co-Chair

Dear MAAN,

I hope this newsletter finds each of you doing well after a restful holiday break.

I want to take the opportunity to thank Ann Ludwick, my co-chair during the last semester, for serving as a great resource for our network, as well as acting as an outstanding advocate for our students. As Ann steps out of the co-chair role, I'd like to welcome Jason King into his newly-elected position as co-chair. Our network continues to grow, and I am looking forward to the many events taking place this Spring.

As we gear up for the arrival of new and returning students for the Spring semester, I cannot help but reflect upon my time here at Mason. As an alumna, I feel so fortunate to work at the university that gave me so much as a student. The advising community was so much smaller 10 years ago, and I am so proud to be a part of MAAN and our advising community. I truly believe that we have made amazing strides in providing our students the best possible support for their academics, as well as helping to empower them to become successful problem-solvers and communicators.

Best of luck in the upcoming semester, and I'm looking forward to seeing you all around campus!

-Lynn Wildman
MAAN Co-Chair

Advisor Locator Updates

Advisor Locator

Students who have a declared major are advised in their department. Have a major? Click on the button below to find your advisor.

Undeclared or Undecided students, please call 703.993.2470 to schedule a one-on-one appointment with an advisor.

DEPARTMENT/MAJOR	LOCATION	PHONE
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Please take a minute to review your department's contact information in the [Advisor Locator](#) and send updates or corrections to [Jason King](#).

Learn Over Lunch Schedule

Tuesday, February 9 - Orientation and Family Programs and Services

LOL Xtra: Tuesday, February 16 - Advisor Roundtable Discussion on Transfer Student Experience (additional information below)

Tuesday, March 8 - Online Student Services, Laura Phelps

Tuesday, April 12 - INTO Mason, James Jones

Tuesday, May 10 - Financial Aid

All sessions take place in Sub 1, 3A unless otherwise indicated. Please bring you lunch and join other advisors for these brown bag discussions.

LOL Xtra: Roundtable Discussion on the Transfer Student Experience

Please join us for an Advisor Roundtable Discussion on the Transfer Student Experience. **We will meet on Tuesday, February 16th from 12:00 -1:00 PM in SUB I, 3A.**

The Center for Academic Advising, Retention and Transitions (CAART) is in the process of reviewing the transfer student experience at Mason with the goal of exploring ways to improve our services. As advisors we know many of you have a wide range of experience with transfer students and we value hearing from you. Aysha Puhl and Joan Elwood will lead this discussion.

Spring 2016 Events

- ****Last Day to Add Classes, Monday, Feb 1, 2016****
- ****Last Day to Drop (No Tuition Penalty), Feb 1, 2016****
- ****Last Day to Drop (33% tuition penalty), Tuesday, Feb 9, 2016****
- **MAAN Coffee Connect**, Friday, Feb 5, 2016 (9-10 am, Nguyen Einstein Bagel)
- Spring Career Fair, Wednesday, Feb 17 - Thursday, Feb 18, 2016
- Last Day to Drop (67% tuition penalty), Friday, Feb 19, 2016

- **MAAN Coffee Connect**, Friday, Mar 11, 2016 (9-10 am, JC Starbucks)
- Selective Withdrawal Period, Monday, Feb 22 - Friday, Mar 25, 2016
- **BYTE Week of Advising**, Monday, March 7th - Friday, March 11th
- **Registration Awareness Week (RAW)**, Monday, Mar 21 - Friday, Mar 25, 2016
- **Academic Advisor of the Year Luncheon**, Wednesday, March 23, 12-2 pm
- **MAAN Coffee Connect**, Friday Apr 1, 2016 (9-10 am, NN Starbucks)
- **MAAN Coffee Connect**, Friday, May 6, 2016 (9-10 am, JC Starbucks)

Registrar Amended These Dates Due to Recent Snowstorm

Spring 2016 MAC Dates (Room Locations & Registration Site Pending)

Advising 101, Academic Advising: Historical, Theoretical, and Philosophical Foundations

Thursday, February 11, 2:00-4:00pm

Friday, April 22, 10:00am-12:00pm

Advising 102, Academics and Undergraduate Policy

Thursday, February 25, 2:00-4:00pm

Friday, April 15, 10:00am-12:00pm

Advising 103, Advising Tools and Resources

Friday, March 11, 10:00am-12:00pm

Thursday, March 24, 2:00-4:00pm

Advising 104, Building Rapport with Students

Thursday, March 3, 2:00-4:00pm

Friday, March 25, 10:00am-12:00pm

Advising 105, Working with Special Populations

Friday, February 26, 10:00am-12:00pm

Thursday, April 7, 2:00-4:00pm

Advising 106, Transfer Admissions Policies and Procedures

Thursday, April 21, 2:00-4:00pm

Friday, April 14 or 28, 10:00am-12:00pm (pending confirmation)

Registration is not yet available for these sessions but we we will send out another message to the listserv once it opens.

A Note from 2016 Region 2 Conference Co-Chair, Jonathan May

The excitement and anticipation is building. I hope you all can feel it.

When I started down this journey of planning the NACADA conference with my co-chairs almost a year ago, I had no idea what I was in for, although I had some idea it would be a lot of work. It certainly has been that. For myself, I add another unique layer to all of this by not only trying to balance this work with my job in Fairfax VA, but I also have worked hard to balance this enormous responsibility with my second position at the George Mason University campus in Korea as well as being part of a family that is split between the United States and South Africa.



Despite all of that, being co-chair of this conference has been some of the most enjoyable and fulfilling work I have ever done. Working behind the scenes on a conference of this magnitude you get to see a lot of brilliant people doing extraordinary things. It takes a good size team comprised of professionals from all across our region to make this event a success. As co-chair it has been rewarding to see the talents of individuals shine strong and clear. Also, while working on a conference from this position, I have really been able to learn, at a very intimate level, about all the cutting edge initiatives that are being developed in every corner of Region 2. Being able to see and read about those initiatives has been fuel to energize me in my own job.

The other co-chairs and I, as well as the rest our team, have worked tirelessly to put together a conference that highlights all that is great about our region. We hope that as you attend this conference you will see many initiatives that could find a place within your own institution or be the spark that might generate the next great idea for you to share at the 2017 conference. Whatever may unfold in the coming days, I hope this turns out to be a conference that can support you and your colleagues as much as you support the students you serve.

Jonathan May
 Region 2 NACADA Conference Co-chair
 George Mason University

[Region Conference participation is at an all-time high and meeting space is limited. Don't miss out - register before February 16th for a discount!](#)

Registration Fees	Early Discount On or Before Feb 16, 2016	Regular After Feb 16, 2016	Membership Status:
Individual Current Member	\$140	\$175	Already a member
Student/Retiree	\$100	\$100	Full-time students, not hired as a full-time advisor. Retirees.
Non-Member	\$230	\$265	

Advisor Spotlight

Erika Marquina is the undergraduate academic advisor for the Global Affairs program. Prior to coming to Mason, Erika worked at The George Washington University in the engineering department.

What is your background/education?

I am a proud alumni of Mason. Earning both my degrees at Mason: BA in Sociology and MA in Higher Education

How did you get involved in advising?

I always had an interest in advising because during my first few years as an undergrad I was undeclared and had an advisor that was very helpful. I got involved in advising during my master's program. The program required a practicum and I thought that the CAART office would be a good place to do mine.



What are your advising interests?

I have an interest in first-generation students. I am a first-generation student and understand how confusing it was to navigate through college at times.

What are your career goals/aspirations?

I don't plan on getting anymore degrees any time soon, but I am interested in the field of technology. I'm interested in learning about web development. Currently I am taking a free online computer science course to understand the field a bit more.

What is something surprising about you?

I'm actually an identical twin. We do not have similar sounding name, hers is Susana. She lives in NY.

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