



March 18, 2016

Note from the Co-Chair

Dear MAAN,

Spring is upon us, and the weather is beginning to change and entice us out of our offices. I personally love this time of year, and enjoy seeing all of the wonderful things happening right now. We just completed a very successful Mason/VCCS Symposium, and I'd like to thank Wayne Adams (CVPA), Jordana Harshman (CHHS), and others who were involved in coordinating that event. As I type this message, several of our advisors are at the NACADA Regional Conference in Hyattsville, MD.

RAW takes place next week, which means we get to catch up and check in with each of our students. Our advising community will also come together next week as we recognize the outstanding work each of us do, and recognize one of our own as the Academic Advisor of the Year. Graduation is right around the corner, and offers us the opportunity to celebrate our students' accomplishments as they walk across stage and head out into the real world.

I hope you all are doing well, and look forward to seeing you out and about on campus!

-Lynn



GMU – VCCS Symposium College 101 Presentations

Thank you to everyone who presented at last week's GMU-VCCS symposium! The presentations we have received from you have been compiled into a google drive for our colleagues from around the Commonwealth to access:

<https://drive.google.com/folderview?id=0ByuAQMSZ0CH0dIJMRDh0NVdSQig&usp=sharing>

Overall, the evaluations were extremely positive for all of our breakout and College 101 sessions. Our visiting colleagues greatly appreciated connecting with their partners on our campus and are eager for more opportunities to collaborate in the future. We hope to have feedback for presenters ready to share within the next few weeks!



BYTE | Advising Week Materials

We offered our first ever week of trainings focused on advising technology. Many thanks to our presenters from across campus and for all of you who were able to attend the following sessions that were offered last week:

- SSC Targeted Campaign Training, Liz Bartles (CHSS)
- Microstrategy Reports for Advisors, Rupa Mehta (Provost)
- Old Tools – New Uses, Paul Bousel (CAART), Michael Galvin (ULife), Erin McSherry (GLOA), Sara Montiel (CEHD)
- Read & Write Study Tools, Stephanie Robbins (ATI)

For those who were unable to attend copies of handouts and presentations are available for you to access online:

<https://drive.google.com/folderview?id=0ByuAQMSZ0CH0T2ttRmQ2MzZPNE0&usp=sharing>

NEXT WEEK: Academic Advising/Registration Awareness Week

This semester the Registration Awareness Week (RAW) Committee is partnering with the Student Government (SG) Academic Affairs committee to offer a special two-week Academic Advising Awareness Campaign.

Visit our Sign-up page to help us with kiosk advising or promotion:

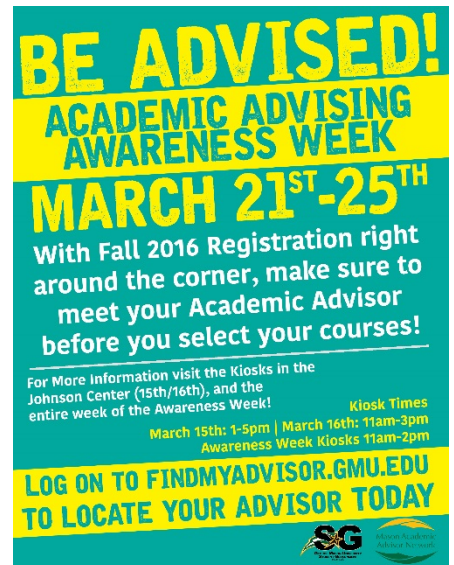
<http://www2.mysignup.com/cgi-bin/view.cgi?datafile=gmu-raw>

This week SG has had students in the Johnson Center handing out their “Be Advised” flyers and directing students to <http://findmyadvisor.gmu.edu>. We hope that combining our efforts next week will ensure that all students know who their advisor is and how to connect with them before Fall registration begins. We are considering rebranding this campaign to “**Academic Advising Awareness**” or “**All A’s**” to move the focus away from course selection and towards promoting the advisor-advisee relationship.

Registration Awareness Week Schedule

- Morning – Chalking and Decorating George
- Kiosk Advising Schedule for the Week
- Monday: 11 am – 12 pm (Southside)
- Tuesday: 11 am – 12 pm (JC Kiosk A)
- Wednesday: 11 am – 12 pm (Southside) / 4 -5 pm (JC Kiosk A)
- Thursday: 11 am – 12 pm (JC Kiosk A) / 4 -5 pm (JC Kiosk A)
- Friday: 11 am - 12 pm (Southside)
- Friday Morning: 7:15 am – 10 am High-5’s in Lot A

[Contact Jason King with questions or to join the committee!](#)



High-5's in Lot A for Off-Campus Students

Join us **Friday morning, March 25th, anytime 7:30 – 10 am in Lot A** where we will be handing out information, snacks, and high-5's to our off-campus students. An average of 500 students stop at the tent during each High-5, with many more walking by and gathering information.

RSVP via the RAW sign-up page or just stop by Lot A on your walk-in that morning:
<http://www2.mysignup.com/cgi-bin/view.cgi?datafile=gmu-raw>



2016 Academic Advisor of the Year

At next week's reception we will announce the winner of the 2016 Academic Advisor of the Year Award! In all, 680 votes for 115 advisors across campus! Visit advising.gmu.edu for a list of previous award winners!

Learn Over Lunch Schedule

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: Tuesday, March 22 – **Mason Study Abroad**, Laura Scobey
- Tuesday, April 12 - **INTO Mason**, James Jones
- LOL XTRA: Tuesday, April 26, **Office of the Ombudsman**, J. Fernando Caetano
- Tuesday, May 10 - **Financial Aid**, Dan Frank

Have an idea for an LOL topic? [Contact Assad Khan with your idea!](#)

Spring 2016 MAC Dates - [Register Now](#)

Advising 101, Academic Advising: Historical, Theoretical, and Philosophical Foundations
Friday, April 22, 10:00am-12:00pm

Advising 102, Academics and Undergraduate Policy
Friday, April 15, 10:00am-12:00pm

Advising 103, Advising Tools and Resources
Thursday, March 24, 2:00-4:00pm

Advising 104, Building Rapport with Students
Friday, March 25, 10:00am-12:00pm

Advising 105, Working with Special Populations
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)

Completed Passbooks may be submitted to Liz Kalinowski Ohrt, at MS 5B1.

Advisor Spotlight – Lori Yi, Academic Advisor, Film and Video Studies

What is your background/education? I'm a (Southeast) San Diego native who studied Human Development at UC San Diego. Super involved and got roped into NASPA (through [NUFP](#)) during the end of sophomore year. I wanted to get away from the sunny days and 70° weather and went to grad school at [University of Vermont](#). Luck brought me out to the DC area and I have had most of my career out here; almost 4 years of it at Mason!



How did you get involved in advising? I've had a passion for planning my academic path since I was little. I had to navigate planning classes and applying to colleges on my own since my parents are immigrants. I previously was an advisor for Honors Students at American U, worked in other areas, and just came back to advising this past year. I've been loving every minute of it!

What are your advising interests? First-generation college students and retention strategies

What are your career goals/aspirations? I've always thought I would get my doctorate. After several years of going back and forth about starting, I'm going to wait a little longer to decide. I still don't know what level in higher ed I want to pursue, but I know I love my 1-on-1 interactions with student and want to keep this relationship for as long as I can.

What is something surprising about you? I'm 30! Most people think I'm either a high school or college student ...

Current Issues in Advising



Are Black College Students Getting the Right Advice? [Read more](#)



Proactive Advising with First-Generation Students: Suggestions for Practice [Read more](#)



Reflections on Clark and Trow's Student Subcultures: 50 Years Later [Read more](#)

