



October 7, 2016

## Note from the Co-Chair

Dear MAAN,

Advising at Mason is decentralized and diverse: MAAN includes representatives from 9 colleges, 4 campuses, and now two continents with Mason Korea! However, there are many voices and perspectives that go unheard and we wish to involve you in our organization to help us continually grow what excellent academic advising does for Mason's mission and vision.

We also welcome all faculty, advisors, and staff new to Mason and invite you to help shape our community by joining a committee or attending a steering committee meeting to learn more about how MAAN functions. To join a subcommittee please contact the chair(s) identified on the MAAN website, linked below. All our steering committee meetings are open and our meeting dates are below for your reference:

10/28/2016	02/24/2017
11/18/2016	03/31/2017
12/16/2016	04/28/2017
01/27/2017*	05/26/2017

*\*All meetings in SUB I, room 3A from 10 am – 12 pm, except 1/27, which will be in SUB I, 3B.*

Additionally, this semester we will be offering LOL workshops to equip you with new skills and LOL Xtra opportunities in support of the rollout of SSC Campus, a coordinated care network customized for Mason. The Mason Advisor Certificate program will be offered for those of you new to Mason or who are just missing a module to complete the program. We also want to invite all Mason Advisors to connect through social events where you will learn more about other ways to get involved with our committees and initiatives. If you have not already done so, please bookmark the [MAAN website](#) and [like us on Facebook](#).

Regards,  
Jason King  
Academic Advisor & MAAN Co-Chair  
Center for Academic Advising, Retention, and Transitions



## Jade Barricelli Spirit of Advising Excellence Award



On November 3, 2016 the Outstanding Achievement Awards ceremony, hosted by Human Resources, will recognize the first ever recipient of the peer-nominated [Jade Barricelli Spirit of Advising Excellence Award](#).

The Mason Academic Advising Network (MAAN) was eager to sponsor this award, named for former Mason advisor, Jade Barricelli (from then Academic Advising and Transfer Center, currently known as CAART), who was instrumental in the creation of MAAN. The Spirit of Advising Award was developed as a way to recognize advisors campus-wide who exhibit Jade's devotion to creating a culture of advising excellence while also heightening the profession.

Nominations for the fall 2016 Spirit of Advising Excellence Award closed on October 1, 2016. The Selection Committee has a tough job ahead of them as they review the nominations of 14 outstanding advisors! The MAAN community is encouraged to attend Mason's **2016 Outstanding Achievement Awards ceremony on November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10 am – 11:30 am in Dewberry Hall** where the award's first recipient will be announced.

## Registration Awareness Week Comes to a Close

... But the mission lives on! If you were walking around campus it's hard not to miss the chalking instructing students to schedule appointments with their academic advisors. Yup... Registration Awareness Week, lovingly referred to as "RAW," has returned. The spring 2017 schedule was released on Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, an event that we hope prompts students to begin thinking of next semester and their academic plans.

Many thanks to our RAW subcommittee members, Troy Lowery (chair), Sarah Kincaid, Leslie Durham, Michelle Gnoleba, Jillian Rogero, Laura Scobey, Wayne Adams, Michael Galvin, Cheryl Howe, Jason King, and Elizabeth Kalinowski Ohrt for all their efforts in making Registration Awareness Week a part of campus culture. If you're interested in getting involved with RAW for future semesters check out their [webpage](#).



## Advisor Spotlight – Sharon Kim, Manager in Academic and Student Affairs, Mason Korea



### What is your background/education?

I earned a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and a Master of Education in Educational Psychology from George Mason University, Fairfax. I completed additional graduate work in Community Agency Counseling at George Mason University as well. Additionally, I currently hold a Virginia teaching license in teaching English as a Second Language (Pre K-12). Prior to my work at GMU Korea, I worked at Northern Virginia Community College as an advising specialist where I offered academic advising, transfer advising, and career counseling. I also taught student development courses and ESL courses at Northern Virginia Community College.

### How did you get involved in undergraduate advising at Mason Korea?

Prior to becoming a Chief Academic Advisor, I served as a Manager in Academic and Student Affairs where I was involved with a variety of tasks. As a manager, I offered academic advising to

students on an as-needed basis. But administration team both in GMU Korea and in Fairfax realized the need for having an advisor fully dedicated for officially offering advising services on-site to meet increasing needs of advising for students. With full support from both GMU Korea and Fairfax, I have recently been appointed as a Chief Academic Advisor at GMU Korea.

### **Can you share what advising in Korea is like?**

As far as I know, presently advising at most Korean universities is not a specialized field. Most Korean universities do not have professional academic advisors on site. Students in Korean universities seek advising services when they are close to graduating the university which is usually takes place as a one-time meeting. Various features of advising in Korean universities tend to be underplayed which lead students to rely on information from peers and upper classmen. There is a still a widespread notion that advising is telling students what courses to take.

### **What do you love most about your job?**

I consider advising as the life changing process of education. I enjoy the opportunity to participate to support students as they work towards obtaining their educational and career goals. Getting to know students' strengths and interests and figuring out how to best incorporate it into their educational plan is what I love about my job. Also I enjoy helping students navigate through systems/ resources and educating them to take ownership of this process, which I think critical to their success.

### **What are most people surprised to learn about you?**

When I was in the U.S., I enjoyed white water rafting, diving and snorkeling in deep water. Most people assume that I seem to prefer low-key activities. But I enjoy sorts of "thrilling and adventure seeking" activities during my spare time which sometimes surprises people. Although I was not able to get involved in these activities as much as I used to in the U.S., I am hoping to get more involved in these sorts of activities which help refresh my mind.

## **In Memoriam – Alice L. Watts**

The advising community at Mason has lost a trusted colleague, mentor, and friend. It is with great sadness that we share on Friday, September 23, 2016, Alice Watts passed away.

The September 28<sup>th</sup> edition of Mason News said it best, "Helping students was her passion." Upon receiving the 2005 Employee of the Month award, the article shared Alice's own words reflecting this passion, ***"The students make coming to work a pleasure. Seeing their growth from incoming freshman or transfer students to confident, well-educated graduates is very rewarding."*** [See Mason News for the full article.](#)

True to her passion, CVPA has created the Alice L. Watts Memorial Scholarship in her memory. Donations can be made to the George Mason University Foundation and sent to the College of Visual and Performing Arts, 4400 University Drive, MS 4C1, Fairfax, VA 22030.

Additionally, please save the date for Monday, November 14, 2016, when CVPA will host a ***Celebration of Alice Watts*** from 12:30 – 2:30 pm in the Center for the Arts (CFA) on the Fairfax campus.

Her dedication to students was admirable, her laughter was contagious, and she will be greatly missed.



# Learn Over Lunch (LOL)

## Using SSC-Campus for Student Success: Targeted Outreach

Tuesday, October 11th

12-1pm

SUB 1, 3A

Learn how to identify targeted student groups, craft outreach messages, and track appointment campaigns within the expanded SSC-Campus platform

Share your own campaign ideas or brainstorm new ones with fellow advisors

Turn this session into a workshop by bringing your laptop with you

Don't forget to bring your lunch!



## Upcoming LOL's

November 8: LOL SSC Campus  
"In Case You Missed It:  
Platform Overview"

Wednesday, December 14 –  
Financial aid

## Current Issues in Advising

### SSC Campus Q&A

Oct. 20, 2016 from 3:00 – 5:00 pm

Nov. 17, 2016 from 3:00 – 5:00 pm

Location TBD

### EAB Webinar: A Student-Centered Approach to Advising

Oct. 12, 2016 from 1:00 – 2:00 pm

[Registration Required](#)

### EAB Webinar: Advisors Outnumbered? Learn How You Can Prioritize In-Person Advising for Students Who Need it Most With Guide

Oct. 19, 2016 at 1:00 – 2:00 pm

[Registration Required](#)



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### An End to Checklist Thinking: Learning-Centered Advising in Practice

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### Issues for Women in Higher Education Administration

[Read More](#)