



September 5, 2014

Greetings MAAN!

After a summer hiatus, the MAAN newsletter is back, and there is no shortage of announcements to share with the community. Whether you're looking for professional development opportunities or ways to engage with Mason's advising community in a more social manner, MAAN has you covered! Knowing the busy schedules that you have, we wanted to share all of the fall dates with you so you can get them on your calendars now, so bare with us on the length of this edition.

We look forward to seeing you upcoming events!

Brydin Banning & Wayne Adams  
Co-Editors

### Mason Advisor Certificate (MAC)

The MAC program is designed to provide a codified training experience to enhance and develop the Mason advising experience. This five-module training series is intended for new and existing advisors alike and will provide a cohesive curriculum centered around topics related to advising approaches, Mason policies and procedures, advising tools, university resources, developing your advising philosophy, and much more!



Individuals interested in the MAC program are required to complete all five of the advising modules listed below as well as complete three elective workshops (Safe Zone, Mason Cares, Degree Works, etc.). Participants will receive a Mason Advisor Certificate Passbook, where completion of modules and electives will be recorded. Completed Passbooks can be mailed to MSN: 6B4. Please visit the [MAAN website](#) for module descriptions.

Dates for the modules will be announced shortly via the listserv. Please visit the [HR Website](#) to register for the MAC modules. Questions? Contact Erin McSherry or Liz Kalinowski.

## Learn Over Lunch (LOL)

Get ready to LOL! The MAAN Learn Over Lunch Planning Committee is excited to announce the upcoming LOL topics for the Fall 2014 semester. Please mark your calendars so you don't miss out of these timely discussions with your peers regarding various programs, services, and best practices in advising.



We would also like to announce an addition to our current model with "LOL Extras." These extra sessions will be held in between regularly scheduled LOLs to capture timely topics and audiences unable to attend on Tuesdays at noon.

- September 9: Office of Military Services
- October 14: Office of Housing and Residential Life
- November 11: Degree Works and Graduation Audits
- December 10 (Wednesday): Office of Student Financial Aid

All sessions run from 12:00-1:00pm and are located in SUB I, 3A. LOL Extras opportunities will be sent out to the MAAN listserv as soon as they are scheduled. We look forward to seeing you there!

Questions? Contact Assad Khan

## Registration Awareness Week (RAW)

Registration Awareness Week is a MAAN initiative aimed at encouraging students to prepare for registration early! This fall, we will start our campaign Monday, October 6 through Friday, October 10. Our goal this coming year is to encourage students to make appointments before their registration window opens so that they may register during their assigned time-ticket window.



This year we will be partnering with CEHD to hold the first ever featured event, "Think you want to be a teacher?" This is an undergraduate advising event for future teachers to be held on Thursday, October 9 at 4:00pm in Thompson Hall.

We will be advertising in many locations on campus including Mason Ads, easels, Info Desk, social media, sidewalk chalk, and George!

In addition, advisors will be stationed at the JC kiosks Monday-Friday 11AM to 1PM as well as 4 to 5PM on Tuesday to answer questions and spread the word. We will also be at Southside on Wednesday and Friday from 11am-1pm. We will be incorporating the use of a "prize wheel" as a new way to start student conversations. We need your help with prizes so if your unit has anything that to donate (pens, t-shirts, magnets, etc.) please let us know!

Questions or Want to Donate? Contact Liz Kalinowski. Want to volunteer? Contact Jason King.

## Coffee with Your Co-Chairs

Coffee with your Co-Chairs is back! This is an informal meeting time where the Co-Chairs of MAAN will be available to the advising community to discuss anything advising! Please join Jon May and Assad Khan for good coffee and conversations between 11am-12pm at the Starbucks in the Johnson Center.

Friday, September 5  
Friday, October 3  
Friday, November 7  
Friday, December 5



## Social Events

### Who's Walking Wednesdays

Put your walking shoes on for "Who's Walking Wednesday" on September 10th at 12 noon! Join your fellow MAAN members at Merten Hall for a loop around Patriot Circle and don't forget to wear your MAAN t-shirt.

If you have not yet received your MAAN t-shirt, please contact Sara Montiel.

### Happy Hours



The Social Committee will be hosting happy hours on the first Thursday of each month.

Mark your calendars now, and stay tuned to the listserv for location details!

## Other Professional Development Opportunities

Innovations in Teaching and Learning Conference  
Friday, September 19, 2014  
8:30am-5:30pm  
Johnson Center



For more information and registration information, please visit the [conference website](#).

NACADA's 38th Annual Conference  
Adventures in Advising: Explore, Discover, Collaborate,  
Transform

October 8-11, 2014  
Minneapolis Convention Center  
Minneapolis, MN



For more information, please visit the [NACADA website](#).



## Contested Issues Professional Dialogue Series

October 29, 2014  
12:00pm - 1:00pm  
SUB I, 3311

### Chapter 10: What Should Universities Do About Overly Involved Parents?

Facilitated by: Kaitlin Oyler Cicchetti, Associate Director, Orientation and Family Programs and Services

[Register for the October Contested Issues Dialogue today!](#)

NACADA Eastern Pennsylvania Drive-In Conference  
The Middle Years - Engaging Students between First-Year Experience and Senior Year  
with Keynote Speech by Dr. Randall Deike



Friday, October 24, 2014  
9:30 AM to 3:00 PM  
Drexel University  
3141 Chestnut Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Advisors, administrators, faculty, student affairs professionals, counselors, and researchers are invited to attend. Further the body of knowledge in your area of expertise and share your experiences with your colleagues.

Join concurrent discussions around the following topics:

- The Second Year Experience (and beyond)
- Probation Recovery
- Crisis Counseling
- International Opportunities and Study Abroad
- International Students
- Transfer Student Advising and Opportunities
- High Risk Intervention
- Learning Communities
- Engaging Students Outside the Classroom

Dr. Randall Deike, Drexel University's newly appointed Senior Vice President for the Division of Enrollment Management and Student Success, will present the keynote speech.

Registration \$40 (includes lunch)  
Registration deadline is October 17, 2014  
Proposal submission [here](#) (due September 19)

In the event of inclement weather expect the conference to proceed as scheduled as long as Drexel University remains open. Refunds will only be offered if the conference is cancelled in its entirety. Refunds will not be offered to no-shows for any reason.

Parking around campus is limited, please carpool or use public transportation if at all possible. Drexel University is easily accessible from 30th Street Station, which houses both the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA: [www.septa.org](http://www.septa.org))

and AMTRAK rail.

To obtain a registration form, visit <http://www.nacada.ksu.edu/Events-Programs/Events/State-Drive-Ins.aspx> or complete credit card registration [here](#)

You do not need to be a member of NACADA to attend.

## Current Issues in Advising



### Toward a Theory of Advising

Marc Lowenstein, a higher education scholar, offers his commentary on academic advising theory.

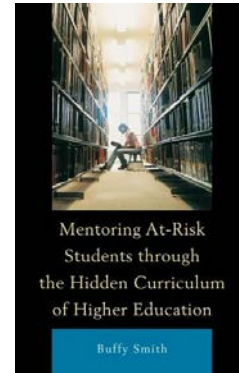
[Read more](#)



### The Opposite of Helicopter Parents

A 2012 study found that first-generation students may receive less support from their families than students with college-educated family members.

[Read more](#)



### The Hidden Curriculum

A new book suggests that mentoring may be one avenue to assist at-risk student populations with navigating the cultural norms of college.

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