Conference Theme

Overcoming Barriers: Reflect, Recharge, Restart

Life is full of barriers; barriers holding us back from earning an A in a course, barriers not allowing us to fully engage in a passion, or barriers that keep us from taking a much needed vacation to Europe. If we, as higher education professionals, are able to reflect, recharge, and restart when faced with these challenges, our potential for success grows exponentially.

Our work lives are filled with student issues leading to barriers in their academic and personal success. As administrators, we can listen, guide, and assist students in helping them to overcome these daily struggles. Encouraging our students (and even our ourselves at times) to persist, refocus, and adapt to any setbacks is key.

The goal for the 2018 Northeast Ohio Academic Advising Conference is to share ways in which we can assist ourselves and our students when faced with these academic and personal challenges. We hope that throughout the presentations and interactions with colleagues, you will learn to develop best practices when a barrier occurs. If we focus on the potential barrier for success, we hope that these obstacles change and turn into achievements for both you and your students.

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Jennifer Hodges

Dr. Jennifer Hodges is the Director of the Center for Academic Advising and Student Support at New Mexico State University (NMSU). She joined NMSU in 2014 as Director of Advising and Retention for the College of Arts and Sciences. Prior to joining NMSU, Jennifer was Assistant Dean of Undergraduate Studies at the University of North Texas and Assistant Dean of University College at the University of Akron. She has also served as Director of Undergraduate Programs in Business at Akron and worked in Academic Advising at Michigan State University and Northern Kentucky University.
Jennifer is a member of the NACADA Academic Advising Consulting and Speaker Service (AACSS) and serves on the Advisory Boards for AACSS and the Assessment Institute. She has presented at local, regional, and national NACADA and ACPA conferences; was a mentor for the Emerging Leaders Program 2013-2015; co-chaired the 2012 NACADA Great Lakes Region V Conference; and chaired the 2012 ACPA Student Affairs Assessment Institute. Jennifer’s research interests include: Self-Authorship Development, Commuter Students, and Academic Advisor Training and Professional Development.

Jennifer has taught undergraduate courses in career planning, leadership, and orientation to college as well as graduate courses in student development theory, history of higher education, and assessment in student affairs. Jennifer earned her Ph.D. in Higher, Adult, and Lifelong Education from Michigan State University in 2007. She is also a graduate of Texas A&M University and Ball State University. Jennifer spends most of her spare time with her niece and nephews, at little league baseball and soccer games, or singing. She also loves to get lost in a good book and dabbles in cosplay.

Call for Proposals

The Northeast Ohio Academic Advising Conference Committee is seeking proposals that address this year’s theme of overcoming barriers. The Conference Committee encourages academic advisors, faculty advisors, and other higher education professionals from the Northeast Ohio region to submit a proposal. Proposals from any type of institution (public, private, four-year, two-year, etc.) are welcome. Presentation formats include traditional, round table discussion, or panel discussion.

The theme for this year’s conference is purposefully broad in nature, allowing those submitting a proposal the opportunity to concentrate on a wide variety of topics. Presentations should:

➔ Present research and theory
➔ Showcase best practices
➔ Present innovative advising techniques
➔ Facilitate dynamic discussions, and/or
➔ Share collaborative approaches to advising

Proposals will be accepted until 5:00 pm on March 9, 2018. The Conference Committee asks that proposal submissions be sent via Qualtrics: NEOAAC Call for Proposals 2018

The Conference Committee will review all proposals and make determinations shortly after the proposal submission deadline. The Conference Committee plans to announce which proposals are accepted by April 6, 2018.

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