

Retaining Students in Iowa through Academic Advising

Wednesday, October 14, 2009 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.



Dr. Charlie L. Nutt Executive Director, National Academic Advising Association



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Mission/Purpose - Iowa Academic Advising Network

The **Iowa Academic Advising Network (lowAAN)** serves professionals and students from colleges and universities with interest in the area of academic advising and who champion the intellectual, personal, and career / vocational advising needs of students in the state of Iowa.

lowAAN was founded to establish a collaborative professional environment, enhance the level of recognition of academic advising, and promote quality academic advising throughout the state.

lowAAN fosters the personal and professional development of its members by establishing opportunities for participation and discussion, debate, and the exchange of ideas concerning academic advising, the state of Iowa, and related areas of higher education.

Goals - Iowa Academic Advising Network

- Provide support and professional development opportunities through state and local involvement in the field of higher education.
- Establish a communication network, collaborative environment, and sharing of ideas/information among the members.
- Promote the profession of academic advising and enhance individual/program recognition throughout the state.
- Foster and provide support for undergraduate and graduate students interested in pursuing the profession of academic advising in the future.
- Support the goals and programs of the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA)

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Dr. Wes Habley is the Coordinator of ACT's Office of State Organizations and a Principal Associate in Educational Services. Habley has more than 40 published works on academic advising and student retention. His most recent publications include *Academic Advising: a comprehensive handbook* (2008), *Status of Academic Advising* (2004), two chapters in *Fostering Student Success in the Campus Community* (2007) and *What Works in Student Retention* (2005) a series of reports on college and university retention practices

He has delivered more than 200 presentations at professional meetings and has served as a consultant or workshop leader at more than 125 colleges in the US, Canada, and the Middle East.

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Dr. Charlie L. Nutt has been the Executive Director of the National Academic Advising Association since 2002. Prior to this position, he was Vice President for Student Development Services at Coastal Georgia Community College for nine years and Assistant Professor of English/Director of Advisement and Orientation for six years. He received his A.A. from Brunswick College, B.S.Ed. from the University of Georgia, M.Ed. and Ed.D. in Higher Educational Leadership from Georgia Southern University.

Nutt has had vast experience in education. In addition to his fifteen years as a teacher and administrator at Coastal Georgia Community College, where he originated the college advisement center and orientation program that was awarded a Certificate of Merit by NACADA in 1995, he has taught English in grades 9-12, served as a department chair and assistant principal in a high school, served as Director of Development and Admission at a private K-12 institution. Presently, he teaches graduate courses in the College of Education in the Department of Counseling and Educational Psychology. He has also been instrumental in the development of the NACADA/K-State graduate certificate in academic advising and several other NACADA professional development initiatives.

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Dr. Laura I. Rendón is Professor of Higher Education and Chair of the Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies at Iowa State University. Her current research focuses on access, retention and graduation of low-income, first-generation college students and the transformation of teaching and learning to emphasize wholeness and social justice.



Rendón earned a Ph.D. in higher education administration from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. She holds a M.A. in counseling and guidance and psychology from Texas A&M University-Kingsville (1975). She earned a B.A. in English and journalism from the University of Houston (1970), and holds an associate of arts degree from San Antonio College. Rendón also attended Laredo Community College.

Rendón is the author of *Sentipensante (Sensing/Thinking) Pedagogy: Educating for Wholeness, Social Justice and Liberation*. She is also co-editor of *Transforming the First Year of College for Students of Color*, *Educating a New Majority*, and *Racial and Ethnic Diversity in Higher Education ASHE Reader*. Rendón is co-editor of the *ASHE/Lumina Policy Briefs and Critical Essays* series, and serves as faculty co-editor of *Education Policy and Practice Perspectives*.

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ACT: What Works in Student Retention (2009)

In collaboration with Innovative Educators, ACT will present free national webinars reporting on the results of the Fourth National Survey (2009) of "What Works in Student Retention."

Webinar Schedule:

Community Colleges: December 17 from 3:30 – 4:30 EST

Four-year Public Colleges: November 4 from 3:30–4:30 EST

Four-year Private Colleges: November 10 from 3:30–4:30 EST

For more information and to register for the webinar, go to:

<http://www.act.org/research/policymakers/reports/retain.html>

or

<http://www.innovativeeducators.org/>

What do you want from a state association?

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Membership - Iowa Academic Advising Network

- **GENERAL** - General memberships shall be open to academic advisors, counselors, faculty and staff members, and administrators employed by accredited higher education institutions in Iowa. Annual dues for General members will be \$15.00.
- **ASSOCIATE** - Associate memberships shall be open to others whose interests are in the area of academic advising but are not employed by accredited higher education institutions in Iowa or are not employed in the state of Iowa. Annual dues for Associate members will be \$15.00.
- **STUDENT** - Student memberships shall be open to all graduate students and undergraduate students serving in campus leadership roles, and others whose interests are in the area of academic advising, and who are currently enrolled at accredited higher education institutions in Iowa. Annual dues for Student members will be \$10.00.

Committees - Iowa Academic Advising Network

- **Membership and Nominating Committee**
 - Chair: Amy Korthank, Academic Advisor,
Department of Biology (University of Iowa)
- **Communication Committee**
 - Chair: Autumn Cartagena, Academic Advisor, Dept
of Sociology / Dept of Anthropology
(Iowa State University)
- **Professional Development Committee**
 - Chair: Position Open/Available at this time
- **Annual Event Committee**
 - Chair: Position Open/Available at this time

Officers - Iowa Academic Advising Network

- **President: David Marchesani**, Academic Advisor / Career Development Coordinator
(University of Northern Iowa)
- **President Elect: Darcie Sprouse**, Academic Support Coordinator (Simpson College)
- **Secretary: Sarah Bender Miller**, Academic Advisor, Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition
(Iowa State University)
- **Treasurer: Jennifer Sullivan-Hadsall**, Academic Advisor
(Upper Iowa University – Cedar Rapids Center)

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