



ADVISOR UPDATE

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From the President's Keyboard



It is with great personal and professional pleasure that I serve as IAAAN's president and let me tell you why. There is a wealth of extraordinary individuals in academic advising across the State of Indiana and I am expanding my knowledge and experience with them as each day, week and month passes by. Participating in IAAAN provides a multitude of ways to meet, work with and learn from your state-wide colleagues.

With the hard work of the current executive board IAAAN has been able to double its membership since the May 2002 State Conference. The increased membership and communication strengthens our resolve and verifies the need for IAAAN. You are encouraged to reach out and link up with your Regional Representative. Who is my regional rep, you say? Look more deeply into the Advisor Update and learn about what they are up to and how you can help.

Check out the IAAAN website at <http://iaan.indiana.edu>. New links and information are being added all the time, so if you haven't visited it in a while you are missing out on a prime resource. We are always looking for links, news, food for thought to share with colleagues. If you have a favorite, useful link, please send it out to be included. A new item is called **Advisors Talk**. It is a way to discuss topics of interest on line sharing your opinions and listening to others. Tell us what's on your

mind.

The Professional Development Committee is working ever diligently to improve upon and professionalize the grant application and advisor award evaluation and selection process. Don't forget to seek out these applications on the website. Funds are available for professional development and recognition for a great advisor is a role IAAAN is proud to provide.

The State Conference Committee is excited about their plans and preparations for a fun filled and professional experience on May 16, 2003 at Purdue North Central in Westville, IN. Plan to attend and bring your colleagues. They will thank you for the invitation. Read further in the Update to learn more about the conference.

IAAN is making great progress and your participation is what we need to stay on track. Think about how you would like to be involved and step up to the front of the class to be heard.

Best wishes to all of you for a relaxing semester break. Of course, I say this knowing all too well that December is a hectic month and break time turns into catch up time but needless to say, I still wish you the very best.

Your Colleague and Friend,

Joanne



IAAN Mission

The Indiana Academic Advising Network (IAAN) is an organization of professionals from colleges and universities concerned with the intellectual, personal, and career or vocational advising needs of students within the State of Indiana. IAAAN was founded to foster the personal and professional development of its members by promoting quality academic advising in the state. It is a forum for discussion, debate, and the exchange of ideas regarding academic advising and related areas of higher education.

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CONFERENCES



IAAN STATE CONFERENCE 2003

The PNC Advisors are gearing up for the May 16, 2003 IAAN State Conference. Contacts have been made for speakers and a group of rooms are being held at the Holiday Inn in Michigan City for those needing over night accommodation. The theme of the conference will be "Are We Listening?" All of the advisors on our campus are working together to make this conference fun - filled and informative. Plans are also being made for informal gatherings at the Holiday Inn on Thursday night, May 15. This will be a great time to come together and enjoy meeting each other and to have some refreshments. There is also an outing being planned to go to Lake Michigan and to see some of the area sites on Thursday evening. Mark your calendars for what PNC hopes to be an eventful conference. If you have any suggestions please email me at:

barbarab@purduenc.edu.
Barbara Birchfield

2004 IAAN STATE CONFERENCE

IAAN Members from BALL STATE UNIVERSITY have volunteered to host the state conference in 2004. Members from other institutes are encouraged to put their own institution in spotlight by hosting future STATE CONFERENCES there.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES !

SPRING 2003– 1st Annual Academic Advising Administrator's Institute
Feb 12-14, San Antonio, TX

SPRING 2003– NACADA Great Lakes Regional Conference
(Joint with North Central Region),
March, 23-25, Madison, WI

The 2003 is the first-ever joint Region 5 & 6 conference. It will bring together administrators, faculty advisers, and professional advisers from Ohio to Nebraska and from Canada to Iowa. You are encouraged to submit proposals for presentations or discussion sessions that feature technology, research, and basic advising applications. The conference theme is **Allies for Success**.

The deadline for submitting proposals is:
Friday, December 20, 2002.
For more information check the Region 5/6 Conference website
<http://matcmadison.edu/NACADA/proposals.htm>

FALL 2003—the 27th NACADA National Conference,
October 2nd-5th, Dallas, TX

Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis is proud to serve as the host of the Eight Annual Conference on **Learning Communities and Collaboration: Student Learning and Engagement in Learning Communities**. The conference will be held in Indianapolis November 5-7, 2003. Call for Proposals is posted at

<http://LCC.uc.iupui.edu>.

Programs in Action

A forum for IAAN members (or non-members) to discuss and inform other members about programs at their institutions.

Making Good Students Better Students: A Mission of the Learning Center at Purdue University

By Kathleen Kroll Thayer*, Purdue University, W. Lafayette

Making good students better students is the motto of our Learning Center at Purdue University. We couldn't accomplish this mission though without the help of the academic advisers. As advisers, you are in a unique position to understand students' needs.

You know that a high SAT score or an excellent high school record doesn't guarantee success. Students often are not prepared for the concept density and depth that they encounter at the post-high school level. Many students grow in these abilities. However other students need the active modeling and practice provided by an academic support center. Our mission then is to promote the deep processing and critical thinking skills necessary for student success.

Research shows that the most successful learning centers offer a wide variety of services to meet individual needs. Hence we offer credit hour courses, Supplemental Instruction, a multimedia lab and walk-in and outreach services.

I'll focus on one of these areas, paired courses. In response to legislative and other cultural and economic pressures, Developmental Education is moving in new directions. A current emphasis is on developing students' learning strategies while they are enrolled in graduation-credit, content classes. Paired classes meet this objective.

We began in 1994 by pairing a learning strategies class with an introductory psychology class, PSY 120. The learning strategies instructor attends all the psychology classes. The PSY 120 material offers a common vehicle for illustrating

and applying strategies. Students like it because they are simultaneously learning the content material and improving their study skills. Faculty and staff like it because it is a pedagogically-sound concept. Presently we pair four classes, psychology, sociology and two math courses, with learning strategies classes.

Paired classes demonstrate both improved grade and retention results. Using a matched control group, data show approximately a half a letter grade mean increase for the learning strategies class vs. the matched controls. Eighty percent of those in the class reenrolled or graduated at the fourth semester following the class vs. sixty percent for the matched controls.

Students often return for the spring semester with a new attitude and resolve to achieve. You can be a big factor in your students' success by investigating the academic support services on your campus and making the proper referrals.

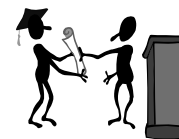
*Kathy Thayer received her MS degree from Purdue University in Reading Education and her BA degree from the University of Illinois in French Education. She has been director of the Learning Center in the School of Liberal Arts since 1982. Kathy has an ongoing interest in instructional technology as a cost effectiveness tool. She is the author/creator of eight videos and a textbook which are marketed nationally through the Office for Continuing Education and Conferences. Recently she was inducted into the Teaching Academy, an organization dedicated to the continual improvement of teaching and learning at Purdue University.

IAAN Professional Development Grant Program

The professional development grant program sponsored by IAAN is intended to assist IAAN members in taking advantage of different professional development opportunities. IAAN has made \$250 available to IAAN members for professional development activities. Advising related conferences, purchasing advising manuals or monographs, attending classes targeted on improving advising skills are some examples of opportunities that are usually funded for deserving candidates. Members can apply for the entire amount or any portion of it.

The application form is available on the IAAN web site.

<http://iaan.indiana.edu>



OpinionsA forum for your opinions and thoughts

Dear Members, The column on the left is your column. It should not have been empty. We are aware that you have excellent ideas and opinions. Please express them here. Let us hear your voice !

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From the Webmaster...

There are a couple of new items of interest on the IAAN website (<http://iaan.indiana.edu>). All of these can be accessed through the navigation bar on the left-hand side of the page.

- 1) IAAN Advisors Talk -- this is a place to post a question, to respond to another advisor's question, and to participate in IAAN's advising scenario of the month.
- 2) IAAN State Regions -- this is a map of the state with all of the institutions in the state indicated. The north, central, and south regions are indicated. Take a look at the map to see which region you are in and you can click on your region to obtain the contact information for your state regional representative.
- 3) Also, the board has recently approved the use of Pay-Pal for those IAAN members who would like to use a credit card to pay your membership renewal and state conference fees. There will be a \$1.00 charge to use this feature to cover the fees associated with these transactions. Look for this feature to appear on our web site and registration forms in the near future. We are also interested in including any links on our website that you find useful in your advising. Please forward those suggestions to me at iaan@indiana.edu and we will include those on our website.

Have a wonderful holiday season!

IAAN webmaster,
Steven M. Wietstock, Ph.D.

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Charlotte Miller
 Indiana University Kokomo,
 Membership and Nominations Chair

Charlotte earned her bachelor's degree from Indiana University and her master's degree from Butler. She was an elementary teacher prior to her Indiana University Kokomo professional staff appointment in 1981. Charlotte directs the Curriculum Lab/Teacher Resource Center and advises students who pursue elementary education. She coordinates the program planning of the education student organization (EdSAC) and Gamma Gamma Chapter of Pi Lambda Theta. As IAAN Membership Chair, she will create and maintain an email distribution list of current members. In addition, she plans to identify an IAAN membership contact person at each institution. Please contact Charlotte if you have an interest in being a contact person for your institution.

We invite you to learn about some of our board members and their IAAN-related goals here. Please get n touch with them, or other board members if you have ideas or suggestions for IAAN.



Bill Bruening, IPFW,
 North Indiana Regional Representative for IAAN

Bill Bruening has been a faculty member at IPFW since the summer of 1969. He is currently Professor of Philosophy at IPFW. He also is area of an assistant dean in the school of Arts and Sciences.

After obtaining his PhD from Notre Dame in 1969, he began his career at IPFW and is now in his 33rd year of service. He has been an advisor in the school office for the past four years. His main area of philosophical interest is medical ethics, especially in the area of decision making and informed consent.

Bill also works as an academic advisor for the School of Arts and Sciences. He received the NACADA Outstanding Advisor Award in 2001. His particular interest in IAAN is to increase the number of faculty members who belong to both NACADA and IAAN. He believes that the distinction between professional advisors and faculty advisors is an organizational one and not a distinction that makes sense in practice.



Larry Ottinger, Ball State University,
 Central Indiana Regional Representative for IAAN

Larry holds the position of Coordinator, North Quad Advising Center at Ball State University. Larry is married (wife: Barbara) 40 years and has two sons, two daughters-in-law, and four grandchildren (ages 1 - 6). He is a native of Logansport, IN. He is a graduate of Ball State University (B.S.: '63; M.A.: '65). He taught and coached at Logansport High School from 1965-1972. Subsequently, he returned to Ball State in 1972 as Assistant Professor and Academic Advisor...and he is still there.

Larry attended first national advising meeting in Vermont (before it became NACADA); active at the national level at most national conferences and presented at many of these. Currently he serves as Great Lakes representative on the Commission for Transfer Students.

Interests and activities include: judging Miss America, Jr. Miss, and fair queen contests throughout Indiana and Ohio. Larry is active on BSU campus as faculty advisor to a fraternity, a sorority, a senior honorary, and to Panhellenic Council. His community activities include First Presbyterian Church, Optimist Club, County Fair Board, and Muncie Endurathon.





To become a member, or to renew an existing membership, please send e-mail to Karen Sutton at KSutton@indian.vinu.edu

Congratulations to , NACADA liaison, for her perseverance for IAAN and NACADA. Through her communication and information gathering we have earned \$60.00 through Region V's membership rebate offer for new members to NACADA. Catherine Buyarski is the Director, University College Advising Center, IUPUI, Indianapolis, Indiana. Thank you, Cathy.

Please send your contributions for the newsletter, suggestions/comments to: Sangita Handa, shanda@purdue.edu



Outstanding Indiana Advisor Award

The Outstanding Indiana Advisor Award was created to recognize the importance of academic advising at colleges and universities in the state of Indiana. This award will be given to either a faculty advisor or a professional advisor that has made significant contributions to the field of academic advising through the criteria outlined in the nomination form.

Recipients of the award are recognized at the annual state conference and will be presented with a certificate of achievement along with a year's paid dues to IAAN.

The application form for the IAAN Outstanding Advisor Award is now available at the IAAN web site at <http://iaan.indiana.edu>.

We hope you will nominate your hardworking colleagues to recognize their service to students and the advising community.

EDITOR'S CORNER

Once again you have a new issue of Advisor Update to browse through. We strive to bring you news and views that will be useful to you in a personal and professional way. The announcements on upcoming conferences should hopefully keep you on top of your professional calendar. Information on programs that work in different educational settings is intended to stimulate interest in setting up similar programs elsewhere. We did not have volunteers to share their views or opinions in this issue; hopefully the "empty box" on page 4 is going to be disconcerting enough for some members to spur them to pick up their paper and pencil (or computer) and write something they feel strongly about. Watch out for the next issue; it is going to tell you about a new program that some traditionally rival institutions in Indiana are going to start— together !

We are also fortunate to have Mr. David Chalfant, from Ball State University, join the executive board in January. David will endeavor to keep you informed about events/ changes at the State Legislature level that would affect education in Indiana—at different levels.

Sangita Handa

