



ADVISOR UPDATE

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From the President's Keyboard



The end of the semester draws near but the work of an academic advisor is never done. You can feel proud of all your students who successfully completed another year toward their college degree. However, don't forget to be proud of yourself and all the efforts you put forth to assist them. You can't do it for them but you do know how to smooth the way and run interference to prevent problems before they occur. **HATS OFF TO YOU!!!**

The IAAN State Conference scheduled for May 16, 2003 at Purdue North Central in Westville is just around the corner. Register now if you haven't done so already. This is one day of professional development you don't want to miss. The folks at PNC have worked hard all year to bring you a day of professional thought and reflection as well as good food, good company and good fun. IAAN is proud to present the first annual State

Professional and Faculty Academic Advising Awards. You will want to share in this historical moment.

Please take note of a new feature in the Advising Update called 'Statewide Curriculum Corner'. Your support is requested to submit curriculum changes that are happening on your campus that could affect students who are looking to transfer to another Indiana college or university. This is your chance to get the word out about a new degree program on your campus or maybe an old standby that has been withdrawn. Perhaps course numbers and titles are changing that would serve us all well to know. As advisors who want to service our students with accurate and reliable information, we are counting on you to share breaking curricula changes on your campus. I don't have to tell you that we are not always the first to know about such changes through the normal channels. Let's help each other out.

Don't forget to ask about the Institutional Membership in IAAN. Check out the IAAN website at <http://iaan.indiana.edu> and participate as an active member. Your expertise and enthusiasm is needed.

Best wishes. See you at the Conference!

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**What's New
on Your
Campus ?**

*Tell us
through
the
Advisor
Update !*

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. IAAN 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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In order to encourage increased membership from the same institution, IAAN's Board of Director's approved an institutional membership policy. The fee structure is designed to pay five (5) memberships and the sixth (6th) membership is free. The funds are submitted in a single payment and the members are identified at the same time. Simply copy the form inside as needed and send to the IAAN Treasurer. Each identified member through the institutional membership receives a single vote in IAAN business decisions and is eligible to hold office according to the by-laws. Sample fee structure: \$75—6 memberships, \$150—12 memberships, \$225—18

CONFERENCES

IAAN STATE CONFERENCE 2003

By Barb Birchfield, Purdue University North Central, Westville, Indiana

On May 16, 2003, the advisors at Purdue North Central you will be attending the IAAN State Conference. The theme this year is "ARE WE LISTENING?" Often as advisors, we come in to the advising situation with our own agendas and pre-conceived ideas about how best to serve both our internal and external customers. Are we really listening to the changes that are going on around us, or are we sticking to the notions that we already have?

Wes Habley will be the Keynote speaker and will be speaking on the changes in demographics and how that effects our advising situations. Wes comes from ACT and is on the NACADA list of professional advisor speakers.

There will be 6 break out sessions to choose from. They include:

- A panel of Human Resource personnel speaking on what the work force is looking for in a new employee.
- A panel of students speaking on what they need from the advising situation
- Mario Rosa, an advocate for the Hispanic population in LaPorte County will speak on cultural differences and how to address these differences.
- Dr. Debra Taub from Purdue West Lafayette will speak on the developmental stages of the college student.
- Dr. Scott Smithson, Professor of Communications at PNC, will speak on how to enhance our listening techniques.
- Dr. Linda Duttlinger, Professor at PNC, will speak on techniques to assist students to overcome test taking anxiety.

Accommodations have been made at the Hampton Inn for those of you needing to stay over night on Thursday, May 15. A hospitality room for IAAN has been set up and social activities are being planned including an outing to Lake Michigan and to the Light House Mall.

For further information and to make reservations, please go to the IAAN website:<http://iaan.indiana.edu>.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES !

FALL 2003

**October 2nd-5th,
Dallas, TX
27th NACADA
National Conference**



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 the spotlight by hosting future STATE CONFERENCES.

Join other educators from across North America and the world this summer in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada for the Sixteenth International Conference on The First-Year Experience, July 7-10, 2003. The conference will convene higher educators from around the globe who are highly motivated to share ideas, research findings, and programmatic interventions designed to enhance the first-year experience for students throughout the world.

For more information on the conference, pre-conference workshops, registration and other information, visit the conference link at: www.sc.edu/fye

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.

Reports from IAAN members

A forum for IAAN members (or non-members) to discuss and inform other members about programs, conferences or other events.

Benefits of IAAN State Conference

I have had the opportunity to actively participate in IAAN activities during the last few years and I am looking forward to the state conference. I encourage all of you to personally ask another advisor to attend with you.

Our keynote speaker, Wes Habley, has written many articles about practices in academic advising. He has stated that training, evaluation, recognition, and rewards for academic advisors are of utmost importance. These functions are central to the role of IAAN.

Please share with your colleagues the benefit of IAAN membership.

Charlotte Miller, IU, Kokomo
Chair of Membership and Nomination

Statewide Curriculum Corner

Overhauls in English Curriculum at Purdue University

By Joanne Evers,
Purdue University, West Lafayette

ENGL 100-English Composition, ENGL 101-Composition I, ENGL 102-Composition II and ENGL 103-Comprehensive English Composition will no longer be offered in this format effective fall 2003. The English composition requirement on the West Lafayette Campus is now ENGL 106 (4 credits) entitled First-Year Composition effective summer 2003. An advanced course will be offered as well which is ENGL 108 (3 credits) Accelerated First-Year Composition. Test out opportunities are not available for these new classes. ENGL 108 is clearly intended for students with superior writing skills.

There is an extensive credit transfer policy established to accommodate first year composition classes from other institutions which will be sent to you over the IAAN Listserv. In addition, a 3 on the AP exam will be posted as ENGL 106 and a 4 or 5 will be posted as ENGL 108. For more information, please visit <http://web.ics.purdue.edu-roses/ICAPweb/ICAPhome.htm>

COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK FOR IAAN MEMBERS

By Sangita Handa, Purdue University, West Lafayette; Steve Wietstock, Indiana University, Bloomington

In addition to verbal communication, there are at least four other ways IAAN members can communicate with each other.

First is the IAAN web site. Recently, Steve Wietstock updated the site to include several new features--including a database backend for the site which will allow us to process memberships and conference registrations with greater ease and allow various officers to have access to real-time data. We also created a PayPal account to allow online payment of conference fees and membership renewals.

Second, the newsletter "Advisor Update," is published four times a year. It contains articles that are relevant to advisors and educators in colleges and universities across Indiana. It acts as a forum for exchange of ideas and information among this community of people committed to providing high quality educational experiences to college students in Indiana. Members publish articles, news items, announcements, or essays on any topic that they feel will be of interest or benefit to members of IAAN. Occasionally, guests are invited to contribute relevant articles.

A third method of communication is the listserv. The listserv is kept current with our membership and allows items of interest, upcoming events, job postings/announcements and more to be sent to the membership.

Last, but not the least, we have our own e-mail iaan@indiana.edu. As always, please let us know of any additions or changes you think would be appropriate to the website or any of our communications. We are here to serve you and want the IAAN communication tools to be a source of useful information in your position.

DON'T MISS THE

- **EXCITEMENT**
- **LEARNING**
- **FELLOWSHIP**
- **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**
- **FRIENDSHIP**

(and the Boat Tours on Lake Michigan)

**AT THE
IAAN STATE CONFERENCE**

THIS FRIDAY, MAY 16.

PURDUE NORTHWEST CAMPUS, WESTVILLE, INDIANA

For Registration visit <http://iaan.indiana.edu>

registration fee \$20

membership fee (not required) \$15

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO REGISTER !!!

**National Science Foundation Awards Indiana a Five-Year
Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (LSAMP) Grant:
(And How Academic Advisors at Participating Universities Can Be a Part of the Effort)**

Denise M. Driscoll, Diversity Resource Specialist, Diversity Resource Office
Andrew K. Koch, Senior Project Officer, Office of the Provost

Purdue University, West Lafayette

Thanks to the National Science Foundation, 5 universities across the state of Indiana are collaborating to double the number of minority graduates in the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) disciplines. The participating universities include: Ball State University; Indiana University, Bloomington; Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis; Purdue University, Calumet; and Purdue University, West Lafayette. The grant is a unique opportunity to work in partnership to strengthen and coordinate our efforts across Indiana.

The purpose of the grant is to provide early experiences with research and teaching that will help LSAMP students forge and sustain an academic and a social identification within their STEM disciplines. Given the relative prevalence of K-12 and Junior/Senior programs, our primary focus is on students beginning in their first year of college through the end of their sophomore year. To achieve this purpose, each alliance partner will implement aspects of three programs. Each program will be briefly described with accompanying bulleted suggestions about ways that academic advisors at participating universities can help make the grant a success.

1) Summer Transition and Academic Research Programs (STAR Programs) -- STAR programs will provide research and career enrichment experiences that include such activities as the following: (1) participation in a summer bridge program with a "hands on" introduction to research experiences component; (2) formal and informal meetings with faculty and/or graduate mentors; (3) visits to laboratories that emphasize the active involvement of students; (4) participation in summer research experiences; and (5) participation in the annual LSAMP Indiana Research and Alliance Enrichment Conference.

On the Purdue University, West Lafayette campus, for example, LSAMP funding is being used to allow more underrepresented students to take part in existing summer research opportunities such as MARC AIM. At Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis, LSAMP funds will be used to help expand MEAP and Project SEED.

Academic advisors can help make STAR Programs a success by:

- Helping to publicize summer research programs to first- and second-year students in STEM fields;
- Informing faculty who work with undergraduate researchers about the availability of additional funds; and,
- Volunteering to serve as a research experience coordinator (for academic advisors who hold faculty positions in a STEM field).

2) Supplemental Instruction (SI) -- SI offers students the chance to lead and/or participate in review and study skill sessions to supplement course instruction. The grant funds can help start an SI program, such as at Purdue University Calumet, or they can be used to expand a SI-program, such as at Ball State University and Indiana-University Bloomington.

To help students benefit from the LSAMP-Indiana funded SI sessions, academic advisors can:

- Share information on SI sessions with students; and,
- Nominate high achieving students to be SI leaders.

3) Coordination and Development Programs -- To forge the Alliance, all parties involved in LSAMP Indiana will be invited to conferences in order to: (1) enhance the alliance by sharing data, program experiences (successes and failures), and ideas for improving programs and the alliance; (2) provide conference experiences that serve academic and social identification needs; and (3) build a supportive network of STEM scholars (faculty, graduate students, administrators, and students) working toward a shared goal who can help guide the alliance; and (4) develop diversity competencies among faculty, administrators, support staff, and graduate and undergraduate students affiliated with LSAMP Indiana by developing new and innovative workshops that are then adapted and administered on each campus.

To help make the coordination and development programs a success, academic advisors can:

- Attend and/or assist with the development and implementation of diversity workshops for faculty, staff, and students in the STEM fields; and,
- Participate in the annual LSAMP conferences that will expand the network of faculty and administrators who work to help underrepresented students succeed in the STEM fields.

The LSAMP-Indiana alliance will enable all participating universities to provide a more meaningful and successful college experience, to STEM minority and non-minority students alike. We invite you to help make LSAMP Indiana a success. For answers to questions about how you can get involved with the LSAMP-Indiana project on your campus, contact your LSAMP-Indiana campus coordinator. Contact information will be posted this summer on the LSAMP-Indiana web site at <http://www.purdue.edu/lsamp/>.

CALLING INDIANA ADVISORS

Outstanding Indiana Advisor Award

By Kay Solomon, Purdue University, West Lafayette

The professional development committee is pleased to announce that they will be making an announcement at the state conference! We won't spill the beans beforehand, but we would like everyone to know that we will be announcing the winners of the first-ever Indiana outstanding advisor award. The winners embody all that is great with advising across the state!

The committee is also continuing the professional development grant program. The application is on the IAAN web site. The deadline for submission is June 15. We encourage all advisors to consider applying for this grant. We're here to support your professional development activities!

ByLaws to be Revisited at the Conference!

There will be a vote on bylaws revisions at the Annual Meeting that will take place in conjunction with the IAAN State Conference on May 16 at Purdue North Central.

The changes to the bylaws reflect the changes in (1) the selection of and the role of the NACADA State Liaison to bring our bylaws into conformity with the changes in the NACADA governance structure, and (2) changes in the IAAN communication committee due to implementation of the IAAN listserv.

These changes are available for viewing at the IAAN website (<http://iaan.indiana.edu>) by following the link in the left-hand navigation bar. Please take time to review these changes prior to the annual meeting where we will vote to accept or reject these changes. Please send any comments directly to me and not to the entire listserv.

I look forward to seeing you at the conference in May.

Steven M. Wietstock, Ph.D., IU, Bloomington

Get Involved !

During our state conference (May 16, 2003), we will hold our annual meeting. One item of business will be the election of officers. One of my tasks is to seek candidates for the slate of officers.

The elected positions for 2003 include:

- Secretary (two year term)
- North Indiana Regional Representative (two year term)
- South Indiana Regional Representative (two year term)
- Annually Appointed positions include:
 - Chair of Communications and Newsletter Editor
 - Webmaster
 - Chair of Membership and Nominations
 - Chair of Professional Development
 - 2004 State Conference Chair
 - State Affairs Liaison

If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors, please contact me as soon as possible. In addition, please contact me if you would like the current Board of Directors to know of your interest in being assigned to a committee.

Thanks,
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**An opportunity to re-energize !
State Conference on May 16 !**