

Welcome!

Today, we gather to celebrate the invaluable role that academic advising plays in shaping the future of our students. Together, we will explore innovative approaches that will enhance the educational experience of our students and empower them to achieve their full potential.

The importance of academic advising cannot be overstated. It serves as a guiding light, illuminating the path for our students as they navigate the complexities of higher education. Our dedicated academic advisors play a pivotal role in helping students make informed decisions about their academic journey, ensuring they are equipped with the necessary tools and resources to succeed.

This conference is a testament to our commitment to continuous improvement and excellence in academic advising. It provides an opportunity for us to learn from each other's experiences, gain fresh insights, and develop new approaches that will further elevate the quality of advising we provide to our students.



I am delighted to see such a diverse and distinguished gathering of professionals from various institutions and backgrounds. Your presence here today is a demonstration of your dedication to the field of academic advising and your unwavering commitment to student success. We are privileged to have you all as part of this conference, and I am confident that the knowledge and expertise you bring will enrich our discussions and contribute to meaningful outcomes.

My sincere gratitude to the organizing committee for their tireless efforts in putting together this remarkable event. Thank you, and I wish you all a productive and inspiring conference ahead!

– Virginia C. Tudela, Ph.D.
GCC Vice President of Academic Affairs

DAY 1

Agenda

APRIL 1, 2024

Day 1 of Professional Development Plenary Session

7:30 – 8:00 AM	Registration GCC (Employees Only)
8:00 – 9:00 AM	GCC ISER Updates (Employees Only)
9:00 – 9:30 AM	Break and Sign In Local and Regional Participants
9:30 – 9:35 AM	Welcoming Remarks Dr. Mary A.Y. Okada, GCC President & CEO
9:35 – 9:40 AM	Introduction of Plenary Speakers Jonah Concepcion, <i>Chair</i> <i>Professional Development Initiatives Committee</i> Patricia Terlaje, <i>Associate Professor, Chair,</i> <i>Academic Advising Task Force</i>
9:40 – 10:35 AM	Student Success: Creating a Collaborative Advising Culture
10:35 – 10:45	Break
10:45 AM – 12:00 PM	Recruitment, Persistence, and Retention: How to Engage a Student in the First 10 Days
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Fiesta Lunch
1:05 – 2:00 PM	Ethical Issues in Advising
2:00 – 2:50 PM	Student Struggles: Advising Students with Challenges and Special Needs
2:50 – 3:00 PM	Break
3:00 – 4:00 PM	Q&A with NACADA: The Global Community for Academic Advising, Inc. Remain in the MPA Faculty: Union Meeting Building E, Rooms E119 + E120 Staff: Staff Senate Meeting Building 5000, Room 5108
4:00 PM	Day 1 Plenary Session Ends All classes resume regular schedule.