

# ADVISING NEWS

Advising Resource Center | University of Arizona | December 2015

## UPAC Meeting

**December 9**  
9:00 – 10:15  
SUMC 411

*Agenda topics include:*

Second language placement  
and proficiency,

Women in Science &  
Engineering program

UA Campus Pantry

Since it is the season of giving please consider bringing an item to donate to the [UA Campus Pantry](#). They are especially in need of non-perishable food items such as cereal, pasta, pasta sauce, canned fruit, vegetables, soups and peanut butter.

**Thank you!**

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***A special note of gratitude goes to Michael Greely who has served as a UPAC Co-Chair the past two years. Michael's term of office ends this month.***

***Thank you  
for your service Michael!***

## Global Focus: UA's International Recruitment & Retention Efforts

Dr. Rachel Beech, Director  
Office of International Admissions  
*and*  
Stephanie Adamson, Director of Recruitment  
Graduate College

12:00 – 1:00  
Tuesday, December 8  
SUMC 411

Learn the why and how behind UA's growing focus on international undergraduate recruitment and retention. The session will share our goals and objectives and allow an opportunity for questions and feedback.

Read related article in the Daily Wildcat, 11/30 edition, at:

<http://www.wildcat.arizona.edu/article/2015/11/ua-takes-a-look-at-international-enrollment>

## New Advisor Orientation

**Friday December 11, 2015**  
**SUMC 411: 8:00 – 12:00**

**Topics Include:** Academic Advising at the UA; Life Cycle of a Student; Advisor Notes and Resources; Communication and Interpersonal Skills; Transfer Credit; General Education and Foundations

**RSVP to [catts@email.arizona.edu](mailto:catts@email.arizona.edu)**

## Academic Advising Advanced Training

**Friday, December 11, 2015**  
**1:30 – 3:30**

Advisors who would like to attend the Academic Advising Advanced Training can now sign up via UAccess Learning. All scheduled sessions are open available for you to sign-up. To find the training sessions, go to [learning.uaccess.arizona.edu](http://learning.uaccess.arizona.edu) and click on Find Learning on the left side, then type in UAccess Student in the search box. If you do not see the Academic Advising Advanced sessions in your search results, this means you need to complete the Academic Advising Basics. Once Basics is completed and you receive a notification (usually overnight) then the Advanced course will appear as an option.

Please note that attending this training does not automatically grant access to Student Exceptions. An official security request email must also be submitted by your supervisor if it has not been submitted previously. Directions for submitting a request can be found online at: [https://request.uaccess.arizona.edu/uaccess\\_appreq/](https://request.uaccess.arizona.edu/uaccess_appreq/) If you have any questions please contact Heather at [Jepsenh@email.arizona.edu](mailto:Jepsenh@email.arizona.edu).



# NACADA WebEvents



**Communicating Effectively in Academic Advising:  
It's not just WHAT we say, but HOW and WHEN we say it**

**Thursday, December 10**

**12:00 – 1:00**

**SUMC 411**

## **Webinar Overview**

In 2008, Jose Rodriguez (Florida International University) began the discussion of the importance of communication skills in academic advising in the NACADA Webinar environment with his presentation of *Significant Conversations: The Art and Science of Communication in Transformational Advising*. In 2010, Jose returned to our Webinar venue with Susan Kolls (Northeastern University) to further the discussion with *Breaking Bad News: Delivery Techniques that Help Students Make Good Alternative Choices*.

On December 10<sup>th</sup>, a team of five “**Best of Region**” presentation winners will continue the discussion when they assemble to share their insights on important aspects of communication that are essential to quality academic advising. Our Region 10 team, **Denée Janda, Megan Stephenson, and Debbie O'Neill** (University of Colorado-Boulder), will consider how nonverbal communication influences advisor-advisee interactions, contributing to the quality of their relationship. Our Region 1 team, **Jessica Karner** (Worcester Polytechnic Institute) and **Melissa Jenkins** (Bentley University), will consider what happens when the trusting relationships developed between advisor and advisee lead to the sharing of sensitive information. These combined teams will discuss how advisors can demonstrate caring to their students by becoming aware of how we communicate with our advisees. They will provide practical tips for implementing effective communication techniques and strategies.

Registrants for the coming Web Event are encouraged to view the recordings of the previous webinars on this topic for expanded understanding.

- [Significant Conversations: The Art and Science of Communication in Transformational Advising](#)
- [Breaking Bad News: Delivery Techniques that Help Students Make Good Alternative Choices](#)

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## **Announcing: Travel Grants!**

The [Academic Advising Conference Funding Application](#) for spring 2016 is now available.

Application deadline for spring semester: Friday, January 22, 2016 (5:00 p.m.)

The [Region 10 NACADA Conference](#) is being held May 23-25 in Santa Fe, New Mexico

*Questions? Contact the ARC at 626-7988*

**The Office of Student Engagement is Open for Business**

By Alexis Rhyner, Sr. Coordinator, Student Engagement

If you've been in the Union lately you may have noticed something new and exciting between Sabor and Core. It's the Office of Student Engagement! Our official address is Student Union Memorial Center, suite #248. It is a pretty exciting new addition to the Union, if I do say so myself. It is also a wonderful new addition for the Engagement initiative on campus. This office is a hub for all of the Engagement opportunities at UA, and it is a place where students can get information on all of the options available to them. Faculty and staff can work together to move engagement forward at the University of Arizona.

Not only is my office located in the new space, but there is also an office available for reservation if a department is looking for an opportunity for office hours in a more student-centered location. The Office of Student Engagement also has a large room available for reservation. It can be used for meetings, workshops, trainings, recruitment programming, and whatever else could benefit from a main floor Union Space with a mall entrance. It is fully equipped with a smart board and modular furniture that allows for very versatile use. Our office hours are 10-5pm, but events can be held outside of those hours as well.

If you are looking to start getting involved with the Engagement initiative on campus or are just looking for more information you are welcome to email [aiss-ose@email.arizona.edu](mailto:aiss-ose@email.arizona.edu) or request a reservation through our website on the [Contact Us](#) page. If you are just curious about The Office of Student Engagement you are welcome to take a peek anytime, or we'd love for you to come get involved with Finals Survival Week in OSE. We will have events going from December 9<sup>th</sup> through December 16<sup>th</sup> including stress-relieving coloring hours from 3-5pm. We can't wait to have you come #engagewithus in #suite248!

**Did you Know?**

The Transfer Student Academic Preview (TSAP) was once called the Online Academic Tour (OAT). You will find that the TSAP is referred to as the OAT in UAccess Student. In UAccess Student select Main Menu > Student Admissions > Applicant Summaries > UA Next Steps Admin. If you see Online Academic Tour Complete then you know the student has actually completed the TSAP.

