

## A Message from the President

I recently returned from the NACADA Annual Conference in Baltimore, Maryland. What an exciting event this always is! This year, 3100 advisors from the US and Canada came together discussing great ideas to help each other. I attended many sessions on a variety of topics and one important one was the Ohio Session. This was a time to talk with and meet advisors from around our state, including some who are not OHAAA members.

There are many things happening within OHAAA. Our regional seminar is now set and you can read about it elsewhere in this newsletter. The work on the Annual Conference has started. If you have any suggestions for speakers and/or themes for the annual conference NOW is the time to let your Board of Directors know. Email your suggestions to [Kevin.Smith@wright.edu](mailto:Kevin.Smith@wright.edu).

I am proud that OHAAA is an affiliate organization of the 10,000 member strong NACADA. Did you know our region, Region 5, is the largest region in NACADA and makes up approximately 20% of the NACADA membership! I hope many of you are planning on attending the Region 5 Annual Conference in April.

I know many of us are now going full steam ahead with registrations for the next term and it seems our work is never done. Just remember the work we do is helping one student directly and many people indirectly – “Advising is Teaching”.

As the season of many holidays starts, on behalf of OHAAA, let me say - HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO EVERYONE!

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## Second Annual Regional Seminar Coming Quick!

The second Annual OHAAA Regional Seminar is now set. **"Advisor Help Me! Working With Exploratory and At-Risk Students"** is this year's theme.



The seminar will be held on March 14<sup>th</sup> at Miami University-Middletown and will be a half day event. Dr. Molly Schaller from university of Dayton will be our guest speaker for this exciting event.

This year we will also be having discounts for groups from a single institution! So the more people you have attending, the lower the cost per person. We also are now accepting VISA payments.

You will be receiving more information in the mail in the near future. However, now is the time to start planning to attend this seminar.

***I'll see you in March!***

*"Managers often mistake surface issues for real problems. Look beyond symptoms to find underlying causes."*

**-Reflections For Managers (1993)**

*"Competition doesn't create character, it exposes it."*

### ADVISING QUOTE

*"BEGIN THE ADVISING RELATIONSHIP WITH AN AWARENESS OF THE LARGER PURPOSE OF ADVISING AND MOVE TO AN AWARENESS OF DETAILS."*

**-ACADEMIC ADVISING FOR STUDENT SUCCESS  
BY SUSAN FROST**

## 2008 Academic Advisor Excellence Award

It is time for you to be taking a close look at your coworkers and peers for the 2008 Academic Advisor Excellence Award. This award will be presented during the Annual Conference in June 2008. But nominations will be due before then.

To be eligible, OHAAA members were nominated for the Academic Advisor Excellence Award based upon evidence of the following criteria: Service and commitment to students, Service and commitment to the college, Represents their college well to the public, Innovation in advising services, External recognition and service (NACADA; Awards; advising publications, etc), Goes beyond the call of duty. Self nominations were not allowed.

Your Board of Directors is reviewing the procedures for the award and due dates. They will be published as soon as we can so watch your mail!