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The Student Success and Advising Digest provides information and updates related to academic advising and student success initiatives at UCF.

### **NACADA 2023 Annual Conference to be hosted in Orlando in October**

By Jenna Nobili



Morning dew and calm waters accent the beauty of sunrise at Rosen Shingle Creek, site of the 2023 NACADA Annual Conference. Photo by Rosen Shingle Creek®.

NACADA, The Global Community for Academic Advising, is hosting its annual conference in Orlando, FL. The conference will be held at the Rosen Shingle Creek Hotel from October 4-7, 2023, touting the theme “Reimagine the Magic of Academic Advising.” UCF is well represented on the conference planning committee, with Joshua “JJ” Johnson (Military and Veteran Success Center), serving as one of the conference co-chairs. Other committee members include Jenna Nobili (Student Success and Advising) and Nina Leonard (College of Business Administration) as Concurrent Session Co-Chairs, and from the Rosen College of Hospitality Management, Vanessa Blackmon and Edwina Norvelus serving as Entertainment and Hospitality Co-Chairs, and Jamie Davis serving as Volunteers and Evaluations Co-Chair.

There are twenty-eight (28) UCF staff and faculty members who will be presenting at the conference. Some of the topics facilitated by UCF include major exploration, professional development for academic advisors, writing for the NACADA Journal, and working with various student populations such as transfer, international, and at-risk students. UCF staff and faculty who are attending the NACADA Conference will soon receive an invite to a NACADA Pre-Conference Celebration to be held the afternoon of October 4, prior to the official start of the conference. UCF conference presenters will receive special recognition at this event. This celebration is being hosted by the Division of Student Success and Well-Being and the Rosen College of Hospitality Management.

NACADA is continuing its annual conference tradition of supporting a philanthropic organization, local to where the conference is being held. NACADA has selected [A Gift for Teaching](#), a local non-profit organization, that provides free school supplies for K-12 students and teachers in Orange and Osceola counties. Conference participants can make an [online donation](#) to A Gift for Teaching or bring a school supply items to donate at the conference. Even if you are unable

to attend NACADA, you are encouraged to donate or bring a school supply donation to the [September 22 AEP Meeting](#).

Additional details about the conference, including the schedule, keynote speakers, and registration, is available at the [conference website](#). Those who have yet to register for the conference should do so before September 20 to receive a discounted registration rate. If you are attending the conference and are interested in volunteering, NACADA will soon contact conference attendees to solicit volunteer interest.

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## 2022-2023 Student Success and Advising Highlights

By Jesse Sunski

University of Central Florida

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**2022 2023**  
*Highlights*



**Student Success and Advising (SSA)** creates opportunities for undergraduate students to thrive by providing a system of support to foster academic success, retention, and timely degree attainment. Working collaboratively with the colleges and campus partners, we assist students in achieving their academic and personal goals. Our team includes the following areas:

-  Academic Services for Student-Athletes
-  First Year Experience
-  Knights Major Exploration and Transition Center
-  Pre-Health and Pre-Law Advising
-  Student Academic
-  University Testing Center
-  Advisor Training and
-  myKnight STAR

Check out the Student Success and Advising Highlights for information on new initiatives and program highlights from the past academic year

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## News and Updates

### ALC Corner: Fall 2023 Updates

By Lucas Noboa

The Advising Leadership Council (ALC) is beginning the 2023-24 academic year with Lucas Noboa

### SARC is now Offering Prep Services for Admissions Exams

By Katie Adams

(College of Nursing) serving as Chair and Lauren Murray-Lemon (College of Medicine) as Vice-Chair.

The ALC has taken the summer to develop priorities for this academic year. Some of these priorities include meeting with SGA leaders to discuss the perception of undergraduate academic advising and ways academic advising can be enhanced across colleges.

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## Students connect with campus resources at the 2023 Welcome Expo

By Simone Teel

On August 23, the annual [UCF Welcome Expo](#) was held in the Pegasus Ballroom during [Pegasus Palooza](#) and welcomed over 1,400 students to the UCF campus for the fall 2023 semester.

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## Student Academic Policies Reminder

By Barbara Smith

Three new student academic policies are now in effect. The first is the Withdrawal Policy for students admitted to UCF in Summer 2023 and later. The two other policies affect all undergraduate students: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory Grading and Timely Academic Progress Toward a Degree.

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## Articles and Resources

[Valencia, UCF Receive \\$1.3M from Helios Education Foundation to Increase Number of Graduates Through Student Stipends and Support](#) (Valencia College News, 7/2023)

[48. Expert Session - Dr. Paul Dosal](#) (ASCEND Podcast, 6/2023)

The Student Academic Resource Center (SARC) is now offering Admissions Exams Prep services to help students prepare for graduate and professional school admissions exams. These services are focused on helping support students bound for health-related careers prepare for their next step.

SARC has expanded services to offer group and one-on-one tutoring, and workshop sessions to help students prepare and review content covered on select graduate and professional school admissions exams, including content from the GRE, MCAT, DAT, OAT, PCAT, and NCLEX.

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## Accelerate progression with CLEP Course Credit by Exam for Free

By Sandra Brasch

The College Level Examination Program (CLEP) program is a resource many incoming college students overlook, one that can save students hundreds of dollars in tuition and fees and help them stay on track for timely graduation. The [Modern States program](#) is a free resource available to all students that provides comprehensive online test prep programs for CLEP exams, and can be used to test for free as well!

[Read More](#)

[“Dear Colleague” Two US Government Agencies Address Online Accessibility in Higher Education: Are Regulations Next?](#) (Link: The Journal of Higher Education Web Professionals, 7/2023)

## Reminders and Upcoming Events

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### ALC and Pegasus Awards Applications

The 2023 academic advising awards application cycle will open soon! Applications will be accepted for the [ALC Advising Awards](#) and the [Pegasus Advisor and Coach Awards](#). An email announcement with the award guides, application links, and additional details will be distributed the week of September 5. Applications will be due October 10.

### 2023-2024 Advisor Enhancement Program (AEP) schedule

Visit the [Academic Advising Community page](#) of the Student Success and Advising (SSA) website for AEP dates and meeting agendas, presentations, and handouts. The first [AEP meeting](#) is September 22 at 10 am in the Charge on Chamber (SU340). It will be steamed live through Zoom.

### EAB: What Does Student Success Look Like in the 2020s? | September 25

Pandemic-era students are learning and socializing much differently from their predecessors, foretelling big changes to the student success landscape. Enrollment shifts, K-12 disruption, and a dramatic increase in mental health needs will impact college retention and completion for years to come. To understand these changes, EAB analyzed data from dozens of independent sources to provide leaders with a roadmap of what lies ahead.

Monday, September 25 | 9:00am-11:00am | Live Oak Ballroom | [RSVP](#) by September 15.

### NACADA Region Conferences: Call for Proposals

Program proposals are now being accepted for the 2023 NACADA Region Conferences. The proposals are due September 27. Visit the [Region Conferences page](#) for proposal requirements and to begin your proposal submission. The Region 4 conference will be co-hosted with Region 7 in New Orleans, Louisiana on February 25-27.

### Florida Summit on Accelerating Transfer Success

Registration is now open for the sixth annual Florida Summit on Accelerating Transfer Success at the University of South Florida on November 6, 2023. [Program proposals](#) for the summit are being accepted through September 5. Visit the [event page](#) for additional information and to complete your registration.

To share your news and updates in a future SSA Quarterly Digest, visit the [SSA Website](#) for the Communications Request form and newsletter distribution schedule

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