



The University of Texas at Austin Academic Counselors Association

May 19, 2021

8:15am Zoom Room Opens

8:30am Welcome

- Sawyer Tedder & Mckinlaye Harkavy – ACA Co-VPs

8:30am New Student Services (NSS)

- Dr. Celena Mondie-Milner, Director
- Summer Orientation Hybrid Model
 - Keeping in line with potential for campus reopening
 - Day one in person, Day 2-3 virtually
 - \$60 increase (covers 4 meals and housing)
 - Single occupancy or double occupancy
- Orientation dates have not changed
- 1/3 of registrants have opted into hybrid so far for each of 7 freshmen sessions
 - May see a shift in higher numbers in July
- All information can be found on NSS website
- Transfer – virtual sessions
 - Final option in July – hybrid option
- Deferment payment option for both versions
- Computer access available on campus
- Health and Safety
 - COVID testing will not be required, but encouraged to test 3 days prior to session; vaccinations 2 weeks prior
 - Rapid testing and temporary isolation for positive test
- Advising and Registration
 - Online academic meeting and registration
 - Schools/colleges will have virtual/hybrid roster
 - Extended check-out time (6pm) for advising appts/travel (Day 2)
 - OAs on campus
- Hybrid approach – in person elements
 - Small groups/wings – 15 to 20 students all from same college
 - Share meals, campus tours, icebreakers
 - Morning and afternoon meetings
 - Social programs – make connections with peers



- Yard games, watch a movie, live performances, trivia, bingo
 - Day 2 – no in-person activities (except for checkout)
- FAQ on website

8:50am ACA Elections

- Cristabella Trimble-Quiz, ACA Secretary
- Thank you for nominating your colleagues!
 - Whether they were able to accept the nomination or not, the nominees expressed their appreciation for your nominations and encouragement.
- Thank you to the Nominations Committee: Wendy Boggs, Patty Moran Micks, Virginia Pearson
- Voting via ballot to be emailed out (in the next few days):
 - **Treasurer-Elect**, nominees:
 - Alexis Kyle
 - D’Evelyn Kaburu
- Elected via voice vote following Robert’s Rules:
 - ACA Exec
 - **Co-Presidents-Elect**
 - Peggy Sharp and Sawyer Tedder
 - **Co-Vice Presidents**
 - Ashley Moir and Sarah Talley
 - **Secretary**
 - Amy Xenakis
 - **Historian**
 - Chris Montes
 - **Communications Coordinator**
 - Anissa Martinez
 - Committee Chairs
 - **POD Mentor Program**
 - Sara Corson
 - **Professional Development Day**
 - Emma Decker and Adrian Lancaster (co-chairs)
 - **Holiday Party**
 - Mitchell Ridsdale
 - **Annual Advising Event**
 - Wendy Boggs
 - **Resources for Ongoing Advisor Development**



- Jay Guevara and Megan McKay (co-chairs)
 - **FUNdraising**
 - Rebecca Marcus and Lisa Valdez (co-chairs)
- Congratulations to our newly elected Exec and Committee Chairs!

9:35am ACA Awards Recipients

- Peggy Sharp & Sydney Benator
- **Vick Advising Awards** (not coordinated by Awards & Recognition Committee, but wanted to recognize the recipients)
 - **Jessica Bradford** – Jackson School of Geosciences
 - **Ana Dison** – Cockrell School of Engineering
 - **Lia Haisley** – College of Liberal Arts
 - **Jessica Silva** – College of Education
 - **Susan Somers** – College of Liberal Arts
- **NACADA Awards**
 - Outstanding New Advisor: **Heather Peterson** – College of Liberal Arts
 - Outstanding Administrator: **Vanessa Garcia** – School of Undergraduate Studies
 - Outstanding Advisor: **Juliana Lindsey** – College of Liberal Arts
 - Outstanding Advising Program: **Ramshorn Scholars (Kristen, Tiffany, Deanna)** – Cockrell School of Engineering
- **ACA Student Scholarships**
 - **Lily Yeager** – BSA Neuroscience – Peer Coordinator for PLUS Program
 - **Natalia Gonzalez** – BA Marketing – BBA International Program Peer Advisor
 - **Lilibeth Ramirez** – BA Applied Learning and Development – Minorities in Education Learning Assistant
 - **Angelina Ramirez** – BA International Relations and Global Studies – Resident Assistant and FIG Mentor
 - **Angelica Zambrano** – BSA Biochemistry – Biology Course Assistant, TIP Scholars
- **ACA Staff Scholarships**
 - **Guillermo Alvarado** – Center for First Year Advising – College of Natural Sciences
 - **Jinane Sounny-Slitine** – Undergraduate Program Coordinator – School of Social Work
 - **Darcy Barrick** – Sanger Learning Center – School of Undergraduate Studies



- ACA Advising Awards
 - Dedication to Students: **Melissa Alemán** – College of Natural Sciences
 - Service to Advising Profession: **Mckinlaye Harkavy** – Cockrell School of Engineering
 - Creating Positive Change: **Casey Bushman** – College of Liberal Arts
- ACA Top Cat and Dog
 - Top Cat: **Dorian Babcock**
 - Human: Renee Babcock – Cockrell School of Engineering
 - Top Dog: **Teddy Marcus**
 - Human: Rebecca Marcus – College of Liberal Arts
- ACA Best Dressed Pets
 - **Lawrence-Christopher Pereira, R.N.**
 - Human: Marc Pereira
 - **Dr. Mojo Jojo Duke of Oaks**
 - Human: Marc Pereira

9:50am ACA Committee Updates and General Announcements

- **Minor in Professional Sales and Business Development** – Keri Stephens
 - Overview
 - Joint minor with Moody
 - Campus-wide
 - 40 students/year and grow gradually
 - Application through Texas Business Options
 - Extra support – workshops, sales club, guest speakers, meet with recruiters
 - First class has a mix of people from all over campus
 - Coursework
 - Flexible
 - Requirements: MKT and Comm; sales specific
 - Lots of options and seats in bottleneck courses
 - 1-hour electives
 - Great opportunity for students who are interested in the business side of things
 - Lots of student athletes
 - Reach out if you have any questions
 - Likely to fill the minor in the fall



- **ROAD Committee**
 - Thanks to the committee and everyone for coming to the events!
- **FUNdraising Committee**
 - We are planning an in-person social event – Pups in the Park
 - Pease Park
 - Date to be announced via email
 - E-card fundraiser – commencement to reflect and share appreciation
- **PODs**
 - Thank you to all POD mentors! Thank you for making connections!
 - Currently: final POD Zoom meetups
 - Please consider being a POD mentor or being a part of a POD next year
- **KUDOs** email from Dorie coming soon

10:00am Closing Remarks/Transition to new ACA Co-Presidents

- Stephanie Cantu, ACA President
 - Will send remarks via email

Want to recognize a colleague? Submit KUDOS:
https://mcombs.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2tosTXrhmqf9Jz

We will see you at our next meeting in the fall!

