

# PACADA NEWS

Summer 2022

## Hooray! Celebrating Good News in our PACADA Family!

### Awards:

Christy Tollett, Student Affairs Administrator, was just awarded the 2022 Purdue Polytechnic Institute Statewide Excellence Award at the Polytechnic Staff Awards Reception!

### Babies:

Joe Strickler and his wife Charlotte are expecting their second child. Joe is the Assistant Director for Purdue Promise.

### Travels:

Holly Keckler, Senior Communications/Training/Business Analyst with Office of the Registrar, will be traveling to Norway to celebrate her parent's upcoming 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary! Holly, her brother, and parents visited Norway to learn about her dad's family



**GRADUATION:** Joe Strickler, Director for Purdue Promise, graduated with his master's degree in Student Affairs from Purdue Global!

## The National Academic Advising Association (NACADA) Recognizes 3 Members of the Purdue Advising Community

**Ashley York**, Coordinator of Academic Advising and Student Services, in the College of Agriculture, was selected as a 2022 Certificate of Merit recipient in the [Outstanding Advising Award – Primary Advising Award](#) category

Ashley's nomination for the NACADA Outstanding Advising Award was submitted by the PACADA Membership Committee along with her original nominator, Jackie Boudreaux, after she was selected as the [2022 Purdue Academic Advisor \(PACADA\) Outstanding Academic Advisor Award recipient](#).

**Miranda Jack**, Academic Advisor in Exploratory Studies, was selected as a recipient of the [Outstanding New Advisor Award – Primary Advising Award](#)

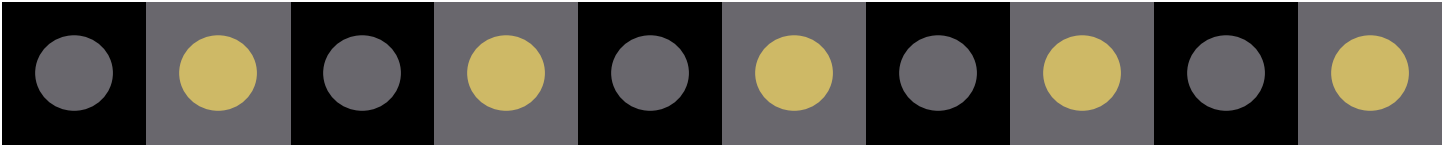
Miranda's nomination for the NACADA Outstanding New Advisor Award was submitted by the PACADA Membership Committee along with her original nominator, Linda Gregory, after she was selected as the [2022 Purdue Academic Advisor \(PACADA\) Outstanding New Professional Award recipient](#).

**Shane Hawkins-Wilding**, Director of Student Services, in the College of Health and Human Sciences, was selected as a 2022 Certificate of Merit recipient in the [Outstanding Advising Award-Administrative](#) category AND as a recipient of the [Region 5 Excellence in Advising –Advising Administration Award](#)

Shane's nomination for both awards was coordinated by Anneliese Beswick on behalf of the College of Health and Human Sciences.

All three had numerous letters of support from administrators, faculty, peers, and students attesting to their dedication and passion. These efforts also deserve recognition as they serve to recognize both individuals as well as the entire Purdue Advising Community. Thank you to all those who participated in the nomination process.

Congratulations Ashley, Miranda, and Shane!



**Pacada Spotlight :**  
**College of Liberal Arts**  
**Nina Haberer**

**How long you've worked at Purdue and what areas you advise in?**

24 years. I advise for History, Film & Video Studies, American Studies, Jewish Studies, and Human Rights Studies.

**What are some of your hobbies?**

Spending time with pets; anything to do with animals really. Cooking and especially baking. Movies and TV. Words and language.

**What is your most memorable moment of working at Purdue?**

I like all the human-to-human connection moments with students. I was going to provide the best, clearest example when I reread the prompt for the question and realized my most memorable moment of working at Purdue is actually something else. I was at work on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001. Word spread through the office of what had happened. That

shock, disbelief and horror was something we shared together. Some of us had relatives in NYC. It was all so surreal. A few days later Purdue held a memorial for those who lost their lives in the twin towers. It was in a packed Elliot Hall of Music and was a truly beautiful, poignant event. A Boilermaker tribute to the fallen and a way for so many to process such an unimaginable act.

**What is your favorite part of working at Purdue?**

I have enjoyed every moment and aspect of working with the Human Rights Studies Program. From being a part of its creation, attending the inaugural speaker event, continuing to serve on the Steering Committee, working with our amazing students and fabulous faculty, helping to organize then attend the amazing symposia, reading the materials we get—it's all so profound and rewarding.

**What is something your students might be surprised to know about you?**

I could tell you, but then I'd have to kill you. Sorry, that's a reflex response from my days as an intelligence operative. Just kidding, that's part of my days on the comedy circuit. I used to do stand up and improv. You know, "Yes and..." No, I'm still playing. But seriously, I do really love humor and comedy. I'm a big goof, although I take important things seriously.

**What advice would you give a new advisor?**

My first boss in this position told me you need to go through a complete academic year cycle, a full year, until you can really begin to get the hang of things. That's so true! There is so much information to take on board. So, I say just keep at it, bit by bit, don't expect to be an expert immediately, keep asking questions, keep looking things up on the websites and asking colleagues. Be patient with yourself, it takes time.





## Mentor/Mentee Highlights

### What positions do each of you hold at Purdue?

Tami Borrer- Academic Advisor for NRES

Katy Panozzo- Academic Advisor in FYE

### Why did you decide to participate in this program?

Tami- I was a mentee when I first began advising at Purdue and I really enjoyed it. I was able to connect with someone with experience in advising on campus and now I want to provide that for someone else.

Katy- As a new advisor in the last year, I really wanted to get to know people across campus. I also enjoy meeting new people and learning their stories. I thought it would be beneficial to learn more about an advisor in a different department and take in whatever wisdom they have to offer.

### How often are you able to meet or connect?

We have met a few times throughout this current year when covid cases were low and in between registration windows.

What activities have you done together?

We go for walks and have lunch together.

### What are some things you have found in common?

Although our departments are very different, we still have the role of an advisor. We are able to relate to each other in terms of our student needs, campus procedures, PACADA events, etc. We both enjoy our jobs and it's fun to compare and contrast our positions.

Differences: Tami is the only advisor for NRES while Katy is one of 11 in FYE. VSTAR looks a lot different for us (volume of students in FYE). Tami works with her students for four plus years and Katy generally only works with her students for one.

### What do you appreciate most in this experience?

We both enjoy having a connection with someone across campus that we may not have had otherwise. Advisors in different departments haven't been able to meet face-to-face often, so it's been nice to sit down for a casual conversation here and there.

### How might you encourage others to participate as Mentors or Mentees?

Tami- The connection and networking piece is great to have. It's also nice to help new advisors and welcome them to Purdue.

Katy- I just think this program is amazing! I now have another resource in Tami while I'm still learning the **ropes of** advising. We text often and communicating with Tami is like talking with someone you have known for a long time. I feel supported by her and I would encourage new advisors to take advantage of building your connections through a mentor/mentee relationship.

### Any last thoughts you would like to share?

Tami was once a PACADA mentee and is now a mentor. Katy plans to mentor in a few years and pay it forward.



**Steering Committee**

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**MISSION & VISION**

The purpose of the Purdue Academic Advising Association (PACADA) is to promote the quality of academic advising at Purdue University, and to this end, it is dedicated to the support and professional growth of academic advising and advisors. PACADA serves its constituency – faculty members, administrators, counselors, academic advisors, graduate students, and others in academic and student affairs concerned with the intellectual, personal, and vocational needs of students. It is the forum for discussion, debate, and the exchange of ideas regarding academic advising with other areas and activities of higher education. PACADA is the representative and advocate of academic advising and academic advisors of [Purdue University](#).

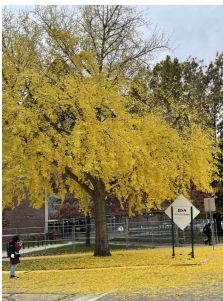


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**Do you have something to share with your fellow PACADA members?**

Please reach out with information and news you feel would be beneficial for others.



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**Fall is coming! Don't miss the beautiful Ginko tree by Armstrong!**

