The Annual 2015 TEXAAN Conference was held February 18-20, 2015 in beautiful, sunny Corpus Christi, Texas! It was chaired this year by John Paul (JP) Regalado from Texas A&M University—Corpus Christi and a wonderful host committee from various institutions around the area. A special thanks to all members of this year’s conference committee: John Paul (JP) Regalado, Nancy Garcia (South Texas College), Jerilee Milligan (Texas A&M University—Corpus Christi), Gary Rivera (Del Mar College), Rachelle Stanley (Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi), Rosendo Villagran, Jr. (South Texas College), Jennifer Arnold (Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi), Kathleen De La Garza (Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi), Shana Goeyns (Stephen F. Austin State University), Gracie Martinez (Del Mar College), Jennie Syamken (Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi) and Gary Rivera (Del Mar College). Without your help and dedication, TEXAAN 2015 would not have been a hit with over 180 attendees from around our great state and 28 concurrent sessions to attend.

As many of you may already know, TEXAAN closes out each year with a presentation of awards. This year Jason Norman from Amarillo College was recognized as the Academic Advising Administrator for 2015. Jacqueline Moczgemba, from Texas State University—San Marcos, was the recipient of Faculty Advisor Recognition award. Staci Perezx Strauch, from Texas State University—San Marcos, was the recipient of the Outstanding Academic Advisor award and Trina Menefee from Stephen F. Austin State University was awarded with the TEXAAN Scholarship which will enable to her to continue her education while serving as an academic advisor at her institution. The last award to be presented, Best in Texas, was awarded to Jeanette Pacheco and Marc Jimenez of Texas State University-San Marcos for their presentation on ‘The Millennial Experience.’

Officer elections for 2015-2016 were held the second day of the conference when Matthew Haynes (University of Texas—Austin) was elected President Elect. He will serve as TEXXAN President during 2016-2017. Newly elected officers include TEXXAN members Casey Ramos (Tarrant County College; Vice President of Programs), Kelsey Davidson (Texas A&M University—Corpus Christi; Vice President of Technology) and Claudia L. Trevino (Texas State University; Secretary). Other officers, Temple Carter (Texas State University-San Marcos; President), Vince Hernandez (Texas A&M University; Immediate Past President), Shana Goeyns (Stephen F. Austin University; Vice President of Membership/Treasurer) and Betsy Hadad (University of Texas—San Antonio; Vice President of Publications) were voted into office at TEXXAN 2014 and will complete their officer duties in February 2016. Thank you Kristen Cartwright, Kimberly Nanez, Ashley Hulme, Nancy Garcia and Trina Menefee for their service and dedication to TEXXAN from 2013-2015.
Every year at the TEXAAN Annual Conference a presentation is selected as the *Best in Texas*. This year, Jeanette Pacheco and Mac Jimenez, academic advisors in the PACE Advising Center at Texas State University—San Marcos were awarded. Winning this award allowed them to present their workshop at the Region 7 Annual Conference in Baton Rouge, Louisiana in March.

**What is the name of your presentation?** The Millennial Experience

**How did you select this topic?**

**Jeanette:** The Millennial Experience was inspired by "The Mandarin Game" by Gary Giombi. The Mandarin Game is a "Choose-You-Own-Adventure" activity I participated in back at a conference in 2011. The Mandarin Game challenges participants to exercise critical thinking skills, express philosophical points of view, apply ethics, and appreciation of differences. The Mandarin Game is attached, but in short, participants discuss and vote on whether or not to end a man's life for the well being of the community. After participating in the Mandarin Game, I thought a choose-your-own-adventure activity would be fun to incorporate into a presentation discussing traits of our college students. And what better thing to discuss with advisors than a student's college experience.

**Marc:** I was invited by Jeanette to present with her. I loved the concept of the presentation and was honored that she allowed me to be part of it.

**Why is it important for academic advisors to know?**

**Jeanette:** Millennial characteristics are important for advisors to know because the majority of college students are part of the Millennial generation. Not only is the Millennial Experience a "choose-your-own-adventure" activity, it's also sort of a mini ethnographic experience (haha). Through this experience I hoped participants would gain a better perspective of what it's like to be a millennial college student and inform advisors what life problems they may face on a college campus.

**Marc:** As Academic Advisors spend more time on the job, it's helpful to remind advisors about the students they serve.

**How did it feel to win Best in Texas presentation award?**

**Jeanette:** When I first heard our presentation and names called, I was shocked. Our room wasn't full, but it was great to know our audience benefitted from our information and they were engaged in the activity. It was even more exciting the weeks after TEXAAN when advisors from the presentation emailed us asking for the script and activity rules so they could play with their staff.

**Marc:** I was surprised we won, given that there were many great presentations at TEXAAN. I was glad people liked the presentation. I hope they are better advisors because of it.
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Please contact advising.conference@utsa.edu with any questions you may have.
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Planning Pinterest: A Hands-On Approach to Pinterest Use in Academic Advising
Maggie, Gilchrest and Devin McCain, Texas Tech University

Which Major? Efforts Implemented at a Large Institution to Assist Sophomores with Major Exploration
Jessica Luhn & Catarina Dominguez, Texas State University

Motivational Interviewing Theory in Advising
Sarah Dingus, Texas Tech University

SMARTer, Better, Faster, Stronger: A Goal-Setting Workshop
Jamie Haider, Texas State University

Advising African America Males
Terrance McClain, Texas State University

*winner of Best in Region 7

A Match Made in the Interview: Revitalizing the Hiring Process to Find Your Perfect New Advisor
Lindsay Stadter, Claudia Trevino, Angelica Barrera, Staci Strauch & Jamie Haider, Texas State University

Improving Self-Awareness and Self-Knowledge: A Cognitive Information Processing Approach to Career Decision Making
Jordan Ryan & Ali Luempert, Texas Tech University

Writing for NACADA: NACADA Journal, Academic Advising Today, Clearinghouse, NACADA-produced books and the NACADA Blog
Carol Pollard, University of North Texas

Think Like an RD: Applying Residence Life Skills to Enhance Academic Advising Practice
Margaret Garry & Jeanette Pacheco, Texas State University

Climbing the Academic Advisors’ Career Ladder: How Much Are You Worth?
William Fleming & Wesley Boyd, Sam Houston State University

Haters Gonna Hate, Transformational Leaders Gonna Motivate...
Trina Gregory, Amber Skinner & Donna Witt, Texas A&M University

Audacious Adventures in Advising: How the TWU College of Health Sciences Prepares Students to Succeed
Janelle Davis, Kim Taylor & C. David Infante, Texas Woman’s University

Who’s Afraid of the Big, Bad, Parent: Parental Involvement and Advising Success!
Vince Hernandez & Sherrice King, Texas A&M University

The Power of Leadership: Advising Toward Autonomy
Catherine Nutter, Texas Tech University

Integrating Graduate Assistants and Interns into Beneficial Roles for Academic Advising Centers
Jeanette Pacheco, Georgeann Calzada & Kristopher Infante, Texas State University

Prevent Defense! How Having the Right Conversation with Students can Prevent Academic Probation.
Marc Jimenez, Texas State University

We Are Family! Get Up Everybody and Sing! Keeping Team Morale High Within Your Advising Center
Georgeanna Calzada & Staci Strauch, Texas State University

The Academic Advising Compass: Navigating and Educating our Students in Uncertain Waters
Brandy Braksdale, The University of Texas at San Antonio

Increasing Student Motivation and Resourcefulness: Strategies for Success
Lindsay Boynton, Hardin-Simmons University

From Undecided to Career: Collaborations Between Academic and Career Advisors
Laela Wilson & Glenda Juerk-Rahe, Texas State University

Earning the Right to be Heard: Pursuing Students to Success!
Katie Bonner, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor

Fishing For Success: A Look at Partners for Academic Student Success Program
Charles Evers & Neil Idais, Texas State University

The Millennial Experience
Jeanette Pacheco & Marc Jimenez, Texas State University

“But...I Want to Help People!” Proactive Advising for Pre-Health Professions Students Struggling Academically
Peter James Ehimika, The University of Texas-Pan American
What is the name of your Presentation?

Advising African-American Males

How did you select this topic

My passion for African-American males began when I was a student in my Masters program at Texas State University. Learning more about African-American men along with my personal experiences of being an African-American male propelled me to have both a heart of compassion as well as become an advocate for this student. When I became an Academic Advisor, I saw that my African-American males needed more of a personal touch. Personal testimonies provided me with insight about how they felt and the type of Advisor they needed/wanted provided me with confidence to present this topic to the Academic Advising world.

Why is it important for Academic Advisors to know?

Race, ethnicity, and culture are powerful variables that influence the way that people behave, think, perceive, and define events (Sue & Sue, 2013). Several cases have been noted about African American males “encounter with racism, racial stereotypes, microaggressions, and low expectations from professors and others that undermine their academic outcomes, sense of belonging, and willingness to seek help and utilize campus resources (Harper 2013, p. 3).” As practitioners, advisors must remember that he/she directly influences personal, institutional, and societal success of our students (Council for the Advancement of Standards in Higher Education, 2014, pg. 2). Therefore, it is the advisors duty to ensure that he/she obtains cultural awareness.

How did it feel to win the Best in Region presentation award?

Wining the “Best in Region 7 Award” was something that I would have never imagined happening. It was such a humbling experience that also aided in boosting my confidence. It was amazing to see the concern that people had about African-American males and it gave me hope that we are moving towards a more safe and welcoming environment.
The 22nd TEXAAN Annual Conference will be located in Austin, Texas. More details coming soon.

If you would like to participate with planning the Annual Conference please e-mail: conference@texaan.org
Dear Colleagues,

The 22nd TEXAAN Annual Conference will be held February 2016 in Austin, Texas. The annual conference is an exciting occasion for professional advisors, faculty advisors, administrators, and other student development professionals interested in advisement to share best practices. In addition, attendees can gain professional development and engage in networking opportunities with regional and statewide colleagues.

The conference planning committee welcomes proposals from advisors and administrators at all levels of expertise and experience. Your participation and contribution sustains the growth of the professional advising field. If you have advanced techniques or proven practices that speak to higher education’s academic advising needs, we hope you will consider submitting a proposal for the 22nd TEXAAN Annual Conference.

**Session Format**

Concurrent workshops will be approximately an hour. Sessions can include lecture, demonstrations, and/or participant discussion that share a common goal of advancing the field of academic advising. Presentations are encouraged to engage attendees, provide active participation, discussion, and creativity.

**Themes**

| Team Building | Networking/Communication | Innovative/New Approaches to Advising |
| Leadership    | Professional Development  | Advancement of Professional Advising   |
| Diversity     | Use of Technology         | Student Learning & Development         |

**Proposal for Presentation**

Proposals should be submitted online at the provided web address. Presentation titles should be descriptive of the content of the session, but need not reflect the title of conference. Please include in your proposal:

- Title of presentation
- Presenter(s) Information
- A 130 word abstract of the presentation as it should be posted in the printed program
- Learning objectives to provide attendees an understanding of what they will learn
- Audio/Visual request of media equipment needed

[Click Here to Complete the Online Presentation Proposal]

**Dates to Remember**

September 15, 2015: Proposals received after this date will not be reviewed. Early submissions are appreciated.

September 30, 2015: All presenters listed will be notified with the results of the proposal evaluation process.

**Note**

* All presenters and co-presenters must register for the conference and pay the appropriate fee. Due to budgetary considerations, the conference is unable to offer complimentary registration or lodging.
* All presenters will be expected to submit an electronic version of handouts, materials, and/or presentation used in their session to TEXAAN. The material will be published to a web page accessible to conference attendees.
** Any questions and/or concerns about the Call for Proposals process should be emailed to the Vice President of Programs at programs@texaan.org
The Call for **Officer Nominations** will begin Monday, June 1, 2015.

The application, descriptions, and responsibilities will be located on the TEXAAN website ([texasan.org](http://texasan.org)) starting Monday, June 1, 2015.

Available Officer Positions:
- Vice President of Publications (2016-2018)
- Vice President of Membership/Treasurer (2016-2018)
- President-Elect (2016)

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