SECOND ANNUAL
USC-SYSTEM ADVISERS EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

The Complete Adviser: Putting the Pieces Together
Friday, February 13, 2015
Russell House Ballroom, USC-Columbia Campus

8:30 – 9:00 am Registration

9:00 – 9:05 am Welcome
Art Farlowe, Director of Student Services, School of Journalism and Mass Communications, Conference and Planning Committee Co-Chair
Dr. Michael Amiridis, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

9:05 – 10:00 am Keynote Address – Envisioning the “Complete” Adviser: Think Big, Aim High
Dr. Ruth A. Darling, Assistant Provost for Student Success, The University of Tennessee, Knoxville; National Academic Advising Association (NACADA) past President.

10:00 – 10:15 am Break

10:15 – 11:00 am Breakout Session 1

Room 303 The Adviser’s Role in Enriching Students’ Education through Purposeful Engagement Beyond the Classroom
- Dr. Irma J. Van Scoy, Executive Director; USC Connect
- Nick Vaught, Student Services Coordinator and Adviser; USC Connect
- Leah Miller, Senior Instructor and Adviser; Languages, Literature, and Cultures; USC Columbia
- Ashley Byrd-White, Leadership Coach; Leadership and Service Center; USC Columbia

Room 305 Green Zone Ally Training
- Mary Katherine Robinson, Coordinator for Transfer and Special Student Populations; USC Columbia
- Drew Savage, Graduate Assistant for Transfer and Special Student Populations; USC Columbia

Room 315 Working Smarter – Not Harder: Group Advising
- Dr. Lynne L. Ornes, Associate Professor of Nursing; USC Beaufort
- Dr. Susan D. Williams, Associate Professor of Nursing; USC Beaufort
- Kari Mau, Assistant Professor of Nursing; USC Beaufort

Room 205 The Academic Advising Inventory: A Survey of USC-Columbia Students
- Dr. Claire Robinson, Associate Director of the Student Success Center; USC Columbia
11:00 – 11:15 am  Break

11:15 – 12:00 pm  Breakout Session 2

Room 303  A Strategic Planning Model for the Complete Adviser
- Dr. Pam Bowers, Associate Vice President for Planning, Assessment and Innovation; USC Columbia
- Dr. Claire Robinson, Associate Director; Student Success Center; USC Columbia

Room 305  Disability Services: How We Can Help You
- Charlotte Helms, Disability Resource Coordinator; Student Disability Services; USC Columbia
- Sonia Badesha, Disability Resource Coordinator; Student Disability Services; USC Columbia

Room 315  Degree Works: The Bridge to Degree Completion
- Rachel Beach, Lead Academic Adviser & Athletics Adviser; USC Beaufort
- Gary Sutton, Assistant Registrar; USC Beaufort

Room 205  A Research Study Examining Students’ Transition Experiences
- Helen Mulhern Halasz, Student Services Coordinator, College of Nursing PhD Program; USC Columbia

Room 203  Ask the Experts: Best Practices from the USC System
Moderator:
- Charles Bierbauer, Dean of College of Mass Communications and Information Studies
Panel Members:
- Jane Addison, Senior Instructor, English, Department of Languages, Literature and Composition; USC Upstate
- Dr. Robert Castleberry, Professor and Faculty Adviser, Department of Psychology; USC Sumter
- Melissa Lowe, Director, Adult Student Services; Extended University
- Mary Claire Millies, Palmetto College Adviser; USC Aiken
- Dr. Robin Morris, Professor and Faculty Adviser, Department of Psychology; USC Columbia
- T’Kara Richardson, Academic Adviser, College of Nursing; USC Columbia

12:15 – 1:15 pm  Lunch and Networking
Russell House Ballroom
1:30 – 2:15 pm  
**Breakout Session 3**

Room 303  
**USC, Banner, and Advisement - Notable Achievements, Challenges and a Look Ahead**  
- Aaron Marterer, University Registrar; USC System

Room 305  
**Advising Honors Students: Making Sense of the Puzzle**  
- Dr. Kay Banks, Clinical Assistant Professor, Academic Adviser; USC Columbia  
- Rebecca Sanders, Director of Pre-Medical Advisement; USC Columbia

Room 315  
**Making the Orientation Pieces Fit**  
- Art Farlowe, Director of Student Services School of Journalism and Mass Communications, Conference and Planning Committee Co-Chair  
- Chris Huebner, Academic Adviser, School of Journalism and Mass Communications

Room 203  
**Engaging Students Beyond-the-Classroom: Point Them in the Right Direction**  
Moderator:  
- Dr. Damara Hightower-Davis, Assistant Director, USC Connect  
Panel Members:  
- Mark Anthony, Associate Director for Career Development & Experiential Education, Career Center; USC Columbia  
- Dr. Jimmie Gahagan, Director, Office of Student Engagement; USC Columbia  
- Susan Hochreiter, Senior Study Abroad Adviser, Study Abroad Office; USC Columbia  
- Dr. Julie Morris, Director, Office of Undergraduate Research; USC Columbia  
- Beth Hutchison Watson, Director, Alumni Engagement, SC Honors College  
- Kelly Wuest, Director, Leadership and Service Center; USC Columbia

2:15 – 2:30 pm  
**Break**

2:30 – 3:00 pm  
**Closing Session - Putting the Pieces Together**  
Dr. Loren Knapp, Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs and Advising, Conference and Planning Committee Co-Chair  
- Reflection on conference session discussions  
- Concluding observations from participants  
- Q&A

**Thank you to the Program Committee:**  
Art Farlowe, Co-Chair, USC Columbia  
Dr. Loren Knapp, Co-Chair, USC Columbia  
Rachel Beach, USC Beaufort  
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