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THE RICHARD STOCKTON COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY



## National Academic Advising Association Elects Stockton Staff Member to Leadership Position

Paula Dollarhide, a Resident of Absecon, Will Serve as the Mid-Atlantic Region Chair

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**Galloway Township, NJ-** Paula Dollarhide, associate director of academic advising at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, has been elected to the national leadership position of region chair for the mid-Atlantic region 2 chapter of the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA). She will serve in this position until October 2012.

"I strongly believe in the importance of NACADA, and I will work tirelessly to support its mission. I will strive to be an encourager," explained Paula. "My goal is to help others get more people involved in leadership positions in NACADA and to help those new to the organization find a way to grow as professionals."

Paula is no stranger to NACADA. She is in her twelfth year serving the Association, and for the past three years, she has been a member of the region 2 Steering Committee where she has had the opportunity to work closely with two different region 2 chairs. In her new leadership position, Paula will be responsible for the following duties:

- Representing and providing leadership to members within the Mid-Atlantic region
- Facilitating networking opportunities and membership recruitment
- Identifying needed membership services
- Establishing and maintaining a regional governing structure
- Overseeing the annual regional conference, state workshops, and other professional development opportunities

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Paula, a resident of Absecon, has worked at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey for 11 years. At the College, Paula is responsible for helping incoming transfer students and freshmen make a smooth transition to Stockton. Students come to Paula for guidance with their academic plans. In addition to helping students, each faculty member at Stockton serves as a preceptor (academic advisor), and Paula assists in training each new faculty member on their academic advising duties. She also coordinates advising colloquia on campus, which discuss the importance of advising in the educational development of students.

Her current project at work is planning and coordinating Stockton's involvement in the region 2 NACADA conference, which will be held in Atlantic City, April 14-16. Four Stockton faculty members will be presenting their research and experiences at the upcoming conference.

The National Academic Advising Association (NACADA) was chartered as a non-profit organization in 1979 to promote quality academic advising and professional development of its membership to ensure the educational development of students. Today, NACADA has over 10,000 members consisting of faculty members, professional advisors, administrators, counselors, and other academic affairs professionals.

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