



Central Association of Advisors for the Health Professions

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## President's Message + Upcoming Conference Information



I can hardly believe we were together almost a year ago in Des Moines for our regional meeting. If your life is like mine, it seems hard to imagine where the time went! There is much to be said about the speed of time, but I hope you take a few moments now and again to reflect on the **good** you are doing as pre-health advisors and the difference you are making EVERY DAY in the lives of our future health care providers. We know they will not all be successful applicants to their chosen schools and programs, but even a setback in life is a time when they will grow and develop through the experience, and your guidance will be an important part of the process. I am excitedly looking ahead to the [NAAHP meeting](#) in Washington, DC (June 27-July 1) where we will gather as a region with our colleagues around the nation to connect and learn from each other. We will meet as a region on Thursday June 28th for breakfast and updates, and though it is early, I encourage you to join us for that time together as a region. There will be new advisors to welcome into our membership and retirees to celebrate their service. For the rest of us, it will be hugs and handshakes as we see each other again! May the rest of your semester go well and your travels to DC be safe.

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Erin Sayer, President

## Call for Volunteer and Moderators for NAAHP June Conference

NAAHP is looking for volunteers and moderators for the NAAHP Meeting in June in Washington, DC. Volunteer opportunities include; New Advisor Workshop Facilitator, Experienced Advisors Workshop Facilitator and Concurrent Session Moderator. To volunteer, please out the form [HERE!](#)

## Call for Pictures

Say Cheese! We would like to highlight as many of our fantastic advisors as possible in Washington DC. If you have pictures of you with students, at events, receiving awards, or just generally being a great advisor, please send them with a caption to Tammy Welchert at [welchertt@umkc.edu](mailto:welchertt@umkc.edu).

## Save the Date and Volunteer!

The CAAHP regional conference will take place March 20-23rd, 2019 in Chicago, Illinois at the Embassy Suites on Magnificent Mile. More information coming fall 2018.

Interested in helping to plan the conference by volunteering with one of the subcommittees? Email Jim Johnson at [Jjohnso@luc.edu](mailto:Jjohnso@luc.edu)





## CAAHP is Now Accepting Nominations for 2018 Awards and Elections

With the 2018 National Conference looming around the corner, it's time for us to think about awards and elections. Below are opportunities for you to nominate your distinguished CAAHP colleagues for their service and contributions to CAAHP and you can also nominate yourself or a colleague whom you feel would best represent you and other members to the Board of Directors.

### Awards

#### **Father Joseph L. Walter Award:**

This award recognizes and honors members of the Association who have had distinguished careers as advisors, impacting not only their own students, but the broader advising community. The Board of Directors established an award of recognition named in honor of Fr. Joseph L. Walter, CSC, a founding member of the CAAHP and NAAHP. The nomination form can be found [HERE](#).

### Elections

#### **CAAHP Board of Directors Call for Nominations:**

Nominations for two (2) At-Large member positions will be accepted through Friday, May 4th. Nominations from the floor at the time of the annual business meeting will also be accepted. At-Large members serve a term of three years. The Nominating Committee hopes to present the board and members of CAAHP with a slate of candidates that reflects the ethnic, gender, and geographical diversity as well as size and type of institution represented in the organization.

Nominations can be sent via email to [Welchertt@umkc.edu](mailto:Welchertt@umkc.edu) and should include the following information:

Nominee Name:

Nominee's Institution:

Nominee's Email and Phone:

### CAAHP Research Grant Application

CAAHP is pleased to announce that the board has approved funding to support two grants for up to \$500 to support our members' research. These are separate from the new NAAHP research grants and are only open to recipients who are CAAHP members (though you are welcome to have collaborators who are not members).

The application and more detailed information can be found [HERE](#)

Important Dates:

Optional pre-proposal evaluation due April 18

Comments on pre-proposal back to applicant by May 14

Final grant proposal due May 28

Announcement to applicant after July 1



## **Regional Mentors vs. National Mentors vs. Conference Buddies: Who does not like options?**

### **Regional Mentoring Connections**

CAAHP has a long standing tradition of connecting seasoned advisors with new ones within our own region via the CAAHP Mentoring Initiative. To that end, we run periodic surveys to identify new mentors and mentees. Whether you would like to serve as a mentor or seek a mentor, please click here: [\*\*REGIONAL MENTORING FORM\*\*](#)

### **Conference Buddies at National Meetings**

On conference years, CAAHP also likes to run our unique Conference Buddy Program. Different and separate from the ongoing CAAHP Mentoring Initiative, this is a point-in-time, short term opportunity for new and seasoned advisors to connect at the upcoming NAAHP National Meeting in Washington DC. Junior Conference Buddies can connect with Senior Conference Buddies to get oriented to the National Meeting; divide and conquer the conference program; sit together at some of the sessions and meals; exchange notes; or simply navigate some of the events together. Regardless of your tenure as a pre-health advisor, you can register to be matched at: [\*\*CONFERENCE BUDDY QUESTIONNAIRE\*\*](#)

The goal of the Conference Buddy Program is to help make this large conference feel a little smaller by continuing to build a sense of community within the Central Region and beyond.

Please send all questions about CAAHP Mentoring Initiatives and Conference Buddy Program to Mariella Mecozzi at [mmecozzi@umich.edu](mailto:mmecozzi@umich.edu).

### **National Mentoring Connections**

On national meeting years (even years), CAAHP advisor members also have the option to request a mentor outside our own region via NAAHP National Mentoring Program. Stay tuned for more details on this opportunity coming from Stephanie Ripley, Chair of the National Mentoring Task Force.

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## **Thank you for your Service - A call for Retirees!**

If your plans for the future include more time with family, lying on a beach, or catching up on your bucket list, you might be joining the world of RETIREMENT! Let us celebrate you and your service to pre-health advising during our regional meeting in DC! Send Erin Sayer ([erin.sayer@unl.edu](mailto:erin.sayer@unl.edu)) an email with your name and when you will be leaving us. If you know of people retiring or those who may have retired since April when we last met, please share that information with Erin as well.





## Coming Soon - Updated CAAHP.org

The CAAHP Board has been working diligently to update the CAAHP.org website. In the next one -two weeks you will see a new design for the site and new informatio. An email will go out once it is live!

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