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How did you first become involved with TACAC?
When first, starting my journey in admissions, I was lost. I had been working in higher ed for years but never admissions. I went to my first TACAC conference in Houston at the Downtown Hyatt on a mission to make connections and figure out my job.

What do you think are the most important qualities for success to you and your career?
I believe at its core that our industry is about connections. Community. Other Institutions. High Schools. Parents. And most importantly the students. Each have different needs and obligations to be met and intertwine in amazing ways. I enjoy all of the connections I have made over the years and encourage everyone I meet to grow their network as well.

How do you think you impact and inspire students?
I try to educate students beyond my own institution. There is no singular path to success. Pre-law can be fashion. Psychology majors can be amazing managers. What you study is not necessarily what you will do as a career.

How do you stay current and informed in your field?
I read everything I can. Blogs and articles and podcasts. And I ask questions. I get a lot of information from other people through just having conversations.

What are some of the biggest trends or developments that you are seeing in your field?
I love the increase in the numbers of regionals. I know for a while there was the thought that meeting in person was a passé idea of a bygone era. But our students need the personal attention and being present and in person is the best way to accomplish that.

What are your future aspirations for your career?
I am happy for now. I don't see myself leaving for a while. I am supervising professionals for the first time. I am enjoying having the opportunity to develop others in the field. Maybe in the distant future. I could see myself doing pre-professional advising at a college. To help those students find their next steps in their education seems like an interesting and fun challenge for me.