

A Letter from the NADE President

I Want You to Know

My three major goals this year are to increase NADE's work in political advocacy, professional development, and pride in our field. Here's an update on each of those areas.

Political Advocacy

We have been meeting consistently with the FINE NINE (aka The National Partners—us, CCA, CCRC, ECS, JFF, AACC, AtD, the Dana Center, and Public Agenda), to move the Core Principles into strategies we can all embrace and implement at scale to help ALL students succeed. Needless to say, we have come a long way from the document that we endorsed last November. The evolutions and epiphanies from our discussions have been so exciting and rich that I cannot fully describe them here, but please look for a white paper that Gwenn Eldridge, Deb Daiek, and I are going to publish this summer about the development and growth of the core principles into strategies that NADE can embrace.

Professional Development

We have been very busy with our partners in offering a number of opportunities at low to no-cost for you. Coming up on May 19 at 2 P.M. EST is a free webinar with the Southern Educational Foundation called "Exploring Equity-Centered Solutions in Developmental Education." Our own President-elect, Deb Daiek, will be one of the presenters, so please register at <http://tinyurl.com/ExplrDEReg>.

Another fantastic opportunity is The McCabe Developmental Education Conference on July 27 in Cleveland, OH. The one and only Uri Treisman is the keynote speaker, and we have a day of great presentations, covering a variety of fascinating topics from the NADE Accreditation Commission, classroom faculty, and even Martha Casazza and Sharon Silverman—leaders in our field. The registration is only \$75 and covers a continental breakfast and box lunch. You can register at nade.net, but make it soon as attendance is capped at 150.

Pride

Always, always, take pride in what you do. I know there is nothing better than that student who tells you he or she would not be graduating this May had it not been for that encouraging word or piece of advice you gave—but NADE awards are a great way to recognize yourself and others as well. Tammy Bishop, Awards Committee Chair, has recently revamped the Awards structure. Check it out on our awards page <http://nade.net/awards.html>. Nominate now before you forget! I would also like to remind you that we are seeking nominations for Treasurer. You can nominate yourself or others by navigating to [Nade.net](http://nade.net) as well. We need your leadership.

Have just the summer you were hoping for!

Never forget that YOU are NADE, and your executive board is here for you. Let me know how we can help you, your institution, and/or your chapter. I am always happy to hear from you.