NATIONAL ASSOCIATION for STUDENT ACTIVITIES

ADVOCATES • ADVISORS • ADMINISTRATORS • ALLIES

Serving Student Activity Professionals for over 50 years

Founded in 1973 as NAWD by Dr. Earl Reum

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## Mission Statement

We connect and inspire Student Activity advisors with the ideas and resources that empower themselves and others to grow as leaders and transform their schools and communities.

## Operating Principles

- CONNECT Student Activity Professionals
- INSPIRE Personal Growth
- Share RESOURCES and IDEAS
- EMPOWER Student and Adult Leaders
- PROMOTE the Value and Impact of Student Activities

## Newsletter

Eight times per year (March-May, August-December) we publish an online newsletter to keep everyone informed on what their National Association of Student Activities is doing to fulfill the Operational Principles listed above. You can view current and back issues of our official Newsletters, *Reumors* (2013-2025) and *A Parade of Ideas* (2025-present), on our website at https://na4sa.org/newsletter

## The NA4SA National Conference

Our National Conference has been bringing together Administrators, Advisors, Allies and Advocates of Student Activities for over 50 years. Attendees at this three-day conference include Student Council or Student Government Advisors, club or activity advisors and sponsors, activity directors, administrators, State Executive Directors, camp directors and staff, motivational and educational speakers, and a variety of other like-minded educators who form our growing community of Student Activity Professionals.

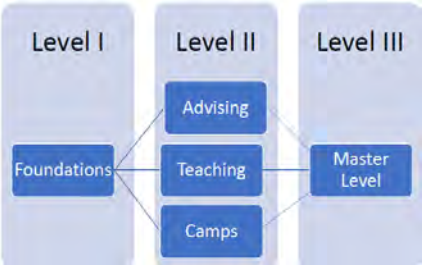
In addition to top notch keynote speakers there are numerous workshops in which outstanding materials and programs are presented, opportunities for informal networking and lively exchange about important topics of choice in the field of Student Activities, and Table Talks sessions in which attendees share and gain numerous ideas. Attendees to the NA4SA National Conference come away inspired with a newly loaded toolbox of great ideas and strategies to try out when returning to their own schools, states, or activity programs!

## Seminar Series

The NA4SA Seminar Series offers presentations, lively discussions, and idea sharing on topics of interest to the advocates, advisors, administrators, and allies of Student Activities throughout the school year. These FREE seminars are virtual events that begin at 7:00 Eastern Time and typically last from 60 to 90 minutes. Pre-registration is required to share the Zoom link and video.

## The NA4SA Academy

As NA4SA looks ahead to our next 50 years, programs have been developed and implemented to enhance the field of student activities beyond our National Conference and Summer Workshop. Developing a structured professional development program, the NA4SA Academy, specifically for Student Activity Professionals was and remains an important strategic focus of our organization. Each component of the NA4SA Academy is virtual in nature to allow participants to move through the curriculum based on their schedules and are low cost. The intent is to make the Academy affordable and accessible for all advisors.




**Foundations for Advisors** is specifically designed for activity advisors in their first or second year on the job. In addition to receiving valuable professional development programming around student activities each month, advisors in this program receive check-ins from an extensive mentor network to provide individualized assistance and support. In **Level II** of the NA4SA Academy, participants can take advantage of individualized pathways specifically designed for activity advisors, leadership teachers, and summer workshop/camp staff members. Individuals may elect to enroll in one, two, or all three of the Level II pathways, depending on their needs and their roles.

The entire **NA4SA Academy** program is designed to provide valuable training and information for activity advisors, leadership class teachers, and summer leadership camp & workshop staff. We encourage all Student Activity Professional to advantage of this unique opportunity for learning and sharing information and resources with one another to enhance their work.

## Resource Library

A key feature of participating in NA4SA is access to the digital Resource Library. Since its inception over 50 years ago, the sharing of ideas, resources and activities among activity advisors has been a cornerstone of our organization.

Several hundred pages of curated reference materials may be found in eighteen different folders under the Advisor Resources tab. Handouts from past conferences going back to 2016 are archived under the Workshop Handouts tab. Sample Leadership Class outlines, grading criteria and curriculum ideas can be found under the Leadership Class Materials, and recordings of previous NA4SA Seminars on various topics may be found under the Virtual Meeting tab.

There is truly something for EVERY Student Activity Professional in our Resource Library – and it is growing all the time. We encourage all members of NA4SA to share their resources with us and help grow the library for our growing community of Student Activity Professionals!

## NA4SA Membership

Since its formation over 50 years ago NA4SA (formerly called the National Association of Workshop Directors, NAWD) has not charged dues to its members. Registration for and participation in NA4SA activities is all that needed to become a member of the NA4SA family. **Yes, YOU are invited to join YOUR National Association for Student Activities and become part of our growing community of Student Activity Professionals!**

## Now That We've Got Your Attention…

We encourage you to learn more about what active participation in YOUR National Association for Student Activities can do for YOU and the Student Activity professionals throughout your state! Please visit us at **https://na4sa.org** and, if you have any questions or comments, contact NA4SA Executive Director **Lou Miller** at **lmiller@na4sa.org**.