

**8:15-8:50**

**9:00-9:10**

**Michael Ryan**, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education,  
University at Buffalo (UB).

**9:10-10:00**

**Bassam Deeb**, Vice President for Student Services at Niagara County Community College where he has served since June 2004. Prior to coming to NCCC, Bassam was VP for Student Affairs at West Liberty State College in West Virginia. Prior to service as a VP, he held a variety of positions such as Executive Director for Enrollment Management and for Student Life, and Director of New Student Advisement and Retention. His experience extends across the spectrum of the higher education landscape. Bassam holds a Masters degree from SUNY at Buffalo in Student Personnel and a Doctorate in Higher Education Administration from Kent State University.

**10:15-11:15**

### A. Essential Knowledge for Advising Pre-Health Students And Writing Effective Letters of Recommendation

*Elizabeth Morshiemer and Dalene Aylward,*  
Senior Advisors, Student Advising Services, University at Buffalo

### B. Shards of Glass on the Virtual Playground: Prudent Use of Facebook and Social Networking Sites

***Daniel J. Ryan***, Director, Career Services, University at Buffalo.

### C. The “middle” child: Sophomore transition programs for success

**John P. Sauter**, Asst. to the Dean for Academic Affairs, *Niagara University* & **Michael D'Archangelo**, Director, Center for Campus Life, RIT

**11:15-11:30**

- Lower level near Ellicott Room & upper level near University B/C room

**11:30-12:30**

### A. Integrating NACADA Core Values and CAS Standards of Advising into Advising Practices

**Marie Ferraro**, Academic Advising, Buffalo State College

## B. Making Connections with Students: Uncovering “Hidden” issues

**Antonia B. Knight**, Director, Academic Exploration Program (AEP) **Stephanie Russell**, Advisor, AEP; **Kathryn Marzec**, Advisor, AEP; **Monica Romeo**, Mental Health Counselor- all from Niagara University.

### C. Serving Adult Learners: Designing Retention Strategies for Student Success

**Halin Tavano**, Director of Student Services; **Susan Kottke**, Student Services Counselor, **Michael Wolf**, Graduate Asst.- All from the Accelerated Learning Program at Medaille College.

**12:30-1:30**

**1:30-2:15**

- 1) **Using technology in academic advising**
- 2) **Assessment of advising services**
- 3) **Academic/Residential Communities (tentative)**

\*Attendees are expected to come to the session of their choice prepared to participate in a discussion about the topic. Feel free to bring handouts, questions, etc.

**2:30-3:30**

*“Taking Care of Yourself & Your Colleagues...”*

**Kathie Frier**, Director of Wellness & Work/Life Balance, University at Buffalo  
and **Christina Schweitzer**, Triple-Track.

**3:30-3:45**

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