It felt like spring was going to skip us this year, especially for those of us living in the mid-western and eastern parts of the country…. but it’s here and the promise of summer is right around the corner! Spring is a time of hope and renewal…and all of us can always use both! I feel the same way about our new series of webinars. The wait is over; they too are here! Our Board has been working hard to organize them for you. As a result of the many changes occurring on our campuses, additional opportunities to stay connected throughout the year have been a topic of discussion. Our webinars will provide this professional development
connection. They are one hour sessions covering various requested topics such as IRW’s, co-requisites, bridge programs, political advocacy, and Guided Pathways. NADE has made the webinars as cost effective as possible because we know that almost everyone in higher education is feeling the strain of shrinking budgets. Watch them at home, or with your department….either way, it will only cost you or your institution $50! For one registration, you can invite colleagues to a place on campus and view it together. It could serve as valuable time to work through solutions as a team, and to be able to ask the presenter questions, live. Each presenter is considered an expert regarding his/her presentation material. Research (Arendale, 2010; Boylan, 2002; Tinto, 2012) tells us that professional development is one of the most effective ways to make positive and sustainable changes at our institutions. Go to www.thenade.org for a list of presentations, presenters, and registration forms.

Also, I’m pleased to announce that NADE will again offer another type of professional development opportunity for members….NADE’s Annual McCabe Conference! This year, the 3rd Annual McCabe Conference will be hosted by Mountain View College, Dallas, Texas on July 13. NADE will be offering the event along with CRLA – Texas Chapter, Dallas Community College District, and the North Texas Community College Consortium. The support from Texas has been remarkable! The theme is: **Expanding Opportunity: New Directions for Developmental Education.** If you live near Dallas, or will be in the area July 13, it is going to be substantial! Again, see www.thenade.org for registration and hotel information.

NADE hopes that you will join us for a webinar or attend the McCabe Conference - but whatever you decide to do this summer, enjoy. Do something that makes you happy…recharge your battery! And, know that we are in a field that has the ability to change lives in wonderful and profound ways. Thank you for the work you do.

“Don’t wait for extraordinary opportunities. **Seize common occasions and make**
them great.”

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