Welcome From
Dr. John Nance

GREETINGS TO ALL NORTH CAROLINA COUNSELORS AND COUNSELING ASSOCIATION MEMBERS,

How to even begin writing this letter… Stepping into the President’s role with the North Carolina Counseling Association, I follow an important legacy of leadership, tradition, and wisdom within our state. Our immediate Past-President Mark Schwarze leaves a legacy behind of growth, unity, hope, and excellence. Thanks to his intense work over the past year, we are in excellent standing as an organization and I am placed in an excellent position to follow his vision. Thank you, Mark for all you have done for NCCA and for me personally.

I come into the role with a professional identity as a counseling practitioner focusing on trauma and individuals suffering the symptomatic effects of Dissociative Identity Disorder, an educator who worked with three universities over the last decade finally arriving as an assistant clinical professor at UNC Charlotte, a clinical supervisor in hospital, school, agency, and private practice settings, and lifelong student. I also serve as president elect for the ACA division or AADA. I truly love the counseling profession.

Writing in the middle of a global pandemic, revitalized civil rights movement, and polarized political wrangling,…

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Our Goals for This Year Include:

- Develop, reinforce, and grow our leadership roles on the executive committee, executive council, committees, and divisions
- Introduce possibilities to upcoming leaders in NCCA
- Expand membership inviting professionals into the strength of our organization and community
- Become a vital and necessary resource for the members of NCCA through educational resources, professional advocacy, on-going continuing education, as well as mentoring leaders
- Find potential systemic racism within our organization and practices of our community, expose these practices, policies, and traditions with hope to create new and stronger philosophies and practices

Thank you for your continuing hard work and devotion to our profession!

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NCCA Virtual Conference
The week of February 22, 2021
With specific details
(days and times) released soon