**NCDA Board Member Keynote Topics**

(and member’s home location)

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Dirk Matthews, President (Chicago, Illinois)

* Career development for artists, photographers, filmmakers
* Creative careers and side hustles
* Organizational trauma
* Developing and implementing programming for higher education career centers
* Mentoring

Bret Anderson, President-Elect (Denver, CO)

* Working with Veteran populations
* Working with Justice-involved populations (OWDS)
* Workforce development groups/committees
* Working with C-suite leadership regarding employee retention
* Working with DEI committees

Diandra Prescod, President-Elect-Elect (Hartford, CT)

* Career development and trauma
* Career counseling in higher education
* STEM career development
* counselor education and career development
* effective career development interventions

Marty Apodaca, Past President (Albuquerque, NM)

* Career and Mental Health
* Managing Anxiety Around Career Uncertainty
* Career Construction Interview
* Career Issues in College Populations
* Working with First Generation and Non-Traditional Students

Julia Makela, Secretary (Mahomet, IL)

* Ethics
* Program Assessment in Career Services

Melissa Wheeler, Treasurer (DC Area)

* First generation college students
* Teaching career development or career counseling
* Resilience in career development
* Mentoring
* Working with college students
* Practitioner research in career development
* Building community connections to support career development

Kathy Evans, ACA Governing Rep (Columbia, SC)

* Diversity and Social Justice
* Women’s Career Issues
* Pedagogy in Counselor Education and Supervision
* Career Counseling for Retirement Planning

Deanna Knighton, Trustee (Durham, NC)

* Starting a state CDA or transitioning a state CDA to an independent non-profit
* Career development for graduate students
* Teaching a career development class to college/university students or adult learners
* Career development for early career coaches

Carla Cheatham, Trustee (Chicago, Illinois)

* Social Justice and Equity-Based School Career Counseling
* School Counselors Preparedness in Working with Black High School Students in Career Development
* Academic, Socio-Emotional, and Career Development in High School Counseling

Markell Morris, Trustee (Long Beach, CA)

* Business Development, Branding and Marketing
* Grief-informed Career Counseling Practices
* Graduate Student Career Development
* Networking and Relationship Building for Career Development Professionals
* Developing Products from Your Expertise (private practice, entrepreneur focus)
* Self-care for Career Development Professionals

Galaxina Wright, Trustee (Ft. Lauderdale, FL)

* Career development research interventions
* School-based mental health interventions
* Bridge between career counseling and mental health counseling

Mary Ellen Earnhardt, Trustee (Helena, MT)

* Importance of Global Connection with Career Development
* Youth Career Exploration
* Importance of K-12 Career Plans
* Career Counseling in schools.
* Career Development for Collegiate Athletes (post sports)
* Importances of credentialing for your organization.
* Teamwork with ACTE, Department of Education, Department of Labor and NCDA to make Career Connections happen.
* Connecting businesses with schools to support a healthy workforce