



Message from the NaBITA President

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Dear NaBITA members,

First, I would like to wish you all a happy and healthy 2018 and thank those of you who attended our 2017 conference in San Antonio. My New Year wish is to have each of you return to the 2018 conference and to help welcome some new faces as well!

In my remarks at the conference, I made mention of NaBITA being a productive, forward-moving organization as a result of our member contributions and the hard work of our Advisory Board. My view of our upcoming year is like that of a car: we look through our rear-view mirrors to see what we've accomplished, but the bigger view is through our front windshield where the horizon is limitless. Our trainings, toolkits, webinars, and seminal work comes from what your needs are and how we can support the work you do.

To that end, both our Executive Director, Dr. Brian Van Brunt, and I are open to suggestions you have for improving the quality and trainings NaBITA offers. A strong take-away from the 2017 conference centered on diversity issues, and we will be exploring that as well as other topics you raised. Two new programs that were offered this year based on member feedback included our *PASS* (Preventing Another Student Suicide) and *Lend A Hand* (working with students that have mental health concerns) trainings. We also have developed the NaBITA Master class, our most advanced certification course.

Two of my objectives for this year for BIT's include the development of BIT standards, and the development of ethical standards that support our work. Best practices for professional organizations are steeped in these criteria.

Wishing you all a productive and safe year!

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