



## **2023 International ACAC Annual Awards**

### **Rising Star Award**

**Abraham Barry**  
**Director of Innovation**  
**Metu**

This award recognizes a new member who is striving to make a difference within International ACAC. NACAC's Rising Star Award honors individuals and programs that exemplify excellence and dedication to serving the needs of students in the transition from high school to college. The International ACAC Rising Star Award was established in 2015 to honor those deserving of international recognition. They must be new members who are striving to make a difference within our Association through their work in committees and/or in their communities. Individuals receiving a Rising Star Award nomination must be professional members of International ACAC for no more than five years.

#### ***Members who nominated Abraham for the Rising Star Award shared these comments:***

- Though newer to International ACAC, Abraham has been a strong supporter of high-potential African students seeking university access for almost a decade now.
- His faith in those students and desire to see them develop skills and talents they can use to raise up their communities and country made Abraham a powerful agent for positive change.
- All who are lucky enough to work or collaborate with Abraham know him to be a quiet but compelling team member who models a deep commitment to student-centric university guidance and advising.
- They also enjoy his quick wit and ever-present confidence that, together, we will improve university access for the next generation of his continent's and or world's leaders.
- His steady growth as a university access professional is inspiring and makes Abraham a role model for many of us, however many years of experience we have.

**International ACAC is proud to award Abraham the 2023 Rising Star Award!**