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### **Marilyn Amey honored with National Award from NASPA** *Recipient of the Robert H. Shaffer Award for Academic Excellence as a Graduate Faculty Member*

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Each year, NASPA - Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education, recognizes members who are doing outstanding work in the student affairs profession. Marilyn Amey, chair of the Department of Educational Administration at Michigan State University, has been awarded the Robert H. Shaffer Award for Academic Excellence as a Graduate Faculty Member by NASPA.

Award winners must be a personal inspiration to graduate students, have served on doctoral committees and have distinguished records of scholarly achievement themselves. During her 25-year career as a graduate faculty member, Amey has served as a dissertation chair for more than 50 students.

“This feat serves as a testament to her ability to mentor students through this critical stage in their program and namely to get them done!” says Pamela Eddy, professor of Education at the College of William and Mary and former student of Amey’s. “What is central to Marilyn’s teaching is how she meets students where they are in their learning, how she respects a diversity of perspectives, and how she pushes you to reach for more in your thinking,” “

Amey has also authored or co-authored more than 10 books and monographs. Her current research involves a National Science Foundation grant to evaluate a five-institution science and technology center.

Amey was one of the founding members of the NASPA Faculty Fellows and serves as Editor for the *NASPA Journal about Women in Higher Education*. In addition to her commitment to NASPA, she volunteers with the Association for the Study of Higher Education.

“She is a true servant leader and provides tremendous support to others,” says Lori Reesor, vice president for Student Affairs at the University of North Dakota. “She is tremendously influential in our profession, challenges the status quo, fights passionately for voices often not represented, advocates for her students, and overall makes higher education a more ethical, effective organization because of her contributions.”

Amey and the other National Award winners will be honored in March at the 2014 NASPA Annual Conference in Baltimore, Md.