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Lori Reesor given National Award from NASPA *Recipient of the Fred Turner Award for Outstanding Service to NASPA*

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Each year, NASPA - Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education, recognizes members who are doing outstanding work in the student affairs profession. Lori Reesor, vice president for student affairs at the University of North Dakota, was selected as the 2015 recipient of the Fred Turner Award for Outstanding Service to NASPA.

The award is given to someone who has served NASPA in a leadership role for more than 10 years. Reesor has done that and much more. She has served the profession through NASPA for almost her entire 25-year career. As a new professional, she was instrumental in initiating NASPA's efforts on behalf of new professionals. She has taken this work in several directions – serving on the task force chaired by Dr. David Ambler that looked at new professionals, serving as a faculty member for New Professionals Institutes, and writing NASPA's book for new professionals *Beginning Your Journey* which is releasing its 4th edition this spring with Marilyn Amey, her co-editor and former doctoral adviser.

She served as NASPA Region IV-W Vice President for three years and has held numerous other roles in NASPA IV-W and NASPA. At the 2014 Annual Meeting, Reesor was recognized as a Pillar of the Profession. Today she serves as a member of the NASPA Foundation Board.

Reesor has held positions of increasing responsibility at the University of Kansas, Wichita State University, University of Missouri Kansas City and, now, at the University of North Dakota (UND). At UND she is a respected member of the president's leadership team as Vice President for Student Affairs; in this role she and her colleagues set policy and practice that leads the university to meet its goals and aspirations.

She has also influenced the profession through her scholarship and her role as a mentor. She has numerous presentations at regional and national conferences and has several publications, including books and book chapters.

Her colleagues say she is forward thinking and committed to positioning student affairs and the university to achieve its vision.

“She is a mentor, colleague and a friend to many,” says Margaret Healy, professor at UND. “She is an extremely capable manager and an extraordinary leader.”

Reesor and the other National Award winners will be honored in March at the 2015 NASPA Annual Conference in New Orleans, La.