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Thomas Miller 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. Thomas Miller, vice president for student affairs at the University of South Florida (USF) in Tampa, 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.

Miller also serves as an associate professor in the College of Education. He is an exceptional teacher, researcher, mentor and colleague. He juggles an active teaching load with the master's degree-seeking cohorts and has served on nearly 40 dissertation committees. Miller coordinates comprehensive exams, places graduate students in experiential educational opportunities throughout the country, and assists students in job placement after graduation. Miller is actively engaged in research on persistence and helps the University of South Florida run a risk of attrition model (and associated programming) to provide intervention for students most at risk of not progressing to their sophomore year. He is an avid writer and presenter of his research within the field of student affairs/student success, special populations and legal issues in student affairs. Miller has co-authored four books and 16 book chapters, along with more than 30 journal articles. He also received the Scott Goodnight Award from NASPA in 2002.

Miller's students and colleagues say he is a tremendous mentor and advocate.

“As Vice President of Student Affairs and an active practitioner of student development and learning initiatives, Dr. Miller provides good counsel and support for those of us in the field,” says Dee Siscoe, vice president for student affairs at Missouri State University in Springfield, Miss. “He mentors not only the graduate students, but the young and experienced professionals alike in USF's Student Affairs. He epitomizes the concept that teaching/learning happens everywhere and not just within the classroom.”

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

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