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What's new in spirituality and religion research in higher education?

Christy D. Moran, Kansas State University

As the representative for the Spirituality and Religion in Higher Education Knowledge Community for Region IV-West of NASPA, one of my primary goals is to provide resources about spirituality and religion for those of you who are interested. For that reason, I have chosen to highlight some of the most current research in this area.

My hope is some of you will use this research as a springboard for conversations with your students and colleagues.

Ellen Idler (2008) recently reviewed research that highlights some psychological and physical benefits of spiritual and religious practices. She reported that such practices help young adults "integrate the body, mind and spirit" (p. 1) and assist young adults in "successfully passing from one phase of life into the next" (p. 2). Moreover, religious congregations often provide support and stress reduction as they serve as beneficial social structures for many people. She suggested that "transcendent" spiritual and religious experiences have a "healing, restorative effect, especially if they are 'built in,' so to speak," to one's schedule (p. 4). She concluded her article by reminding readers of the intrinsic value of spiritual and religious practices, apart from simply being a "means to an end" when trying to achieve a healthier lifestyle.

Judy L. Rogers and Patrick Love (2008) interviewed 32 graduate students in three student-personnel programs to determine, among other things, whether or not they felt prepared to respond to undergraduates' growing interest in spirituality. They found that many students demonstrated "a

need for language" (p. 700) through which to identify and to communicate about the spiritual dimension of their lives. Additionally, some participants noted the critical role of "self-knowledge" in preparing them to work with the spiritual dimension of the lives of undergraduate students (p. 700).

The researchers also spent a considerable amount of time discussing the important role of faculty members where spiritual exploration among students is concerned.

If you are interested in more research related to spirituality and religion in higher education, e-mail cmoran@ksu.edu.



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About the newsletter

The NASPA IV-West Newsletter is published four times a year, in the summer, fall, winter and spring. Written submissions from NASPA IV-W members are welcomed. A book review is needed for each edition, as well as a feature article for page one. If you are doing research, or have an exemplary practice to share, consider submitting an article. Written submissions can be sent as attachments in Microsoft Word to the newsletter editor, Karen Schlabach at schlabachk@umkc.edu, and should be in APA style. You may also submit photographs for the newsletter; include the names and institutions of all people featured.

Electronic archives of past issues can be found on the NASPA Web site at www.naspa.org by selecting Communities in the left-hand navigation menu, then Regional Communities, then Region IV-W, then click on "Newsletters."

Regional vice president's message

Christine Schnickart-Luebke
Wichita State University

"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around."

— Leo Buscaglia



I am pleased and excited to write the first of many messages as your new regional vice president. Let me begin with a sincere thank you to Cheryl Lovell. I have had the pleasure of working with many IV-West regional vice presidents over the years and know the talent with which our region has been blessed. Cheryl continued to raise the bar in our region with her stellar leadership. Many new initiatives were put in place during Cheryl's tenure – not the least of which is the creation of the Executive Committee (EC) where a smaller group of us meet via conference call each month to stay current on what is happening in the region. As your RVP-elect, I had the pleasure of joining these monthly conference calls and was consistently impressed with all that was accomplished. The leadership in our region continues to be outstanding.

I thought it might be helpful to provide an overview of the EC. The EC consists of nine members with each member having multiple areas and positions with whom they are responsible to communicate on a regular basis. I can assure you that each of the nine EC members have the best interest of our region at heart. Feel free to reach out to any of the them as we all work towards inclusivity!

Let me close by saying that I look forward to seeing many of you in Tulsa, Okla., at our regional conference in November. The dates of the conference have been adjusted this year. We will begin on Wednesday, Nov. 5, and conclude on Friday, Nov. 7. This change will allow folks to get home for the weekend. Denise Ottinger and Dennis Day have been working tirelessly with their dedicated committee to bring us another wonderful professional development experience. The conference theme, *Weaving Our Way: Creating a Heritage in the Heartland* promises to remind us all why we chose this wonderful profession. Additionally, the Mid-Level Institute (known affectionately to those of us who have previously participated as MLI) will precede our regional conference and begin on Monday, Nov. 3. If you know of staff members who could benefit from some professional renewal, MLI is an extraordinary opportunity to do just that.

Executive Committee member	Communication structure to Executive Committee member
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Member-at-Large <i>Paul Miller</i>	Graduate student representative

Finally, let me encourage you to invite an undergraduate student to our regional conference. Just last week, a freshman came into see me to discuss changing his major to student affairs. He asked me, "What degree do I need to obtain to do what you do and work in student affairs?" We have the ability to engage our undergraduate students and encourage them to seriously consider choosing our profession. They will be our future—we should be embracing them! With every good wish for a wonderful summer!

—Christine Schneikart-Luebke

Christine Schneikart-Luebke, RVP, and Cheryl Lovell, past-RVP, at the NASPA National Conference in Boston where Lovell received a plaque for her service as RVP.



Parent and Family Relations Knowledge Community

Laura A. Page
University of Missouri

In recent years, the topic of parent relations has become a key priority at colleges and universities across the country. Whether your contact with parents and families is minimal or makes up a large portion of your position description or is simply an area of interest, check out the Parent and Family Relations Knowledge Community.

The focus of the Knowledge Communities is to create and share knowledge. As the PFR KC representative for Region IV-West, I am excited to learn more about the services, programs and outreach offered to parents on your campus. I encourage you to contact me and join the dialogue. There are many opportunities to communicate with one another regionally – through e-mail, conference calls, the newsletter and our regional conference. In addition, let's explore the possibility of additional regional activities related to this specific topic of interest. It is always beneficial to know your colleagues and counterparts on other campuses!

Our KC stands at more than 1,000 members strong and it is simple to join. Sign in to the members only section of www.naspa.org, click on "Update Membership Profile and Preference", and "Edit KC Information" to add KC's to your profile.

Each month, a new topic of interest is posted to our KC blog. Recent topics have included:

- communicating with parents—topics, methods of delivery and frequency,
- working with a parent advisory council or board, restructuring an existing group or creating something new,
- the student perspective on parent/family involvement on campus and
- common FERPA myths and misunderstandings.

Visit www.naspa.org/communities/kc/community.cfm?kcId=23.

I look forward to hearing from you soon and working together to develop the best practices in working with our parents and families.

Check it out! parentkc.blogspot.com

1. Go to parentkc.blogspot.com
2. Click, "post a comment"
3. Type in your comment in the text box.
4. To submit:
 - Choose, "Any/Open ID" on the dropdown menu
 - Create a nickname for yourself (Example: J. Doe — university name)
 - Click, "Publish Your Comment"

Graduate student representative for NASPA IV-West

by Paul Miller
Kansas State University

Hello everyone! My name is Paul Miller and I want to introduce myself as the new graduate student representative for NASPA IV-West. I officially took over in March and I am very excited to be joining. I am currently working as a graduate assistant in housing as an assistant residence life coordinator at Kansas State University, while earning my master's in the college student personnel program.

I completed my undergraduate work at Beloit College in Beloit, Wis. It is a very small school, so it has been an exciting transition from a small, private liberal arts college to a large public university.

Some of my goals are to work in instituting a peer connection program among graduate students so they can connect with other graduate students from different institutions. The end goal is to become more marketable and gain a better understanding of the opportunities and differences out there.

I also hope to educate more graduate students about NASPA and other professional organizations and journals. If there is anything I can do for you, e-mail me at pemiller@ksu.edu.

Thank you, and I look forward to working with you all.

Mentoring new professionals and graduate students: results from a membership study

by Annemarie Vaccaro, University of Denver

Anyone in the field of student affairs would likely agree that having a good mentor is key to professional development and success. Organizations like NASPA and even some of our own home institutions offer mentoring programs – some more successful than others.

A NASPA IV-West membership study was completed at the regional conference in November 2007. With the assistance of four graduate students (Kara Matthews, Jennifer Jonas, Rachel Robinson and Elizabeth Smock), a series of four focus groups were conducted to determine the interests, needs and concerns of the membership. A total of 39 people participated in the study:

- 33 with less than five years in the field,
- five with 5-10 years of experience and
- two with more than 10 years of experience.

One of the strongest themes that emerged from this group of relatively young professionals was the need for good mentors. They said things like:

"You can't underestimate being connected with mentors in the field ... you need more affirmation that you're on the right path – someone who has been there is helpful. You don't always want to confide in your boss."
(New professional)

"I don't know if I'm necessarily buying into the organization to find a mentor. But because I'm engaged, I may find someone who holds the secret to my life and I'll connect with them after the conference ..."
(Graduate student)

Most new professionals and graduate students said they had tried to join mentoring programs, but rarely did deep connections emerge from those programs. Nor did they feel comfortable approaching senior practitioners to find a mentor on their own.

"As a new professional, (I want to be) able to socialize with professionals from different levels — mid and SSAO levels. It's sometimes difficult to approach VPs, etc. It would be great if NASPA IV-West could create opportunities that are less



intimidating for new professionals and grad students.”

Graduate students suggested settings where they might feel comfortable finding a mentor. Ideally, they would like to spend time dialoguing with more seasoned practitioners. Through dialogue, they might feel a connection. Suggested settings:

“In a form like this – (referring to roundtable) – being able to speak/dialogue openly not just listening or having someone speak at me.” (Graduate student)

“Small roundtables of four or eight seasoned professionals and peers. I would not be so intimidated with that setting.” (Graduate student)

“Speed networking! You just have 2-3 minutes at a new table and decide if you want to continue that relationship later. Then students can select their own mentors if they really click with someone. I think it would be fun. That way, if you just don’t care for someone, you move on gracefully, and, you don’t have that intimidation with approaching professionals.”

Clearly, there is a need and desire for mentors from graduate students and young professionals. However, the typical mentor matching programs do not seem to work. Mid-level and seasoned professionals can learn much from these findings. If we truly want to offer good mentoring experiences for young professionals we should consider the following:

Don’t assume typical mentor matching programs will be effective. Ask young professionals how they would like to find a mentor. I surely would never have considered the speed networking concept!

Provide time and space for different generations and levels of professionals to dialogue and get to know one another. Take the initiative! Young professionals mentioned their hesitations of approaching more seasoned professionals. They feared we might be too busy or uninterested in mentoring.

Social networking for student affairs

By *Stuart Brown*

In the past five years, according to a Jan. 3 report by the *Pew Internet and American Life Project*, “social networking sites have rocketed from a niche activity into a phenomenon that engages tens of millions of Internet users.” These sites are “an online place where a user can create a profile and build a personal network that connects him or her to other users.” The most well-known and most used sites include Facebook.com and MySpace.com.

The social network phenomenon had its genesis on college and university campuses. Remember when you needed an edu e-mail account to join an institution’s network? Nowadays, most of the major networks do not have such restrictions. While this has allowed membership to skyrocket, the open-door policy has diluted their impact for specific audiences.

For student affairs administrators, this problem has now been solved with the introduction of iStudentAffairs.com, launched in February 2008, as a social networking site for student affairs professionals that connects friends and colleagues with each other. Within a week of its introduction, more than 400 people joined, demonstrating the need and desire for this type of network. Individuals must register and be approved to access the site. Why are people asked to register? This ensures the integrity of the site. By keeping out spammers and advertisers, the focus remains on people interested in joining a community involved with higher education.

The response to the site has been overwhelmingly positive. Alex Herzog, director of campus card services at the University of Nevada – Las Vegas stated, “I can’t believe this site didn’t come about sooner. It’s a great resource for student affairs professionals, and I personally like the ability to reconnect with

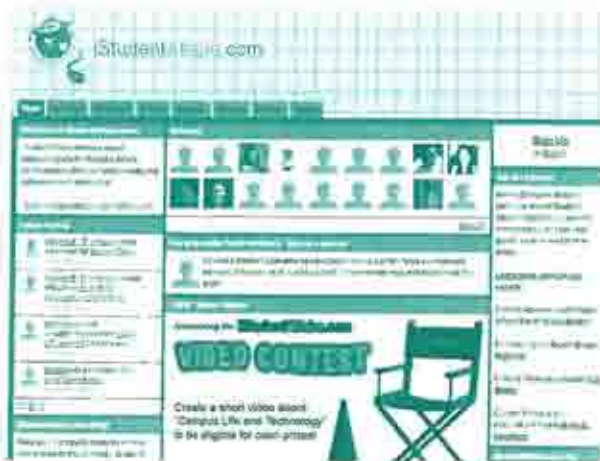
colleagues in the field. I think this application is more personal and applicable for student affairs administrators than Facebook.” Once people are registered, they can share program ideas, views on policy matters, photos, discussion forums and more. Within the first few days, dozens of interest-based groups that reflect personal interest or professional responsibilities were formed.

These include such functional areas as residence life, career services and academic advising, as well as a number of groups to connect alumni of graduate preparation programs. Personal blogs have been created, which are featured on the main page, as well as a wide variety of videos.

“By combining member pages, photos, videos and blogs, this social network merges the best of Facebook, Myspace, Blogger, Livejournal and Wordpress,” says Will Barratt, associate professor of educational leadership at Indiana State University. “This is the good stuff.”

iStudentAffairs.com also provides “public and private communication tools.”

The goal of iStudentAffairs.com? Continued growth with the desire to become the social networking site for student affairs professionals, where connecting, sharing and collaborating will be common place.



A planning model for celebrating safely: what the University of Kansas has learned in 20 years

Ann Eversole and Mariesa Roney, University of Kansas

In April 1988, the University of Kansas men's basketball team won the NCAA National Championship and frenetic crowds descended on the campus. There was extensive property damage and numerous injuries. Both university and city officials realized a model was needed to structure safe and fun activities and to protect the physical campus. The concept of a Celebrations Task Force was born.

Each spring semester since, under the leadership of KU's student affairs organization, the Celebrations Task Force has been convened to not just check out the "bracketology," but to seriously plan the "what if" scenarios of possible victories and defeats. Spring 2008 was no different – except that the real excitement began when KU's victories took the team, the university and Jayhawk fans everywhere to the National Championship.

The 2008 Celebrations Task Force was chaired by Assistant Vice Provost for Student Success, Ann Eversole, Ph.D., and included representatives from her office, Kansas Athletics, the provost's and chancellor's offices, Facilities Operations, University Relations, Public Safety, Parking and Transit and representatives from the City of Lawrence including law enforcement and fire, the county sheriff's office and public safety personnel from KU's Medical Center Campus.

The group met every Monday after each victory to plan for the next game. A template was reviewed to determine each entity's responsibilities, win or lose. Details such as the placement of extra trash cans, location of command posts for law enforcement, as well as the team's anticipated return time first to the Topeka airport and then to Lawrence were documented.

As KU's participation in the Final Four weekend became a reality, planning focused on creating the safest environment possible. Faculty members with classes scheduled during the championship game were notified, and those whose classes were scheduled along Jayhawk Boulevard (the main thoroughfare through campus) were provided with alternate meeting places. Parking on Jayhawk Boulevard was eliminated following the final two games.

Law enforcement officers visited downtown establishments and advised that only plastic cups would be allowed on the street. Athletics opened Allen Fieldhouse free-of-charge so area fans

could view the final two games on the jumbotron to provide a fun and alcohol-free environment. (More than 6,000 fans watched the semi-final game and more than 10,000 fans took advantage of this game-like atmosphere for the championship game.) Plans were also made to welcome the championship team back to campus with a celebration at the football stadium.

In addition, University Relations developed a "Celebrate Safely" advertising campaign using Head Coach Bill Self as the centerpiece. Table tents and posters blanketed the campus and downtown area with Coach Self reminding Jayhawk fans: "The nation is watching; let's show some class." An e-mail from Coach Self was sent to students, faculty and staff again promoting the "Celebrate Safely" theme.

"Celebrate Safely" also was the mantra for law enforcement officials. KU Public Safety Officers assembled at the campus command post prior to the game (complete with a TV to cheer on the team), then disbursed to posts around campus. Once the pedestrian and vehicular traffic cleared campus (less than 45 minutes after the championship game), KU Public Safety deployed downtown to assist city and county law enforcement and the Kansas Highway Patrol.

The downtown crowds were enormous. When KU defeated North Carolina in game five, there was an estimated 20,000 people in downtown Lawrence. The crowd more than doubled at the conclusion of the championship game with estimates as high as 60,000.

The soft, "Celebrate Safely" approach worked well! There was minimal property damage and only a few injuries – truly amazing given the large and happy crowds. Overall, the celebrations were safe and people cooperated with law enforcement. The officers' primary task was to ensure a visible and friendly law enforcement presence.

All-in-all, the 2008 Men's Basketball Championship is one for the ages – not only because of the team's overtime victory, but also because of the lack of violence and property damage by fans during the celebrations.

Collaboration is the foundation of student affairs work and the KU Celebrations Task Force exemplifies this concept beautifully. Rock Chalk Jayhawks!



NASPA IV-WEST Advisory Board meeting

Ruth Stoner
University of Kansas

March 9, 2008
NASPA National Conference, Boston, Mass.

Board decisions, action items and future agenda items:

- I. The Region IV-West advisory Board met from 1-3:30 p.m. March 9 prior to the Boston National NASPA Conference.
- II. Board decisions/recommendations/motions/announcements:
 - A. The advisory board approved a set of budget priorities for 2008-09. These items were approved for one year only and will be reviewed and approved on an annual basis:
 1. \$30,000 will be deposited in a reserve account to address issues related to conferences or institutes if necessary (i.e. failed conference or institute, theft of funds, etc.).
 2. Enhancements of Region IV-West programs and/or projects:
 - Enhancement of annual awards - \$2,000/annual increase to current budget
 - Support for advisory board at summer planning meeting - \$5,200/annually
 - Support for conference planning committee - \$2,000/annually
 - NUPP - \$3,500/annually (\$2,500 increase to current budget)
 - Graduate students - \$3,500/annually
 - Knowledge Community - \$2,000/annually (\$1,000 increase to current budget)
 3. Administrative support for AVP: \$6,000
 - B. The expected financial goal of the regional conference is not to beat or exceed the previous year, but to cover expenses, return the seed money and make a profit of \$5,000 for regional programs. Returns of greater than this amount are the exception and not the expectation.
- III. The 2008 Region IV-West Conference will be held at the Tulsa Marriott Southern Hills in Tulsa, Okla., Nov. 5-7. The theme will be "Weaving the Way... Creating a Heritage in the Heartland." The conference co-chairs are Denise Ottinger (Washburn University) and Dennis Day (Johnson County Community College). Mark your calendar now to attend. The Mid-Level Institute will be held as a pre-conference Nov. 3-4. For more information, visit www.naspa.org: Communities, Regional Communities and Region IV-West.



- IV. The Region IV-West advisory board held a summer planning meeting at the Tulsa Marriott Southern Hills in Tulsa May 29-30.
- V. The Region IV-West advisory board will meet prior to the Tulsa Region IV-West Conference on November 4-5. If you would like to place an item on the agenda for this meeting, contact Christine Schneikart-Luebbe, Christine.Luebbe@wichita.edu, regional vice president, or the appropriate board member.

For further information on any of the above items or other initiatives of NASPA National or Region IV-West advisory board, contact Christine Schneikart-Luebbe, Christine.Luebbe@wichita.edu, regional vice president, or the appropriate board member.

A complete set of minutes for the Boston board meeting is available at www.naspa.org, click on Communities then Regional Communities and Region IV-West.

Region IV-West Fraternity and Sorority Knowledge Community

Parice S. Bowser
University of Arkansas



Greetings! My name is Parice S. Bowser, and I serve as your Region IV-West Fraternity and Sorority Knowledge Community representative. Professionally, I serve as the director of Greek Life at the University of Arkansas. I earned a bachelor's degree in radio-television and a master's degree in mass communications from Arkansas State University. I have also completed some coursework toward a doctorate in higher education administration at the University of Arkansas. I am a member of the Association for Fraternity Advisors (AFA), National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) and American Association of University Women. Other professional leadership involvement includes serving on the Mid-America Greek Conference Association board of directors and the Habitat for Humanity board of trustees for Washington County (Ark.).

As your KC representative, my role includes communicating to regional constituents about all national KC activities and keeping you informed regarding upcoming conferences/events as they relate to the fraternal movement. If you have any ideas or suggestions to help serve our knowledge community, e-mail pbowser@uark.edu or call 479-575-5001.

NASPA GREEK SUMMIT XII
Nov. 12-14
Atlanta, Ga.

The NASPA Fraternity and Sorority Knowledge Community is once again hosting the Summit on Fraternity and Sorority Life to bring together senior student affairs officers with leaders of fraternities, sororities and their coordinating councils. The summit has been held annually since 1997 to deepen the understanding and trust in addressing our common challenges. The group will convene this year in Atlanta Nov. 12-14. Participation is open by invitation.

The Greek Summit is an annual event organized by NASPA's Fraternity and Sorority Affairs Knowledge Community. The Greek Summit is an invitation-only program designed to bring together senior student affairs professionals with fraternity and sorority leaders to build common ground and strengthen relationships. Its ultimate goal is to affect the change needed to help students' behavior better reflect the founding principles of their organizations and the missions of their educational institutions.

For more information, contact Jerry T. Brewer, Ph.D., associate vice president for student life, University of South Carolina, at jbrewer@mailbox.sc.edu or Cathy Scroggs, Ph.D., vice chancellor for student affairs, University of Missouri, at scroggsc@missouri.edu.

NASPA Asian Pacific Islanders Knowledge Community

The 2008 NASPA Conference in Boston was a great opportunity to get re-energized, make new connections, see old friends and support our association and colleagues. National co-chairs Joy Hoffman and Lori Ideta did an outstanding job in providing leadership to the API KC. They will be passing the torch to Karlen Suga and Hikaru Kozuma. Please join me in congratulating this year's API KC Award recipients:

Very Involved Participants Award

Karlen Suga, Colorado State University (IV-West)

Faith Kazmi, Stanford University

Shattering the Glass Ceiling Award

Dr. Hal Gin, Cal State Hayward (retired)

Outstanding Mentoring Award

Henry Gee, Rio Hondo College

Your newly elected NASPA Region IV-West API KC representative is Marsha Norvell, University of Arkansas, mnorvell@uark.edu, 479-575-5007. She would like to get your feedback on your interests, what may be helpful or any other ideas you may have concerning Asian Pacific Islanders in higher education/student affairs. Also, if you would like to serve on the advisory group, we would appreciate your participation.

Send feedback and advisory group interest to: Marsha Norvell at mnorvell@uark.edu.

African-American Knowledge Community Update

Keichanda Dees-Burnett

University of Missouri-Kansas City

Looking for interested members!

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the African-American Knowledge Community (AAKC) regional chair. It is an exciting time to be involved in AAKC. Recently, Corliss Bennett-McBride and James Hill were elected as national co-chairs for AAKC. They have done a wonderful job providing direction to the AAKC regional chairs and increasing communication between the national co-chairs and regional chairs. A distant mentoring program has been developed this year for individuals interested in either providing or receiving advice on career development. If you would like more information about this program, contact Corliss Bennett-McBride at Bennett@usc.edu or Jim Hill at jimhill@uwm.edu.

Additionally, some of the benefits of getting involved in the Region IV-West AAKC are:

- networking opportunities,
- joint presentations at regional/national conferences,
- opportunities to share research and
- support system.

I will put together an informal listserv of interested members so we can begin to communicate regularly and connect at conferences and throughout the year. If you are interested in being involved in AAKC or have any questions, concerns or ideas, e-mail me at deesk@umkc.edu. I look forward to connecting with you.

Mid-Level Institute

Mid-Level Institute, Nov. 3-4, 2008

Tulsa Marriott Southern Hills, Tulsa, Okla.

Are you a mid-level professional interested in enhancing your skills? This year's Mid-Level Institute (MLI) will provide participants with resources to influence effective change and explore opportunities for continued growth in the student affairs profession.

Specific MLI topics may include:

- Campus culture and politics
- Crisis intervention
- Legal issues
- Financial management
- Professional and personal balance

The institute's faculty, all highly experienced student affairs practitioners from a diverse group of institutions, will share their experiences and provide first-hand insight on effectively managing one's career as a mid-level professional and beyond.

MLI cost (\$475 for NASPA members and \$575 for non-NASPA members) includes: MLI registration fees and materials, three nights lodging, some meals and snack service and recreation. Registration payment is due after selection notification.

Priority will be given to the first 25 participants with a selection date of Sept. 5. Send questions to:

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NASPA IV-West awards due July 31

Do you know someone who works tirelessly on behalf of students? On behalf of NASPA? On behalf of your institution? Now is the time to nominate these individuals for prestigious recognition through the NASPA IV-West awards process. We also have awards that recognize outstanding programs and publications.

The entire process is done online and information can be obtained at www.naspa.org/resources/awardsnom.cfm.

We have so many outstanding colleagues and rising stars in our region who are worthy of being recognized. Take a few minutes in the next few weeks to submit a nomination.

Questions? Contact:

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