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KC SPOTLIGHT - INDIGENOUS PEOPLES



Hello 2018! For many folk in higher education, 2017 was a challenging year, and for me it wasn't any different. In my work, I spend all day with Native American students, and think about how both our campus climate and the nation's climate are affecting our students. This year in particular seemed harder to be optimistic when the students on our campuses were struggling almost every day with events happening across the nation and on our campuses. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



RESOLVE TO HELP OTHERS THIS YEAR

As the New Year begins, many of us will reflect on 2017, the highs and the lows. You may be saying, thank goodness that year is behind me, while others will recall it being great. Many of us will also define some resolutions for 2018. The fitness centers and gyms will be packed, some will endeavor to complete challenges like the "Whole 30" and some will attempt to give up an addiction – coffee, smoking, Facebook, Candy Crush Saga, etc. Often these intentions focus on ourselves, but as we start back in our offices for 2018, what if we make a stronger commitment to look externally to help others more. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



NEWS FROM YOUR REGIONAL DIRECTOR

This week many of us will start a new semester, but what you experienced prior may determine your view. How did your previous semester go? Was it exhausting and one you left feeling behind? Or was it amazing, impactful, and completely fulfilling? Does your State have itself together and you envision no budget cuts and possible raises for all faculty and staff? Or is your state struggling and you are fearful about budgets and everything coming together. Did you accomplish all your personal and professional goals or do you need rejuvenation and major adjustments to get things back on course? [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)

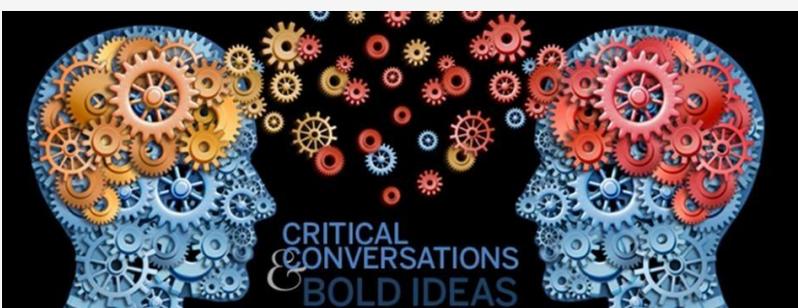
NEW YEAR - GLOBAL GOALS

Just a few days ago the dawning of a new calendar year was welcomed with cascading celebrations in time zones throughout the globe. As we make resolutions to improve aspects of personal (and perhaps professional) well-being, I would be remised as your International Education Knowledge Community (IEKC) representative if I did not also encourage growth in the global dimensions to your professional practice as well. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



GET INVOLVED WITH NASPA IV-W - OVER 20 ADVISORY BOARD OPENINGS

Calling all members of the states of Arkansas, Colorado, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, South Dakota, and Wyoming as well as Canadian provinces, Manitoba and Saskatchewan! This is your chance to get involved and apply to be a State, Membership Coordinator! Josh Alvarez will lead your team of membership coordinators for our region. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



JOIN US FOR NASPA IV-W CRITICAL CONVERSATION: FREE SPEECH VS. HATE SPEECH

Join us for the next NASPA IV-W Critical Conversation Wednesday, February 7, 2018, at 11:00 am (CST) focused on how to combat hate on campus and have a conversation around free speech vs. hate speech [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



GRADUATE STUDENT SPOTLIGHT - CLAIRE ANDREWS

Hometown: Morrilton, AR Graduate Institution: University of Arkansas Degree you are working towards: M.Ed. in Higher Education Undergraduate Institution: University of Arkansas Why you chose your graduate institution: I fell in love with the city of Fayetteville, AR and was not yet ready to leave. Also, I was offered a graduate assistantship in the Fulbright College Advising Center, which for years was a position I could see myself in. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



THE HALFWAY MARK

You know that feeling when you're half-way done with a project, half-way done with running a race or half-way toward saving up for an expense? Certain feelings can take hold such as happiness for making it this far or anxiety for how far you still have to go. In addition to certain feelings, you may see this as an opportunity to assess the current strategy being used and then make any necessary changes to reach your goal. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



MAKE AN IMPACT: SUBMIT A SESSION PROPOSAL BY JANUARY 15

The deadline is January 15 for submitting a session proposal for the IMPACT Summit: College Student Mental Health Conference, a NASPA IV-W Critical Conversation. The Summit will be held on Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at Missouri State University's Plaster Student Union located in Springfield, MO. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



2018 NEW MEXICO ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS PROFESSIONALS SYMPOSIUM

NMASAP will be holding the 2018 Symposium on UNM Main campus in Albuquerque, NM (UNM Student Union Ballroom) on February 22-23, 2018. Three diverse panels consisting of faculty, staff and students from several New Mexico colleges and universities will discuss critical topics [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



2018 MEETING OF THE MINDS CONFERENCE

Meeting of the Minds is a regional prevention and health education conference for college and university peer educators, their advisors, administrators, and campus and community law enforcement. Sessions on evidence-based alcohol and drug prevention, violence prevention, and health education will be presented! Meeting of the Minds 2018 will be hosted in Kansas City April 5-7. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



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