



Everything you need to know about what's going on in NASPA Region I

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Nominations are now open for **Pillars of the Profession**

The NASPA Foundation recognizes a series of distinguished individuals who have served as leaders, teachers, and scholars in student affairs and higher education.

Each individual is nominated and supported for designation as a Pillar by colleagues, students, friends, or others who find him or her deserving of this honor.

Is there someone at your institution with a long history of impacting the lives of students? A scholar who has significantly contributed to our field? A friend or mentor at another institution you feel is deserving of such an honor?

The process to nominate a Pillar is quite simple....three letters and a copy of the nominees CV/resume. A list of past recipients is located on the Foundation web pages. [Nominations](#) are open until Friday, Aug. 29.

Please contact **Nancy Crimmin** at nancy.crimmin@becker.edu with any questions or if you need assistance with a nomination

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Thank you to those of you who have already submitted nominations for our state and regional awards! Awards are incredibly important because they recognize the many deserving people and programs in our region.

The submission deadlines are quickly approaching so if you have not done so, please make sure to get your nominations in!

State award nominations are due by **Thursday, July 24, 2014.**

Regional awards nominations are due **Wednesday, July 30, 2014.**

You can find a full description of the state and regional awards [here](#). Each nomination should include a letter of nomination and two support letters.

As a reminder, there is a list of the state and regional awards at the end of this post. Winners will be presented at the awards ceremony during the Region I Conference, November 16 -19, in Newport, Rhode Island.

We are also looking for several individuals to serve on the regional award committee to select this year's winners. If you are interested in serving on the regional awards committee, please contact me at naspar1awards@gmail.com or via telephone at 617-989-4289.

Sincerely,

Jen (Casavant) Maitino
Awards Chair, NASPA Region I
Associate Director of Housing & Residential Life, Wentworth Institute of Technology

State Awards:

- Catching a Rising Star (Undergraduate)
- Richard F. Stevens Outstanding Graduate Student
- Richard F. Stevens Outstanding New Professional
- Mid-Level Student Affairs Professional
- Program of the Year

Regional Awards:

- Community College Professional Award
- Continuous Service Award
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Award
- Institutional Leadership Award
- Outstanding Contribution to Higher Education
- George D. Kuh Award for Outstanding Contribution to Literature and/or Research
- Scott Goodnight Award for Outstanding Service as a Dean
- The President's Award

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You are all invited to CT NASPA's Summer Social

Where: [Cask Republic](#) in New Haven

When: Friday, July 25th

Time: 6pm-8pm

Appetizers will be provided! Hope you can make it!

Cory Davis
CT NASPA State Director

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NASPA's Research and Policy Institute is hiring for two positions: (1) a new ["Data Analyst"](#) position, and (2) a [Senior Policy Analyst / Director of Policy Research and Advocacy](#) slot (title depends on level of applicant). Priority application deadlines for each are in mid-July, with a hopeful start date of late summer.

The Data Analyst (DA) will become an integral member of NASPA's Research and Policy Institute (RPI) team, providing support to research projects and internal data analysis efforts. The DA has day-to-day responsibility for collecting, cleaning, analyzing, and reporting out on NASPA's assessment metrics, including collection and analysis of member surveys, event evaluations, and social media and web-based analytics. The creation of accessible, actionable reports to support strategic decision-making is a core responsibility of the position. Additionally, the DA will support the research agenda of the RPI, through quantitative analysis and data management. The DA reports to the Senior Research Analyst (SRA).

The Senior Policy Analyst (SPA) / Director for Policy Research and Advocacy (DPRA) will lead and contribute to various projects across the organization including representing the RPI to internal and external constituents. The SPA/DPRA reports to the Vice President for Research and Policy (VPRP) and will take day-to-day leadership of the Association's policy work. The position supervises project team members, interns, consultants, and temporary staff, as needed.

Please feel free to share these descriptions broadly within your networks and encourage well-qualified candidates to apply.

Thank you.

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Looking for professional development opportunities? Check out NASPA's events page [here](#) to check out what's being offered regionally and/or nationally

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We would like to give some Twitter love to NASPA State accounts in New England!

Please consider following each account for updates and news from each prospective state! You can also use the attached hashtags to engage in conversation within each state or the region!

You will notice some Twitter newcomers, Connecticut and Rhode Island (so give them a follow and show some love)!

Connecticut
[@CT_NASPA](#)
[#CT_NASPA](#)

Massachusetts
[@MA_NASPA](#)
[#manaspa](#)

Rhode Island
[@NASPA_RI](#)

Vermont
[@VermontNASPA](#)

As of 7/8, the NASPA Region I Twitter account, [@NASPA_R1](#) ([#NASPAR1](#)), has 1,040 followers.

Thank you all for engaging with us on social media!

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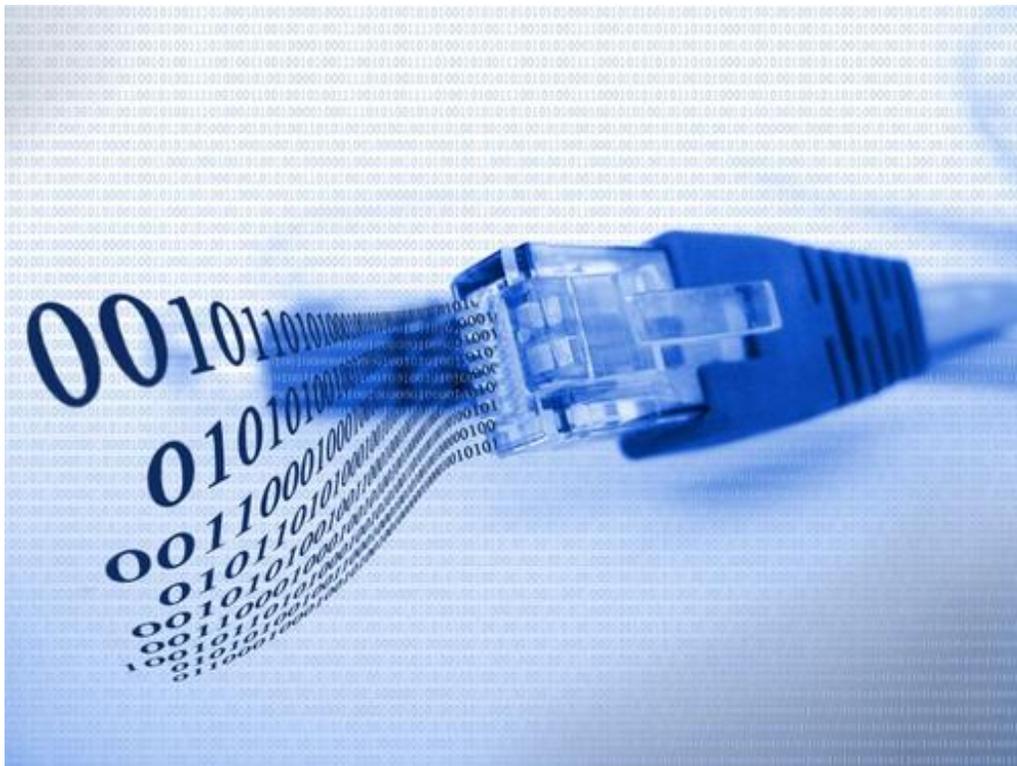


Hope everyone had a wonderful holiday weekend!

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Is There a Crisis in Computer-Science Education?



Written by Jonah Newman for the **Chronicle of Higher Education**

We've been following the continuing conversation among journalists, programmers, and educators about computer-science education in the United States and whether everyone should—or should not—learn how to code. It's a question that comes up often in digital-media circles, so we were pleased to read a thoughtful, nuanced [contribution](#) to that conversation last week from Tasneem Raja, the interactive editor at *Mother Jones*.

In it, one statistic in particular caught our eye: The United States graduated proportionally fewer computer-science majors in 2011-12 than in 1985-86.

Could that really be? We live in an age when technology companies are growing at exponential rates and, in some cases, have [resorted to anticompetitive measures](#) in order to retain the best people.

So we looked into it.

It's true that the percentage of bachelor's degrees awarded in computer science in 1985-86 (4.3 percent of the total) was significantly higher than the percentage in 2011-12 (2.6 percent).

But focusing only on that single 26-year difference misses a far more interesting story. Take a look at this chart showing the proportion of bachelor's and master's degrees from 1979-80 to 2011-12.

To read the full article, please click [here](#)

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Dear Region I Colleagues,

As many of you know, this year's Region I Annual Conference will take place in Newport, Rhode Island **November 16 - 19!** The Conference Planning Committee is busy planning all of the details now, and we wanted to send along some updates about the Call for Programs, Volunteer Opportunities, the Silent Auction, Awards and Retiree Information, hotel and spa information, as well as submitting photos from other NASPA Events..

Call for Programs - The Call for Programs is currently available online at the [NASPA website](#). The deadline for the Program Proposal Submissions is Sunday, July 6th! Please make sure to connect with your colleagues and submit your program proposals! Any questions about Program Proposals can be sent to [Cameron Smith](#).

Volunteer Opportunities - The Conference Committee will be looking for members of the Region to volunteer before and during the Conference.

Please make sure to check out [Volunteer Central](#) for an updated list of ways to get involved! We will soon be looking for Program Reviewers to help select the programs for the Regional Conference! This is a great way to get a sneak peek at the professional development opportunities you will see in November! Any questions about Volunteer Opportunities can be sent to [Erin Twomey](#)

Silent Auction – Each year at the Region I Conference there is a Silent Auction. More information will be available about how to donate in July, but we encourage you to start thinking of some of those great items you would like to donate! Past auction items include vacation homes rentals, Alex and Ani Bracelets, Vera Bradley handbags, tickets to NCAA games, tickets to Patriots games, gift certificates, and so much more! Any questions about the Silent Auction can be emailed to [Tracey Pakstis-Claiborne](#).

Awards and Retirees – We are currently soliciting award nominations for several State, Regional, and National Awards. Please check out the [NASPA Awards Website](#) and look for the Region I awards and consider nominating a colleague or program that you feel is deserving. For more information on Awards please contact [Jen Casavant](#). Also if you know of anyone who will be retiring this year please send along their information to [Jen](#) so the Region can acknowledge their dedicated service to the field.

Hotel and Spa Information – The conference will take place at the [Hyatt](#) in Newport, Rhode Island make sure to book your room to guarantee you get the Conference Rate. Also Conference attendees who are staying at the hotel will be given a 15% discount on any spa services at the [Stillwater Spa](#) that are rendered during the duration of your stay during the conference.

Photos from NASPA Events – The Conference Committee is looking for assistance on gathering photos of NASPA events from the past year, or even throughout the years. If you are willing to share these please email them to Region1Conference@gmail.com

To stay informed about Region I Conference Updates, as well as Region I updates in general make sure to check out our Tumblr page regularly, follow us on Twitter [@naspa_R1](#), and like us on [Facebook](#)!

Elissa Carroll
NASPA Region I Conference Chair

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Spotlight Series

If you or someone that you know has done amazing research in student leadership development or has an amazing leadership program that deserves to be recognized and featured amongst other student affair professionals within the NASPA Student Leadership Knowledge Community, please consider submitting your nomination for our **Quarterly Spotlight Series Award** by Tuesday, July 15, 2014.

Recipients of this **Quarterly Spotlight Series Award** will not only be recognized by the NASPA Student Leadership Programs Knowledge Community leadership team, but they will also be featured in our quarterly newsletter, nominated for a national award at the 2015 NASPA National Conference, recognized in our different social media outlets, and considered as a great resource for other higher education professionals working in student leadership development as well.

For those who are interested in submitting their research or leadership development programs for this prestigious award, please read the information below and click on the link to submit your program.

The NASPA Student Leadership Programs Knowledge Community is seeking Spotlight Series Award applications for the following areas:

- **Research & Assessment:** This award is for leadership development programs that demonstrate good/promising practices in research and/or assessment of their student leadership program.

- **Influences on Student Learning:** This award is for leadership development programs that influence student learning both in and out of the classroom within their student leadership programs.
- **Theory to Practice:** This award is for leadership development programs that integrate leadership theory and exposes students to the application of theory within their student leadership programs.

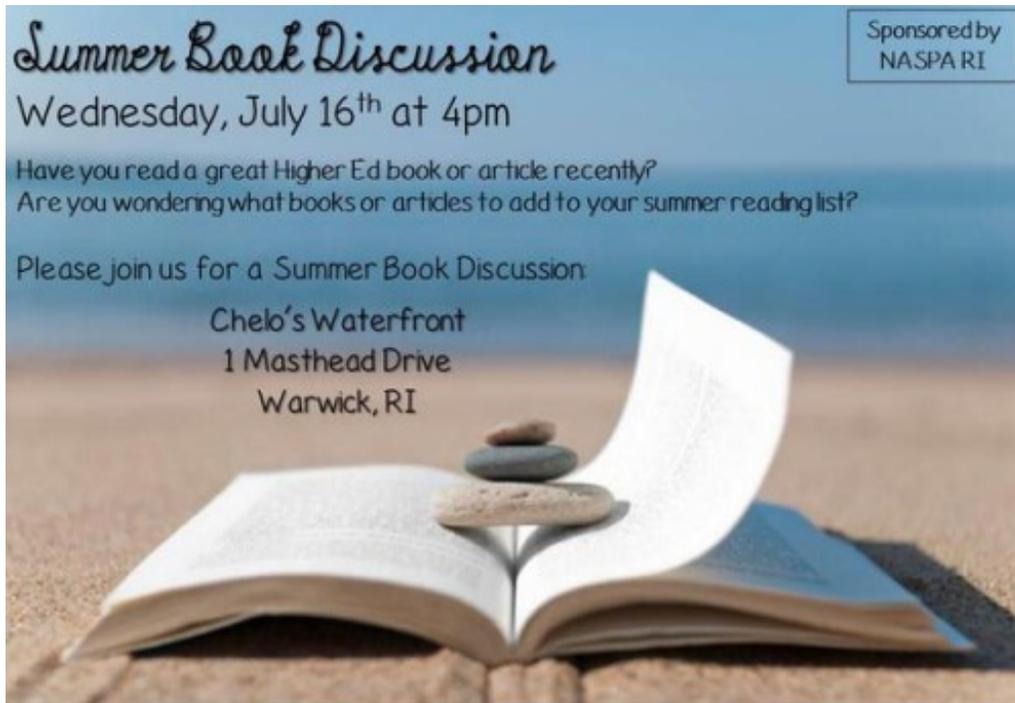
To submit a nomination, click [here](#)

For more information about the types of programs that were selected in the last quarter, check out the latest edition of the student leadership programs knowledge community newsletter by clicking on the link [here](#)

Good luck on your submissions for this prestigious award within the NASPA SLP-KC!

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A promotional poster for a Summer Book Discussion event. The background is a photograph of an open book lying on a sandy beach, with three smooth, stacked stones on top of it. The text is overlaid on the image. In the top right corner, there is a small box that says "Sponsored by NASPA RI". The main title is "Summer Book Discussion" in a cursive font, followed by "Wednesday, July 16th at 4pm". Below that, it asks "Have you read a great Higher Ed book or article recently? Are you wondering what books or articles to add to your summer reading list?". The event details are: "Please join us for a Summer Book Discussion", "Chel's Waterfront", "1 Masthead Drive", "Warwick, RI". At the bottom, it says "Please RSVP to Sharon Hay at sharhay@providence.edu on or before Friday, July 11th. There is no cost to the event, but attendees will be responsible for any food or beverage they order."

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The **Wellness and Health Promotion KC** will be offering a **workshop on preparing and submitting conference proposals**. Sign up for the workshop, bring your ideas and a laptop, and be prepared to start writing your proposal!

What: Proposal Writing Workshop
Where: Framingham State University
When: Monday, June 23, 9:30 – Noon

Presenters: Members of the Wellness and Health Promotion KC Leadership Team

The workshop will begin with an overview and tips of writing program proposals, followed by a discussion of ideas and plans by attendees for program submissions. Attendees will then begin the process of writing their proposals and have the opportunity to receive support and feedback, as desired. Come with your ideas and leave with a proposal ready for submission!

Light refreshments provided.

Please RSVP to mstoops@framingham.edu by Wednesday, June 18.

If you are looking for ideas: The conference committee listed some suggested topics in the call for proposals, which include two that relate to this KC – sexual assault/Title IX and also mental health. In addition, issues of diversity and assessment were very popular at the national conference this spring. Programs on these topics as they relate to student wellness may be well received by attendees. Additional ideas include: meeting the needs of international students with mental health issues, best practices/essentials of training professional/paraprofessional first responders; Affordable Care Act implications for our students, and using technology/apps to encourage healthy behaviors.

If you have an idea for a program and would like to find someone to present with you who is doing similar work or at a similar or different type of institution, let me know and I can try and match you up.

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Coaching from the Sidelines Instead of the Bleachers: Our Important Role in College Affordability

Written by
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As colleges and universities across America embark on another summer, institutional leaders, administrators, and practitioners exhale a collective sigh of relief, recovering from the dizzying wave of commencements and end of year activities. As such, the brief reprieve not only provides us an opportunity to reflect on the stressful nature of the last month, but it also allows us to respond to the year's Super Bowl of financial news in higher education: the release of published annual tuition increases, which occurred a few weeks earlier in the semester.

Unfortunately, drastic increases in tuition and fees remain commonplace in higher education. Correspondingly, many institutions have adopted subsidizing measures such as institutional tuition discounting, which has now become the norm across the country. In actuality, the cost of higher

education has outpaced inflation for many years now.^[1] Combine that with a number of students and their families seeking third-party payment plans, like private loans or credit cards, and the issue has been exacerbated.

This spring's release promises to deepen institutional thinking about enhancing financial supports and broadening cost-cutting measures. Likewise, the U.S. Department of Education and other policymakers have elevated the importance of college affordability and expanded the reach of its various loan and grant programs. For example, President Obama recently announced his [Executive Order](#) to extend the protections of Income-Based Repayment (or more specifically, [Pay As You Earn](#)) to student borrowers who took out loans before 2007 or stopped borrowing by 2011.

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