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NEWS FROM YOUR REGIONAL DIRECTOR

In late May, over 50 Region IV-West Student Affairs professionals met in Wichita, Kansas to plan the fall 2018 conference on-site at the Wichita Marriott and to develop plans for the future of the Region. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



WRITING AN EFFECTIVE AWARD NOMINATION

Wow, does time fly! There is only ONE WEEK left to nominate your colleagues for the NASPA Region IV-W Awards. Each year NASPA recognizes members who are doing outstanding work in their field with awards presented at the regional conference. The available awards are as diverse as our region and include individual awards as well awards that recognize programmatic efforts. On average our region receives over 100 nominations for these awards, so how can you make sure your nominee stands out in the crowd? Below we have highlighted five tips and tricks to help you put your nominee's best foot forward! [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



NASPA REGION IV-W CONFERENCE: CALL FOR PROGRAM PROPOSALS

Do you have research to share, innovations to brag about or best practices that others may leverage on their campuses? Consider submitting a proposal to present an Educational Session at the NASPA Region IV-W 2018 Conference, which takes place in Wichita, KS from October 23rd-25th. The deadline to submit a proposal to present is July 20, 2018. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



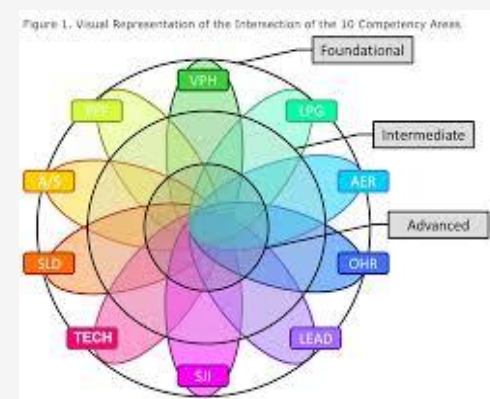
CONFERENCE REGISTRATION OPENS JUNE 10, 2018!!!

The 2018 NASPA Region IV-West conference "Reflection Inspires our Future" will take place in Wichita, KS on October 23 – 25, 2018 at the Wichita Marriott. We hope that you are considering on attending as we come together to reflect on what inspires our future. Conference registration will open on June 10, 2018. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



TECHNOLOGY KC SPOTLIGHT

Hello Friends! I was recently at a Circle K International conference and students were asked what social media site they use most. Most of the room still considered Facebook to be that site. I was shocked and surprised to hear their response as in my experience Facebook is not relevant to most students today. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



PRO-"FRESH"-IONAL: A NASPA COMPETENCY BLOG

Summer is the time of year where we are frequently asked, "Do you work during the summer?" We have to explain that not only do we work, but also we are extremely busy with planning for the upcoming year. You can make this summer the best summer by explaining your new love and focus on adding the Professional Competency Areas for Student Affairs Educators to your work. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



THE LIMINALITY OF ADOPTION

Before my junior year of college, I had never heard the word “liminality.” I enrolled in the class “Liminality in Spanish Literature” because I had to, not because I knew what it was nor did I have a strong desire to read more in my already literature-heavy major. I soon discovered that liminality is the space “betwixt and between social roles and/or identities” [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!!

Where did May go? This past week Region IV-W had the opportunity to bring our Advisory Board into a room and continue conversations about the fall conference and where the region is going in the future. Being able to connect with old and new colleagues is always refreshing. It can be hard to fit 70ish people around a table but here is a glimpse of our good-looking team. We hope you'll consider joining our team! Check out the vacant positions below. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



ASSESSMENT: STRATEGIES FOR COLLECTING DATA BY ENGAGING PARTICIPANTS

This live briefing will present strategies for active, engaging data collection with face-to-face groups of students, faculty, and staff. Participants will be encouraged to think about the creation of artifacts as a fun (and easy) way to collect data that can be used to evaluate the success of programs and services. Strategies for reporting the data collected from these non-traditional embedded approaches will also be presented, to encourage practices related to closing the loop. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



REGION IV-W FOUNDATION AMBASSADORS UPDATE

We have less than 30 days to meet our NASPA IV-W goals for the NASPA Foundation. The NASPA Foundation challenges each region with annual fundraising goals. Because of your past support and dedication, we have met these goals nearly every year, giving our region up to \$1,000 to support research grants and graduate student travel to our Region's conference. This year, our goal is to reach 100 donors and \$18,000 in contributions. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



HOW I LEARNED TO STOP HATING THE GYM AND LOVE EXERCISING

Love may be too strong a word, but I certainly like exercising now, and it didn't take very long to drastically change my relationship with it. If you're like me, I know that exercise is essential for good health and well-being, but I lacked the desire and motivation to do it. Today, I'll briefly share three steps that led to my change of heart. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



2018 NASPA STUDENT AFFAIRS FUNDRAISING CONFERENCE

Join us in Albany, NY, July 26-28, for an impactful experience crafted for not only development professionals, but any administrator with fundraising in their portfolio. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)