

# The Region I Bulletin

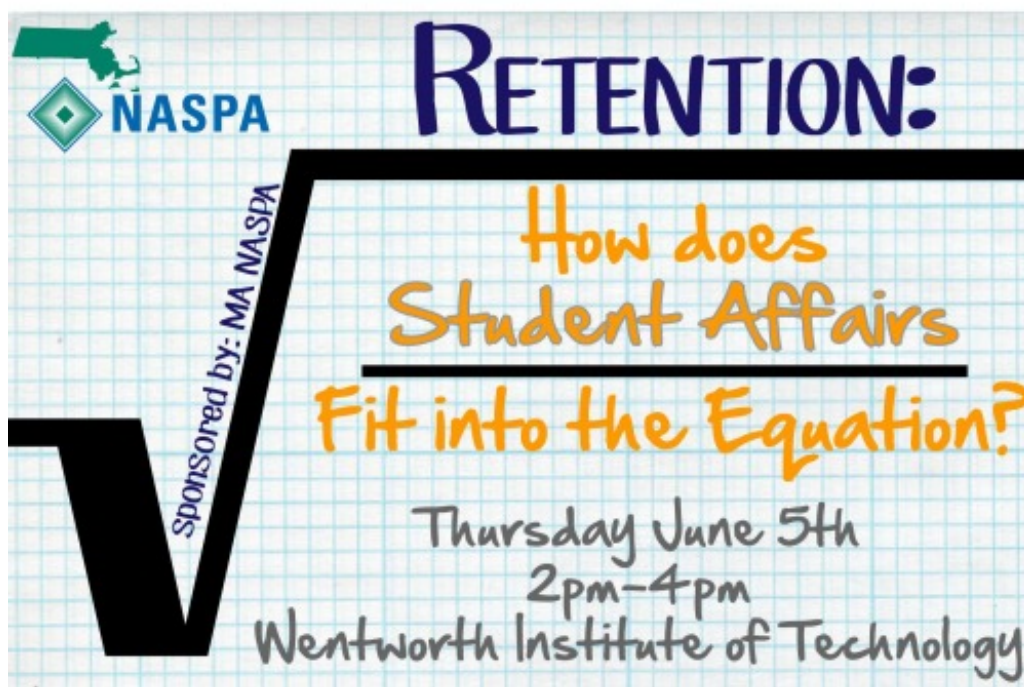
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Everything you need to know about what's going on in NASPA Region I

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Please join MA NASPA on June 5 from 2-4PM, at Wentworth Institute of Technology for a panel discussion on **Retention: How Does Student Affairs Fit Into The Equation?**

As retention and completion rates continue to be scrutinized across higher education, it is incumbent on Student Affairs divisions to lead specific initiatives and efforts to retain students. Please join several CSAOs representing MA institutions in a panel discussion to identify key elements in the rise of retention efforts, discuss best practices, and hear about newly implemented programs at various campuses specific to student affairs.

**When:** Thursday, June 5 from 2-4PM

**Where:** Wentworth Institute of Technology

**Price:** FREE!

PARKING IS AVAILABLE!

Following the event, please join us for a social at Yard House!  
126 Brookline Ave (about a 15 minute walk from Wentworth)

To register, please click [here](#)

Sincerely,

Beth Moriarty, Ed.D.  
Director of Residence Life and Housing  
Bridgewater State University  
MA NASPA State Director

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Dear NASPA Region I Members

My name is Jen Casavant and I am the Awards Chair for NASPA Region I. I write today to notify you with some exciting news: We are NOW ready to accept award nominations!

There are four sets of awards for which you can nominate a deserving colleague:

- State Awards for NASPA Region I. The deadline for these award nominations is Thursday, July 17, 2014.
- Regional Awards for NASPA Region I. The deadline for these award nominations is Wednesday, July 30, 2014.
- Excellence Awards. The deadline for these award nominations is Wednesday, October 1, 2014.
- National Awards. The deadline for these award nominations is still being finalized by the NASPA National Office, but will be in late-October 2014 (Please click [here](#) for a link to national award information)

Awards are incredibly important because they recognize the many deserving people and programs in our region. You may find a full description of the state and regional awards [here](#). Below is a list of the state and regional awards; please note that any award marked by an asterisk (\*) are eligible for national consideration. State winners are forwarded for regional consideration and then regional winners will be forwarded for consideration at the national awards level, as applicable.

Each nomination should include a letter of nomination, no more than five support letters (preferably one from a current supervisor), the nominee's resume and contact information. Winners will be presented at the awards ceremony during the Region I Conference, November 16 -19, in Newport, Rhode Island.

**State Awards:**

- Catch 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

The nomination process for state and regional awards is an easy two-step process:

1. Visit the awards portion of our NASPA Region I website [here](#).
2. Select the award you would like to nominate someone before and click NOMINATE to be directed to enter and upload nomination materials.

**We are also seeking names of NASPA Region I members who are retiring this year or who have retired during the past year.** You may email this information to [naspar1awards@gmail.com](mailto:naspar1awards@gmail.com).

I urge you to consider submitting at least one award nomination this year; we are a Region rich in talent and exemplary programs! I am happy to help you with any aspect of the awards process. Please feel free to contact me at [naspar1awards@gmail.com](mailto:naspar1awards@gmail.com) or via telephone at 617-989-4289. I look forward to your nominations!

Please mark your calendars now with the new submission deadline for state and regional award nominations: Thursday, July 17th and Wednesday, July 30th.

Thank you!

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**The African American Knowledge Community** is currently seeking Region I members to fill the following positions available on its Leadership Team.

The full descriptions of each position can be found [here](#)

- Communications Chair
- Professional Development Chair
- Outreach and Conference Coordinator

Applications and resumes will be accepted through May 31, 2014. If you're interested in applying, please complete the application [here](#)

We certainly look forward to your future engagement within the Region I African American Knowledge Community!

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### **Trendy Tuesday**

*By Jack Korkob, NASPA Region I's Social Media Coordinator*

This edition of Trendy Tuesdays is about the Twitter hash tag #scandalhighered.

If you type in "scandalhighered" into the Twitter search bar, you'll find a collection of tweets from higher ed/student affairs folks from all over talking about the ABC television show, Scandal.

I don't know who started it, but whoever did should be thanked. This simple hash tag has started a conversation and connection between folks from around the country!

Who says that higher ed/student affairs folks should only connect on work related items?

This current season of Scandal is over, but the conversation doesn't stop!

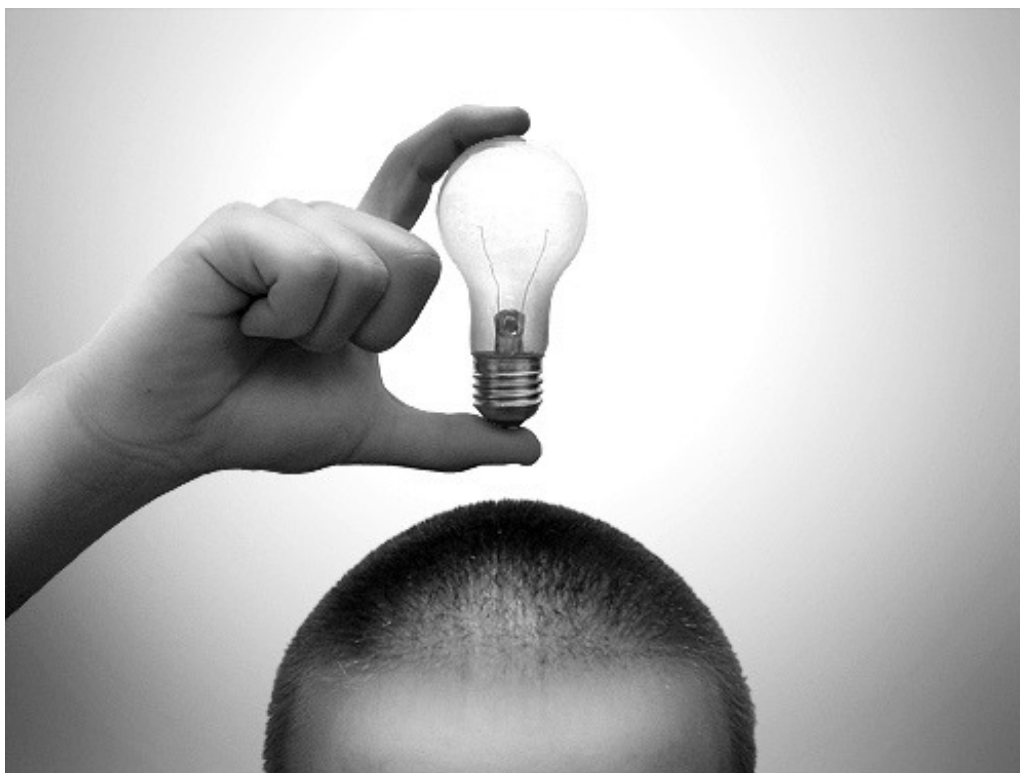
Don't click the following link if you don't want to read any SPOILERS! Follow the conversation [here](#)

Scandal returns Fall 2014 on ABC!

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Greetings NASPA Region I,

The Conference Committee is excited to announce that the Call for Programs for the 2014 Annual Conference is live. We look forward to learning, engaging, and connecting with you at the annual conference in Newport, Rhode Island November 16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

As you prepare your proposals, please keep in mind the following:

- Please review the [Professional Competency Areas for Student Affairs Practitioners](#)
- Program format and content, audio-visual needs, and social media usage.

Programs are evaluated on the following criteria:

- Relationship to the [conference purpose](#)
- Development of content, including evidence of planning and organization
- Clearly stated objectives and outcomes
- Program format and outline (activities, panel, etc.)
- Contribution to the knowledge and practice of student affairs

Additionally we are looking for unique and innovative program topics. Based on the feedback from last year there are still a number of topic areas attendees would like to see more of and learn more about, if you have an interest or expertise in these subjects we highly encourage you to submit:

- Assessment/Learning Outcomes
- Athletics
- Budget Challenges/Finance in Higher Education
- Collaboration with Academic Partners
- Conduct
- GLBTQ Topics
- Graduate Student Life
- Greek Life



- Mental Health Issues
- Orientation/New Student Programs
- Public Policy & Law
- Retention/Enrollment Management
- Service/Service Learning/Volunteerism
- Sexual Assault/Title IX
- Social Justice
- Social Media
- Students with Disabilities
- Technology
- Veterans

Please visit our [program proposal submission](#) page to submit your proposal today, the deadline for proposals is **July 6, 2014**.

For more information about the Region I Conference, please visit our [website](#). Check back often for updated information about programs, speakers, and special events.

Should you have any questions, please contact Cameron Smith, Programs Chair, at [cameron.smith@bc.edu](mailto:cameron.smith@bc.edu).

Thank you in advance for your submissions and we look forward to seeing you in beautiful Newport.

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**NASPA Region I Social Media Update**

**Social Media Stats (as of 5/12/14):**

[Twitter](#) Followers: 981

Facebook Group Members: 648

Click the links above to join in on the conversation!

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### 7 Tips on How to be an LGBT Rights Advocate

By Steve Williams for care2.com

1. Recognize your Privilege
2. Know What You Think About the Issues
3. Find Your Focus
4. Decide How You Will Engage with LGBT Advocacy
5. Let Your Advocacy Grow and if, Need to, Go
6. Speak to Elevate the Voices of Others, Not Your Own
7. Enjoy Learning as You Go

To view the complete article, please click [here](#)

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### **NASPA Region I Assessment Coaching**

Looking for help on a new assessment project?

Interested in talking with an experienced professional about your plan?

Need to do assessment but don't know where to start?

We are matching student affairs professionals seeking support and guidance in assessment activities with a colleague in the region who has vast experience with assessment

*"This was a thought provoking and educational experience that allowed me to immediately begin to apply the knowledge I gained to some projects and planning we are experiencing on campus now" - Matt Petersons, Southern New Hampshire University.*

To sign up for coaching OR if you want to be a coach, please contact **Peter Fowler** at [Fowlerp@wit.edu](mailto:Fowlerp@wit.edu)

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### **The World Needs All Kinds of Minds**

By Temple Grandi via Ted.com

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### Colleen's #SAFit Tip

By Colleen Powers

I hope everyone is enjoying (some) relative calm as we move towards the end of May. Even though we may be gearing up for summer orientation programs, advising days, and the like, many of us may have our minds on some glorious time off in the coming months!

One of our very own, Jana Luker from McGill University, shared a link to a list of Fitness Vacations which began with a quote, "Sometimes, there's no better way to recharge than getting a move on."

I thought this was a perfect #SAfit tip for May since we may have some downtime on our minds. While some places on this list may be a little on the extravagant side, they still give some great ideas! I love laying on the beach and relaxing, but sometimes a little movement can be very rejuvenating!

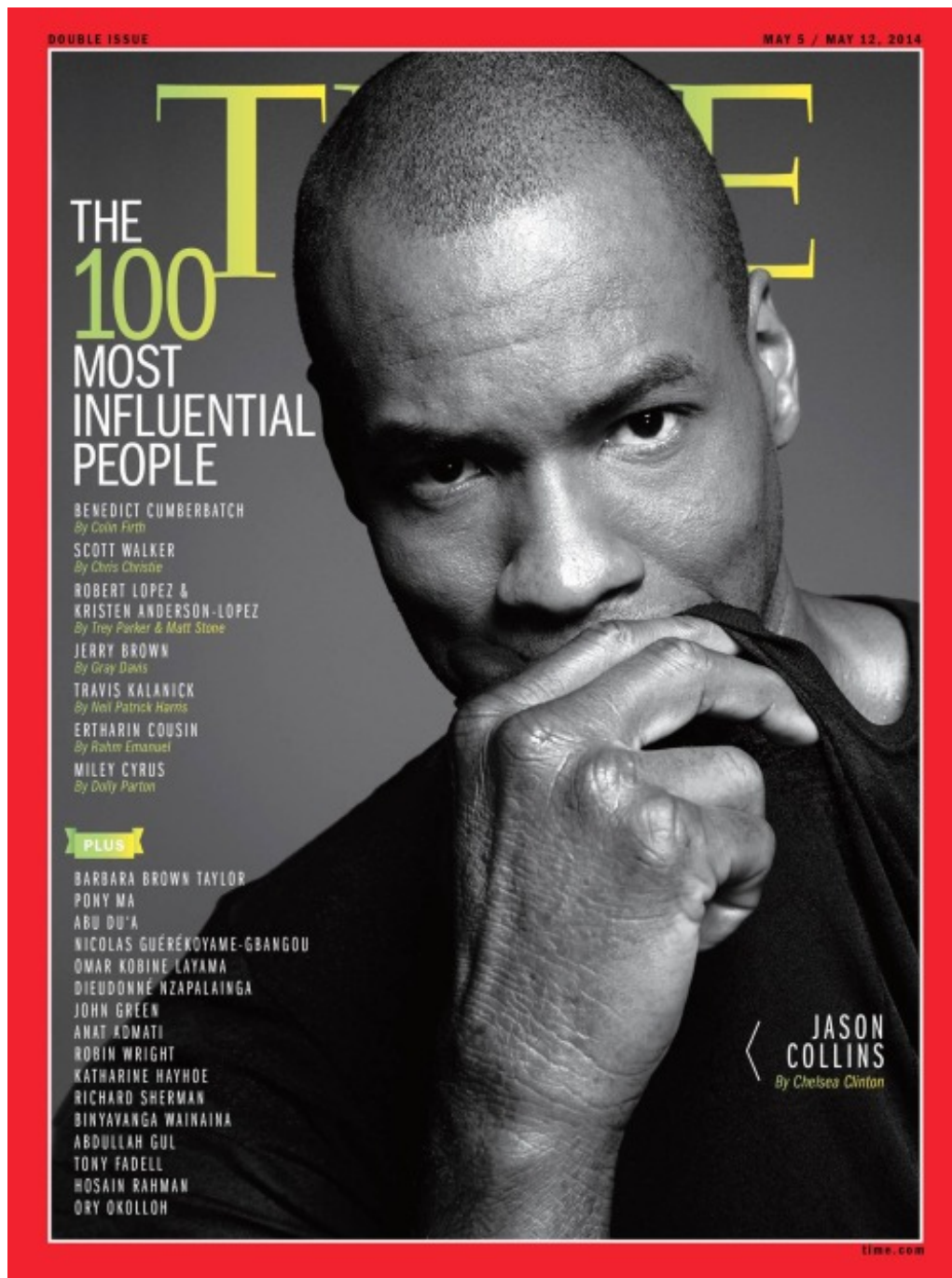
So, think about a surf lesson, kayaking, hiking, biking, or even coordinating a beach volleyball tournament with your friends or family!

Check out for some great suggestions: <http://greatist.com/fitness/best-fitness-vacations-2014>

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TIME Magazine has released their Annual list of the 100 Most Influential People in the World.

Did your favorite make the list? Click [here](#) to check out the complete list

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**The Circle of Life**

Happy Friday!

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Greetings!

My name is Jacinda Félix Haro and I would like to introduce myself as your regional representative for the newly formed Socioeconomic and Class Issues in Higher Education (S&CIHE) Knowledge Community.

The S&CIHE KC “seeks to educate professionals on the role class, socioeconomic status (SES), and the economy have in influencing the college experience for students, as well as to explore financial issues such as food insecurity and homelessness that drastically alter the landscape of Higher Education.”

Some of our goals are to raise awareness about how class and SES affects students, faculty and administration in higher education; conduct research as it relates to class and SES as it intersects with higher education; and provide student affairs professionals with tools and resources in order to serve students impacted by financial and SES issues.

I would love to hear from you! If you are interested in getting involved with the S&CIHE KC or just have questions or comments, please feel free to email me at [jfelix@suffolk.edu](mailto:jfelix@suffolk.edu).

Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you.

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Technology Thursday: **What the FLIP(board)?!**  
Featuring Laura DeVeau.

*Laura is currently the Vice President for Student Affairs @ Mount Ida College in Newton, Massachusetts. She is also a member of NASPA Region I's Advisory Board as the Professional Affiliation Liason*

Want more info on Flipboard? Click [here](#)

To check out Laura's blog, click [here](#)

Technology Thursdays are sponsored by the **Technology Knowledge Community**. If you want to get more involved with the KC, please email Julia Golden at [jgolden@mountida.edu](mailto:jgolden@mountida.edu) for more information

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Written by **Libby Sander**  
For the Chronicle of Higher Education

The Obama administration unveiled stringent new guidelines on Tuesday designed to help colleges combat sexual assault and provide victims with a “road map” to file complaints against institutions that fall short in their responses.

In [20 pages of recommendations](#), the White House Task Force to Protect Students From Sexual Assault provides practical instructions for colleges to identify, prevent, and respond to sexual assault. And it prescribes several steps to improve and bring more transparency to federal enforcement of applicable civil-rights laws.

President Obama [created the group](#) in January, promising a coordinated federal response to deal with rape and sexual assault on campuses. The group’s membership includes the U.S. attorney general and the leaders of several other cabinet-level agencies, including the Departments of Defense and Education.

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

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