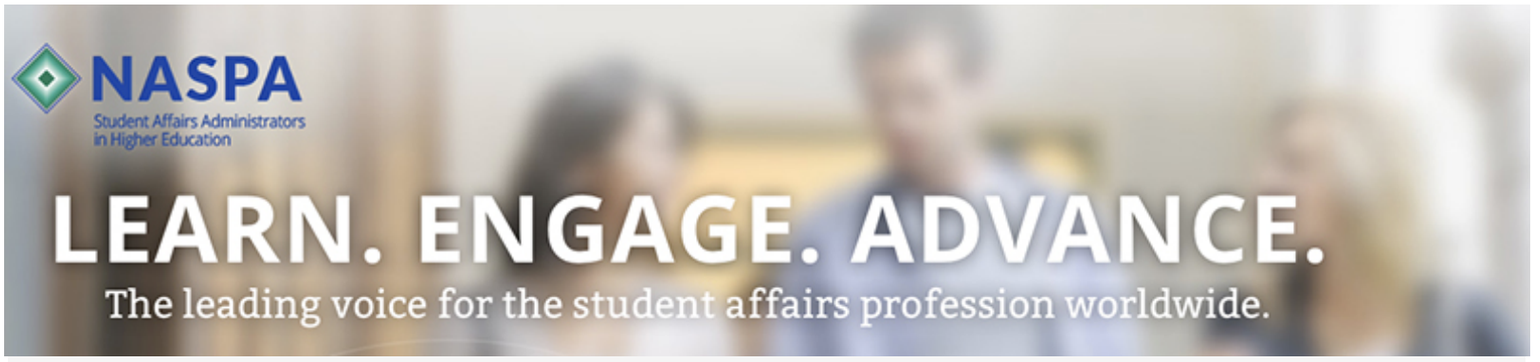

NEWS FROM YOUR REGIONAL DIRECTOR

Enter explicative here. The concept of 'Mentoring, Connections, and Involvement' was one of the key components of my Regional Director (RD) platform, and it doesn't sound like all of our regional members feel that sense of belonging. I value collaboration, open and honest communication, and continued learning. I don't think I would be a very effective RD if I didn't hear this feedback and do something about it! **For rest of Blog, click here.**

KC SPOTLIGHT: INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY (IEKC)

My student affairs journey is both well-trodden and somewhat unique. Like many, I learned about the profession haphazardly as a student leader. After graduation, I needed a break before continuing graduate education. What followed was a road less traveled by many business management students – I moved to Taiwan and taught English. **For rest of Blog, click here.**

KANSAS MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR

Here we are another semester has flown by and we're looking into a new year. I am never sure if it is good or bad when the semester seems like it flew by as quickly as it did! As one of your Region IV-West Membership Coordinators, I hope you were able to connect with your state membership coordinator at the regional conference in October, but if you didn't, I would encourage you to reach out to your state membership coordinator to connect. **For rest of Blog, click here.**

5 THINGS TO DO FOR YOU THIS WINTER BREAK

Ah, the smell of winter, potential snow days, greetings of holiday songs, students, faculty and staff feelings are high--*record scratch*-- in reality, this time of the year can be very stressful for many student affairs professionals and faculty members with the frantic buzz about upcoming final exams. As professionals, we are looking at wrapping up the fall semester and year-end, student stress levels are reaching astronomical levels, and all while we find ourselves trying to scramble for last-minute events, grading last-minute papers, enrollment, reports, entering grades, and making presentations. **For rest of Blog, click here.**

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