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NEWS FROM YOUR REGIONAL DIRECTOR

After 5 days of meetings, sessions, awards, and events at the Region IV-W Fall Conference, my mind is swimming with new ideas, possibilities, friendships, and energy. I am grateful for all the inspiration and knowledge shared over the course of the conference. I am thankful for the Advisory Board members, who, with their 572+ combined years of Student Affairs expertise, contributed thoughtful discussion on the initiatives and projects of the Region. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



KC SPOTLIGHT: UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS & ALLIES

Imagine at the age of 4, one random morning, you are woken up by your parents and told that you will be going on a road trip with your friend's parents. Your friend's parents lied when crossing the border and said that you and your brother were their children. Weeks later, you were reunited with your parents in a brand-new country. At the age of 15, you realize you are an undocumented citizen when it comes time to get a driver's permit, because of your status, you were unable to apply for a driver permit. Luckily you are able to apply for DACA and are able to start college but still run into many bumps and challenges along the way. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



KC SPOTLIGHT:ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG

Alcohol, marijuana, adderall, and ecstasy are all some of the most popular drugs on our college campuses. The Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Knowledge Community provides an institutionalized and ongoing structure within NASPA to discuss issues around alcohol and other drugs on campus. The AOD KC serves as a resource for both members of NASPA and other AOD groups that are addressing this ever-present issue in our respective college environments. What to learn more about the AOD KC and the topic of alcohol and other drug join us in Washington DC January 17-19, 2019 for the 2019 Alcohol, Other Drug, and Campus Violence Prevention Conference: A NASPA Strategies Conference. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!!

And just like that the NASPA Region IV-W Conference has come to an end. Great times were had in Wichita and after spending time to reflect into the future I am feeling rejuvenated for the second half of the semester. If you were in attendance for the IV-W Board meeting you heard Shana share we have the largest Advisory Board in NASPA. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



ENGAGING BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER THE MIDTERM ELECTIONS

With the mid-term elections just over 1 week away, higher education administrators should be engaging with students and their local communities before, during, and after these elections. Regardless of institutional type, geographic location, or mission or your role, level, or functional area within the institution, the results of the midterm elections can influence the public policy and shape the future of higher education. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



GIVING TO THE NASPA FOUNDATION

Help create a culture of giving back to this amazing profession of ours by supporting students and staff via the NASPA Foundation. As you consider a contribution to NASPA, think of those who have mentored you along your path and of those students that will serve as the next generation of student development professionals. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



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