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NEWS FROM YOUR REGIONAL DIRECTOR

This is it—the NASPA Blog to end all NASPA Blogs. It holds high drama, intrigue, mystery, suspense, rising drama, an inspirational message, and ends with a slow clap of approval for all that is going on in the Region. The only thing missing is explosions, and when Michael Bay gets a hold of this blog, detonations will be added in the film version. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



WOMEN'S WORDS OF WISDOM SPOTLIGHT: LAURA VALDEZ

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WOMEN'S WORDS OF WISDOM SPOTLIGHT: PRECIOUS PORRAS

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KC SPOTLIGHT: GENDER AND SEXUALITY

The month of October brings LGBTQ History Month and for many college campuses, an opportunity to remember the lives of some outstanding Queer and Trans individuals and the contributions that they have made to modern history. Although this learning should never be resorted to just one month out of the year, it is important to use the coming month as a way to engage students around LGBTQ issues. Personally, this brings on a period of reflection; the last five decades has brought an incredible amount of growth and the expansion of rights within the LGBTQ community. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!!

It is officially fall y'all! And as the leaves turn colors and the season's shift I catch myself reflecting on how grateful I am for the individuals within my life. Many of those individuals are individuals I can both call colleagues and friends that I have had the opportunity to connect with via organizations like NASPA. In the spirit of reflecting I often catch myself eager to give back during this season. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



KC SPOTLIGHT: DISABILITY

October is finally here! For many of us, this means the weather is getting colder, the leaves are changing, and it's time to get out the hot drinks and watch as many scary movies as possible. For me, October always means a whole month in celebration of my little brother, Zachary. You see, October is National Down Syndrome Awareness Month in the United States, and my brother, who is now 18 years old, was born with Down syndrome. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS: CAREERS IN STUDENT AFFAIRS MONTH

Hello everyone! Can you believe it's already October? I know many of us had a very busy August and September, it's only right that we take some time to slow down this October to celebrate our profession. October is Careers in Student Affairs Month (CSAM), where we take time to celebrate the career of student affairs, provide education and awareness in the profession, and engage with professional associations and peers in the field. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



KC SPOTLIGHT: CIVIC LEARNING AND DEMOCRATIC ENGAGEMENT

Greetings from your new Region IV-West Civic Learning and Democratic Engagement Knowledge community representative! As the Director of Clubs, Organizations, and Leadership at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs, I have always seen myself primarily as a leadership educator. I work with scholarship groups, student clubs and organizations, and the Student Government Association to develop individual leadership capacity and create community on campus. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



NEBRASKA MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR

Have you seen those shirts or mugs that say things like, "I'm a nurse, what's your superpower?" Or have you seen the images like the ones attached below, used with preschool children to have them pick out which one is their superpower? [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



GIVING AT THE EMERALD & DIAMOND LEVEL

Investing in the NASPA Foundation is one of the many ways to "give back," model the way and inspire others to give. When making that investment, the NASPA Foundation has different levels of giving based on a person's "Giving" during their lifetime. Two of those levels include the Emerald Club and Diamond Club. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



DO IT YOURSELF PROGRAM REVIEW USING CAS STANDARDS

Twin goals of assessment are accountability and program improvement. The CAS Standards are an essential tool for performing evaluations on your campus and can help you meet both of those goals. The standards can be used for a variety of evaluations including department review or assessing how a function is implemented across your division. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)

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