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In recent blogs, I've shared regional and national news, as well as the occasional joke. However, recent news stories have left me feeling anxious and frustrated. I recognize my privilege--yet still fear putting my thoughts out into the universe. However, my "discomfort" is nothing compared to the brutality, discrimination, and oppression people of color, immigrants, LGBTQIA+ and other marginalized populations experience. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



SUBMIT YOUR PROGRAM PROPOSALS DUE: JULY 20, 2018

As we enter the month of July don't forget to submit your program proposal for the NASPA Region IV-W Conference taking place in Wichita, Kansas October 23 - 25 2018. The Deadline to submit your proposals is July, 20th. This year's conference theme is "Reflection Inspires Our Future". The 2018 Region IV-West Conference will allow us time to come together to reflect on the last 100 years of NASPA and look forward to the future of our profession. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



MEMBERSHIP SPOTLIGHT: COLORADO

Lately I have felt a lot like George Clooney's character from the film "Up in the Air" (Kirn, W., Reitman, J. & Turner, S. 2009). Thankfully I am not in the business of laying off employees, but I have been in the business of traveling and collaborating with our Higher Ed colleagues around the nation. I am grateful to work for an institution that supports travel and professional development and I am always appreciative when I return home and have time reflect on what I've learned and consider how to apply it in my personal and professional life. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



CONFERENCE REGISTRATION IS OPEN!!!

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 is open. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



WOMEN'S WORDS OF WISDOM DESSERT RECEPTION: OCTOBER 24, 2018

Please join us, Wednesday Oct. 24th at 7:30 p.m. at the conference hotel for the third annual Women's Words of Wisdom Dessert Reception. This event provides an opportunity for women in student affairs to socialize and hear from outstanding women in the field providing words of inspiration in the hopes of supporting our female colleagues at all levels of their career. Phenomenal women, we believe to be role models in the field, will provide a 5 minute prepared SA Speaks style presentation to participants about lessons learned, motivation, inspiration, or anything else she might feel would be beneficial in sharing with women as they make the journey of their career path. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)

VOLUNTEER!!!! NASPA IV-W NEEDS YOU!

It is a new month. Which means new ways to get involved with Region IV-W! Consider joining our team as Reflection Inspires our Future. We hope you'll join us in Wichita in October too! [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



KC SPOTLIGHT: VETERANS

Greetings Region IV-W! My name is Jennifer Goetz and I'm your Veterans KC representative, working alongside the Veterans KC to support military-connected students pursuing higher education. I serve as the Veteran Student Services Advisor at Washington University in St. Louis. I am passionate about student veteran leadership development and how it fits into our campuses. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



NASPA IV-W FAMILY? TELL ME MORE!

Region IV-W prides themselves on being family. I think, as a new member to the region, it is challenging to wrap your head around how people in the region could be family, isn't this just about being better at work? As you become more engaged in the region, you realize that what people mean you are part of a tight network of professionals who care about you professionally and personally. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



KC SPOTLIGHT: STUDENT AFFAIRS PARTNERING WITH ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

My name is Jessica Neumann Barraclough and I am serving region IV-W as the Student Affairs Partnering with Academic Affairs (SAPAA) Knowledge Community Chair. I am excited to hit the ground running with new ideas and initiatives that can support our large KC group. I wanted to take a little time to introduce myself. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



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