# NASPA Region II – Careers in Student Affairs Conference

**October 21, 2016**

**New York Institute of Technology**

**Code for Sessions:**

UG=Undergraduate; G=Graduate Student; NP=New Professional; ALL=For Anyone

### 9-10 a.m.

**Registration** (Auditorium on Broadway, 1871 Broadway)

### 10:15 a.m.

**Welcome Address** (Auditorium on Broadway, 1871 Broadway)

Patrick Love, Vice President for Student Affairs, NYIT
Ann Marie Klotz, Dean of Campus Life, NYIT

### 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

### Workshop Sessions I

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Sabrina Polidoro, Assistant Director Alumni Relations, NYIT
Saadia Rafiq, Assistant Director, Student Employment, NYIT

G,NP  **Real Talk: Thriving in Your First Year** (Location TBA)
Victoria Farris, Senior Director of Campus Life, NYIT

NP  **It's Handled: Strategies for Success as a Mid-Level Manager** (Location TBA)
Travis Whisler, Assistant Director of Residence Life, St. Peter’s University

All  **Preparing Yourself for Your Professional Journey: The Sky's the Limit!** (Location TBA)
Sara Klein, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, Stevens Institute of Technology
Thea Zunick, Associate Director of Student Life, Stevens Institute of Technology

All  **TBH: Supervising Today’s Millennial** (Location TBA)
Danny Catalano, Associate Director of Student Involvement and Leadership Development, NYIT
Cindy Charloff, Career Development Counselor, New York University

12:40 p.m.  **Lunch** (Westside YMCA, 5 West 63rd Street)

1:40 p.m.  **Keynote - Being Exceptional: The Difference Between Good and Great** (Auditorium on Broadway, 1871 Broadway)
Amy Hecht, Vice President for Student Affairs, The College of New Jersey

2:40 m.-3:40 p.m.  **Workshop Sessions III**

G, NP  **Negotiating Your Job Offer: Tips and Strategies** (Location TBA)
Patrick Love, Vice President for Student Affairs, NYIT

All  **Navigating the World of a Doctoral Program as an SA Professional or Graduate Student** (Location TBA)
Susan Heim, Director of Residence Life, NYIT
Gabrielle St. Léger, Dean of Campus Life, NYIT
Sofia Pertuz, Assistant Vice President and Dean of Students, Hofstra University
Deepa Bhalla, Senior Director of Enrollment Services, NYIT
Christopher Catching, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, Southern Connecticut State University

All  **Fake It Till You Make It: Strategies for Building Confidence** (Location TBA)
Victoria Farris, Senior Director of Campus Life, NYIT

All  **Moving Up & Around in Higher Education** (Location TBA)
Delmy M. Lendof, Director for Residential Staff and Programs, New York University
Josephine Gonzalez, Residence Hall Assistant Director, New York University

All  **The Supervisor and Supervisee Relationship! #Lessons Learned From a New Professional and His #BossLady** (Location TBA)
Mehtap Donuk, Director of Campus Life, NYIT
Colvin Georges, Jr., Assistant Director of Student Involvement and Leadership Development, NYIT

All  **Thinking Ahead: Knowing When To Leave your First Job in Student Affairs**
Dr. Amy Hecht serves as the Vice President for Student Affairs at The College of New Jersey. In this role, she provides vision and leadership for the Division of Student Affairs, which is comprised of Residential Education and Housing, Dean of Students Office, Student Activities, Student Conduct, Greek Life, Athletics and Recreation, Student Health Services, Counseling and Psychological Services, Student Center, Dining Services, Bookstore, and the Career Center. As the Vice President, Dr. Hecht oversees a Division of over 80 employees and a budget of $53 million. Additionally, she works collaboratively with other Cabinet Officers to ensure successful achievement of College goals.

Prior to joining TCNJ, Amy served as Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs at Auburn University in Auburn, Alabama. In this capacity, Amy was responsible for the areas of residence life, Greek life, student conduct, case management and crisis response, student center, student involvement, the parent and family office, and student media. She taught in the Graduate School of Education at Auburn University, teaching the Introduction to Student Affairs course. Prior to her time at Auburn, Amy served as Associate Dean of Students at Temple University in Philadelphia, Assistant Dean of Students at Temple University, and Assistant Director of Student Activities at Cabrini College in Radnor, PA.

A professional in the field of student affairs since 2001, Dr. Hecht has served on executive leadership teams within student affairs organizations and has extensive experience leading and managing in higher education. She is a Lead Facilitator with LeaderShape, a national, non-profit organization, and held positions with the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators’ (NASPA) and the Alabama State NASPA organization. Amy served as chair of the national steering committee for Assistant/Associate Vice Presidents from 2012-2015 and is the Regional Director-Elect for NASPA’s Region II.

Dr. Hecht earned her Bachelor’s degree at Florida State University in mass communications and completed her Master’s degree and Doctorate in Higher Education Administration at the University of Pennsylvania. Amy has published book chapters and articles focused on organizational learning, change, and executive transitions. In 2015, NASPA published a book she co-edited titled, *AVP: Leading from the Unique Role of Associate/Assistant Vice Presidents for Student Affairs*. Her research interests include
organizational culture, organizational learning, and the effective use of business practices within the field of higher education.