Greetings Florida!

I hope summer is providing you some much deserved rest and recuperation time from a year of great work serving our students. I am always humbled by our colleagues here in Florida and all the amazing work we do!

I want to thank those of you who were able to attend our social at the NASPA national convention, it was a great time and a huge success. This summer your NASPA-FL board is hard at working creating networking and professional development opportunities for you. Please lock the NASPA-FL Drive-In into your calendars now. We will hold the Drive-In at Florida International University in Miami and the Undergraduate Symposium at Miami-Dade College from October 13-15 focusing on “Leading with Strength and Courage.”

Call for program proposals and our awards process will be coming soon! Please stay tuned via our website http://naspa.org/fl. Thanks for all you do for our students and each other and have a great summer. See you in Miami!!

Special points of interest:

- Looking for a way to connect to NASPA-FL on a personal level? Check out page 8 for more information about our Knowledge Communities.

- Does your campus have undergraduate students who are interested in the field of student affairs? Read page 3 to see how they can participate in the NASPA-FL Undergraduate Symposium.

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SAVE THE DATE!
NASPA FL DRIVE-IN
@ Florida International University
Modesto A. Maidique Campus

NASPA-FL Drive-In at Florida International University
October 13th-15th

PROGRAM PROPOSALS DUE: June 10th by 5pm
AWARDS SUBMISSIONS DUE: September 16th
NASPA-FL Drive In

We are pleased to announce the annual NASPA-FL Drive-In Conference will be held on October 13-15, 2016 at Florida International University in Miami, FL focusing on “Leading with Strength and Courage.” For more conference information, including schedules and details about registration, please visit: www.naspafl.org.

October 13: NASPA-FL Board Meeting, Case Study Competitions, Knowledge Communities Meeting, Hazing Pre-Conference & NASPA-FL Social

October 14: NASPA-FL Drive-in

October 15: NASPA-FL Undergraduate Symposium

Call for Proposals

The 2016 NASPA-FL Drive-In Conference Committee is seeking innovative program proposals for the annual drive-in conference focusing on “Leading with Strength and Courage.” The committee is seeking two different types of programs. The first type of program is a 50-minute presentation within any area of student affairs. The second type of program is a 30-minute program on your department’s “Best Practice”.

A successful program proposal will include topics that celebrate collaboration, demonstrate positive changes to a campus community, or showcase outstanding achievements and best practices in the student affairs field. The conference committee is seeking talented presenters who are student affairs professional staff members, graduate students, or faculty and can present to an audience of the same.

Please be prepared to submit the following information: Program Title; Program Abstract (100 words or less description of the program to be used in the conference program); Intended Learning Outcomes; Audio/Visual Needs (projector, screen, etc.); Presenter's Contact Information.

Program Proposals are due online at www.naspafl.org/ by 5PM on Friday, June 10, 2016

All presenters will be notified by Friday, August 12, 2016.

Not sure what to submit as a program proposal, you can learn more about the submission process by serving as a reviewer on the Program Review Committee. Volunteers are needed to assist with review and selection of program proposals. If you are interested, send an e-mail to Amy Vaughan Deahl at vaugh59e@erau.edu by Wednesday, June 1st.
Case Study Competition—Get your teams involved!

The NASPA-FL Case Study Competition is a competition for undergraduates, graduate students and new professionals (first two years in the student affairs/services profession). This competition provides you the unique opportunity to apply your classroom, internship, experiential, and leadership experiences all in one state competition.

Undergraduate, graduate, or new professionals (first two years) may create a team that consists of up to three people from the same institution. NASPA-FL encourages institutions to hold local case study competitions on their own campuses to identify their top case study talent. Over the years, such institutions as Nova Southeastern, Florida International University, and the University of South Florida have held successful pre-qualifying case study events which assisted their programs with advertising the opportunity to get involved, and enhancing the quality of their final teams!

Each institution may advance one team per category. Again, each campus may send one undergraduate team, one graduate team, and one new professional team to the Annual NASPA-FL Case Study State Competition.

The competition will be held on Thursday, October 13th, 2016 at Florida International University, Miami. More information can be found at http://naspafl.org/casestudy.

Dr. Tina O’Daniels, odaniels@ufl.edu, Case Study Coordinator

Undergraduate Symposium

One of the most important aspects of being a professional is preparing for the next generation of Student Affairs leaders. Our current undergraduate students are the part of the future of our profession of supporting student success. Our annual Undergraduate Symposium will be held on Saturday, October 15 at Miami Dade College, following our Oct. 13-14 Drive-In at Florida International University.

The Undergraduate Symposium is a great opportunity for any undergraduate student considering a career in Student Affairs. At the day-long meeting students will be given information about how to apply for graduate school and look for assistantships. They will also go through mock interviews to prepare them for grad interviews and will have the opportunity to personally meet with representatives from most of the Higher Education graduate programs in the state of Florida. More information will be coming shortly, but please remember this incredible opportunity for your students. Thanks for all you do!

Eric Arneson, NASPA Florida Director, earneson@fiu.edu
Nominate for NASPA-FL Awards

One of the highlights associated of the NASPA-FL Drive in is our ability to recognize staff accomplishments throughout our state. You can go to the NASPA FL Awards page or click on this link [https://www.naspa.org/about/awards/regions/naspa-fl-awards](https://www.naspa.org/about/awards/regions/naspa-fl-awards) to get started with the nomination process or view our list of awards for the region. Last year, everyone appreciated the ability to submit nominations over the summer break while they had a little more time. The deadline is September 16th, but we have opened it early again for you this year!

As usual we will be giving out a free registration for the most award nominations from one institution. We will also continue the popular Twitter competition at the conference again this year.

Here is a list of awards that are available:
- Graduate Student of the Year
- New Professional of the Year
- Mid-Manager of the Year
- Outstanding Service to Students Award
- Research Award
- KC Chair of the Year

Programs of Distinction:
- Housing, Residence Life, Contracted Services, Student Conduct, and related
- Student Union, Student Activities, Greek Life, Leadership, and related
- Enrollment Management, Financial Aid, Orientation, Parents, First Year, Other Year, and related
- Student Health, Wellness, Counseling, and related
- International, Multicultural, Cultural, Gender, LGBTQ, Spirituality, Disability, and related
- Careers, Academic Support, Service-Learning, Community Service, and related
- Off-Campus, Commuter, Non-traditional, Graduate, Professional, and related
- Athletic, Recreation, Physical Fitness, Non-Varsity Sports, and related
- Administrative, Assessment, Information Technology, Fundraising, Professional Development, and related
- Violence Education and Prevention, Crisis Management, Campus Security, and related

Additional Awards given at the Conference:
- Travel Award
- Social Media Award
- Nomination Award
Hazing Prevention Pre-Conference

Hundreds of campuses and organizations will observe National Hazing Prevention Week this fall, and more will observe it during other times of the year. NASPA-FL will offer the half day pre-conference this year on October 13th and we are really excited to bring you an important opportunity to educate your campus life teams, be sure to include your Graduate Students!

Did you know?

47% of students are hazed before they enter college
3 in 5 college students are subjected to hazing

Alcohol consumption, humiliation, isolation, sleep deprivation, and sex acts are hazing practices common across student groups. SOURCE: www.stophazing.org

For more information, contact Joanna E. Ellwood jellwood@fau.edu

NUFP Update

As of April 15, 2016, we are excited to have 48 NUFP participants at 10 Florida institutions, with Florida International University taking the lead with 23!! The next closest NUFP member State in Region III is North Carolina with 20 NUFP participants.

- Florida Atlantic University 1
- Florida Gulf Coast University 1
- Florida International University 23
- Florida State University 6
- Palm Beach State College 1
- University of Central Florida 5
- University of Florida 2
- University of Miami 5
- University of South Florida-Main Campus 3
- University of West Florida 1

Although we are doing a great job overall, we would love to see these numbers grow for the 2016-17 year. The NASPA-FL Board would like to know how to best support your institution in the development or expansion of a NUFP program on your campus.

- What has prevented you from starting a program?
- What challenges do you face with growing the program?
- If you are a current NUFP at one of these institutions, what do you love about your program?
- How can we best support current NUFPs in your exploration of the Student Affairs Profession?

We need to hear from you! Please share your insights so the NASPA-FL Board can develop the tools and resources necessary to help you encourage the student leaders on your campus to become the next generation of Student Affairs Professionals.

Please send all ideas to Lorie Kittendorf, lkittendorf@ut.edu.
**Membership Update**

The summer is always an exciting time in Student Affairs, as we take a quick breather from the busy academic year and do a lot of planning and preparation for the year ahead. It is also time to submit proposals for the NASPA-FL Drive-in Conference (being hosted at Florida International University in Miami), and to encourage your colleagues who are not already NASPA members, or who are new to Florida, to consider joining our outstanding organization or to update their profiles!

NASPA-FL continues to lead Region III with regard to numbers of active members, and we want to stay on top! It’s not just about having the most members, though, it’s about making sure our colleagues who are not already part of the NASPA community are aware of the many benefits of membership. A list of benefits from the national organization can be found at: [http://www.naspa.org/about/benefits](http://www.naspa.org/about/benefits), but within the State, we also have wonderful opportunities for professional development through involvement in our 28 Knowledge Communities and our outstanding annual Drive-In Conference. All of these benefits (including discounts on conference registrations for State, Regional and National events) are available to faculty and staff at the individual membership rate of only $75 per year (for those at institutions with an institutional membership).

When you consider all of the incredible resources we provide, including an extensive professional network of colleagues, we think membership in NASPA-FL is well worth it! We hope that you, as current members, agree and are taking advantage of everything we have to offer. We also hope you’ll encourage your colleagues - whether they be new staff in their first professional position, new Graduate Assistants, or seasoned professionals – to check us out! You can stay up to date by visiting our web site (www.naspafl.org), or following us on Facebook (@NASPA-FL) or Twitter (@NASPAFL). If you have any questions, don’t hesitate to contact me at kmontgom@fiu.edu - Kerrie Montgomery
Small Colleges and Universities Update

Save the Date for the 2016 NASPA Small Colleges and Universities Institute
June 25 – June 28, 2016
Macalester College, Saint Paul, MN

Hosted on a biennial basis by NASPA's Small Colleges and Universities Division, the NASPA Small Colleges and Universities Institute is a three-day residential program during which chief student affairs officers and other senior-level administrators engage in discussion and reflection about critical issues in student affairs and the examination of effective and innovative programs.

The Institute brings together chief student affairs officers and other senior-level leaders at small colleges and universities with enrollments of fewer than 5000 students for three days of learning and networking.

Topics featured during the 2016 Institute include:
- Student Affairs as the touchstone for justice
- Gender-based violence and Title IX compliance
- Presidential perspectives on student affairs and higher education
- Innovations and trends in campus career development initiatives
- Hot topics for small colleges and universities

Important Dates
- April 30, 2016: Early-Bird Registration Deadline
- May 25, 2016: Regular Registration Deadline
- June 16, 2016: Late Registration Deadline
- June 25, 2016: Institute Opens!

Please visit: https://www.naspa.org/events/2016SCUI for more information

GET INVOLVED

Subscribe to the NASPA Small Colleges and Universities Listserv

The NASPA Small Colleges and Universities Division has an active listserv that allows student affairs professionals to ask questions, request information, and share effective practices. To subscribe to the listserv, please send an email message to subscribe@naspa.org and be sure to mention in the message that you wish to be subscribed to the small colleges and universities listserv.

There are many ways to get involved with the Small Colleges and Universities Division! Volunteer opportunities exist at the regional and national level. If you’re interested to learn more about how to get involved with Division programs and activities, please sign up via Volunteer Central.

If there are special needs or suggestions that you have as a small college or university, please contact Angela Alvarado Coleman at angela.coleman@famu.edu. We are always looking for innovative ideas to strengthen the professional development that we provide.
Knowledge Community Update

Publication Contest:
In an effort to continue to grow the NASPA FL KC Library and promote involvement from our graduates and new professionals in the knowledge communities, there will be a Publication Contest this spring and summer. The publications will be anonymously peer reviewed and the winner(s) and honorable mentions will also be asked to submit a poster to be displayed during the NASPA FL Drive-In Conference in October this year.

Submissions for the Publication Contest can be, but not limited to, research reports, updates on professional issues, examinations of legal and policy issues, dialogues and debates, historical articles, literature reviews, opinion pieces, or projections of future trends. The submission deadline is June 3, 2016. More information can be found on the NASPA FL website.

We have some openings. KC Chair Vacancies:
- Adult Learners and Students with Children
- Alcohol & Other Drug
- Indigenous Peoples
- Multiracial
- Socioeconomic and Class Issues in Higher Education
- Wellness and Health Promotion

The KC Chair Directory can be viewed at the NASPA FL website. Please reach out to your Chairs if you have any interest or questions.

If any NASPA FL member wants to get more involved, Knowledge Communities are a great entrance into state engagement. Please contact me at Jake Shilts: jshilts@mdc.edu.

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TWITTER- @NASPAFL
WEBSITE: WWW.NASPAFL.ORG
NASPA FL Knowledge Communities

PUBLICATION CONTEST

In an effort to continue to grow our KC library and promote involvement from our graduate students in the knowledge communities, we will be holding a PUBLICATION CONTEST. The publications will be ANONYMOUSLY PEER REVIEWED and THE WINNER(S) WILL BE PUBLISHED ON THE NASPA FL KC LIBRARY. The winner(s) and honorable mentions will also be asked to submit a poster to be displayed during the NASPA FL Drive-in Conference in October.

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SUBMISSION DEADLINE: JUNE 3, 2016
FOR MORE INFORMATION REVIEW THE SUBMISSION GUIDELINES