

NASPA Florida Newsletter

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Director's Report

Greetings NASPA Florida! I am very happy to report to you that we had another great fall Drive-In conference, this time on the beautiful USF campus. I want to thank Dr. Miller and the USF team for hosting us with such efficiency and friendliness. I also need to thank the NASPA-FL board for the tireless hours working to pull this together for you. We are already considering options for where to host the Drive-In next fall. Please contact me at earneson@fu.edu if you would like more information on what it takes to host our event.

We now turn our attention toward our other types of professional development for you. We have made a strong push to get more of you involved in Knowledge Communities and I am proud to say that we are at a point where our state KC's rival or surpass our regional/national counterparts in some instances. It is not too late to join so please contact Jake Shilts if you would like more information or want to get involved at jshilts@mdc.edu. We are also working on other projects like undergraduate student outreach, policy information, social media outreach and many other things to

help get you more opportunities for professional development and networking.

Thank you for all you do in serving students and the profession. As always, please contact myself or anyone on the State Board with any suggestions for ways to better serve you. Have a wonderful rest of the semester and we hope to see you at the NASPA national conference in Indianapolis!

Eric E. Arneson

NASPA-Florida State Director

AVP – Florida International University

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NASPA-FL Drive In Recap



The 2015 NASPA-FL Drive In Conference took place on Thursday, October 15 and Friday, October 16 on the beautiful campus of the University of South Florida. With over 260 participants in attendance, from 27 different schools, and 50 program proposals submitted, this year's conference proved to be a huge success!



Thursday's events started out with the NASPA-FL Board Meeting, the Case Study Competition, and a Knowledge Communities Meeting. The day ended with the annual networking social event, which was held at USF's Beef O Brady's. The night was filled with laughter, new friendships, and a historical bingo game!



Friday morning started bright and early as the Drive In conference was kicked off with a Welcome and State Report from Dr. Eric

Arneson, State Director. This year's keynote, Dr. Tom Miller, Vice President of Student Affairs from the University of South Florida, presented a thought provoking and inspiring address that reinforced this year's conference theme "Connecting Passion with Purpose". Additionally, Dr. Jennifer Waller, Executive Director of the Association for Student Conduct Administration (ASCA) served as the Lunch & Learn featured speaker, covering a wealth of information in the area of student conduct and risk management. Conference attendees were able to choose from 28 diverse programs, complete with a Hazing

Prevention Education Track, offering a variety of topics and presenters.

The NASPA-FL Board would like to thank everyone: conference attendees, presenters, volunteers, case study participants, judges, Aramark Dining Services, and the University of South Florida community! Without your support, participation, and passion for higher education, the conference would not have been possible. Enjoy the rest of the Fall semester and see you at next year's annual Drive In!

*Ana DiDonato,
Conference Program
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Chair*



Membership Report

Greetings, NASPA-FL members!!!

As we near the end of 2015, I would like to thank you all for your continued membership in NASPA and NASPA-FL! Florida continues to lead Region III in the number of active members (almost 800!), and the fantastic Drive-In Conference hosted by USF last month showcased the high quality of work being done by you and your colleagues all over the state.

During the month of September, we held a membership drive to allow professional staff from across the state to nominate a colleague for a free one-year membership in NASPA. This promotion was a great success, and we were very happy to welcome approximately 45 new members, many of whom joined us for the Drive-in Conference.

If you have colleagues who are not yet connected to NASPA, please refer them to our web site at www.naspafl.org to learn more about what we can do to support their professional development on a local level, as well as www.naspa.org for more information about all the great opportunities provided through the national organization. Remember, annual dues for those employed by member institutions are only \$75. This is a very good price for membership in an organization that offers so much, so don't forget to renew, and don't forget to spread the word!

On behalf of the Board, I'd like to wish you a successful remainder of the fall term, and a wonderful holiday season! We look forward to seeing you at the NASPA-FL reception at the Annual Conference in Indianapolis!

Kerrie A. Montgomery, Membership Coordinator

Undergraduate Symposium

NASPA-FL, with the help of University of South Florida, had a great turn-out for this year's undergraduate symposium. The purpose of the undergraduate symposium is to provide undergraduate students with an overview of the student affairs field and help them start thinking about the different schools and programs that are available for them within the state of Florida. Over 50 undergraduates from six institutions spent the day participating in roundtable discussions, mock interviews, and attending a graduate fair along with a graduate student panel to prepare them for a possible career in Student Affairs.

Dr. Thomas Miller from the University of South Florida was the dynamic opening speaker that helped start the day off with energy and got students talking about what the field of Student Affairs can offer and real life advice about finding your passion. As the day progressed, students were able to talk with professionals in the field about networking, getting involved with a professional organization, and prepare their elevator speech.

The undergraduate symposium has grown each year thanks to the support from the NASPA-FL board and the institutions that encourage their students to attend this event. The planning committee would also like to thank the schools that participated in the graduate fair and the graduate students that helped throughout the day and spoke on the graduate panel. The state of Florida has both amazing and knowledgeable professionals and this event was a great showcase of that talent for undergraduate students interested in our field.

We look forward to your continued support and involvement for the years to come!

Meagan Elsberry, Undergraduate Symposium Coordinator

NASPA-FL Award Winners

This year was another successful year in regard to Awards and Recognition within NASPA Florida. We had 32 nominations and 15 awards were given out across the region. Congratulations to this year's winners!

Graduate Student of the Year- Taylor Locks, Florida State University

New Professional of the Year- Kori Pruett, Florida State University

Mid-Manager of the Year- Whitney McDonald, Rollins College

Outstanding Service to Students Award- Ashley Grimes, Florida International

KC Chair of the Year- Caitlyn Zang, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University

Programs of Distinction

Student Union, Student Activities, Greek Life, Leadership, and related

Garnet and Gold Scholar Society, Florida State University

Careers, Academic Support, Service-Learning, Community Service, and related

Florida State University Career Center Career Liaison Model, Florida State University

Housing, Residence Life, Contracted Services, Student Conduct, and related

Residential College System-First Year Experience and Upper Class Years Experience,
University of Miami

International, Multicultural, Cultural, Gender, LGBTQ, Spirituality, Disability, and related

Social Justice Ally Training Program, Florida State University

Enrollment Management, Financial Aid, Orientation, Parents, First Year, Other Year, and related

Unconquered Scholars Program, Florida State University

Administrative, Assessment, Information Technology, Fundraising, Professional Development, and related

Noles Professional Institute, Florida State University

Student Health, Wellness, Counseling, and related

Healthy Campus, Florida State University

Travel Award- Florida International University

Social Media Award- Pam Malyk, Florida Atlantic University

Nomination Award- Florida State University

Don't forget that the award portal is open for NASPA Region III, so we encourage everyone to apply! Thank you for your support and we look forward to a fantastic year. We hope to see you in Indianapolis!

Matt Marshall, Awards and Recognition Chair



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Case Study Competition

This year's Case Study Competition attracted eight teams, including a professional team and an undergraduate team. The case evaluated participants' ability to navigate a crisis response situation involving multiple institutions, communities, and even beloved a mascot, Paul the Pelican. Each team had 10 minutes to present its case as it related to campus/community issues, policy and procedural analysis and future implications. After all teams had presented, a panel of six judges followed up the case analyses with general feedback and then specific comments for each individual team. Many of the institutions held local competitions prior to the state competition and next year all campuses are encouraged to send teams to the case study competition. See what the participants had to say about their experience!

"The case study competition was one of the most challenging and rewarding things I have done so far in grad school. Getting to work so closely with two of my cohort members was a truly great experience, and I am continuously blown away by the people in our field."

A special thank you to the judges for giving their time and expertise:



Cathy Akens, Florida International University
Anthony Altieri, Lynn University
Angela Alvarado Coleman, Florida A&M University
Jen Fleischman, University of South Florida
Barry Hubbard, Hillsborough Community College
Lynn Schoenberg, Stetson University

"The case study competition was an incredibly formative experience for me; it allowed me to apply my knowledge of the field of student affairs and helped me feel confident in myself and my abilities as I begin to search for a full time career."

"The case study competition was a great experience because of the opportunities it provided—especially the networking opportunity. We were able to receive feedback from all areas of student affairs from institutions across the state."



Case Study Winners

Undergraduate Category :

1st Place: Jaime Williams, Yleen Lubin, Boris Gilles
Florida International University

Graduate Category:

1st Place : Addison Wagner, Evan Lieb, Morgan Baum
University of South Florida

2nd Place: Maggie Sutton, Jena Rock, Claire Butler
University of Florida

3rd Place: Amber Crow, Danny Lee, Amber Walter
Florida International University

Professional Category :

1st Place: Marion Huntley (not pictured), Darci Burch, Antonio Morales
University of South Florida

This year's Case Study Competition was coordinated by Jody Conway, Maura Cheatham, and Laura Foote, from The University of South Florida. For more information about the Case Study Competition please visit <http://naspafli.org/casestudy>



Knowledge Community Update

The 2015 NASPA FL Drive-In Conference allowed the NASPA FL KC Chairs to come together. On Thursday, October 15th ten of the KC Chairs were able to meet face-to-face to talk about everything past, present and future related to Knowledge Communities. Here are some of the exciting updates I would like to share with NASPA FL.

Caitlyn Zang, KC Chair for Health and Wellness Promotion, was named KC Chair of the Year at the 2015 NASPA FL Drive In Conference

Each KC Chair at the meeting created one goal to achieve by the end of their term

A monthly newsletter dedicated to KC highlights is underway

A graduate student contest is being designed, winner will get their KC highlight featured

More collaboration amongst the KC Chairs using technology

Featured interviews with topic experts are coming from a couple of our KCs

It was the highlight of my weekend, which is saying a lot considering how impactful the entire NASPA FL Drive-In Conference was. We created a lot of buzz at USF and we want to keep the energy high. Therefore, if anyone is interested in joining a KC and working with the Chair on a highlight, please contact me at jshilts@mdc.edu.

Lastly, we have four KC Chair vacancies.

International Education

New Professionals & Graduate Students

Socioeconomic and Class Issues in Higher Education

Student Affairs Working In & With Academic Affairs

Please contact me if you are interested in Chairing a NASPA FL Knowledge Community.

And with that I leave you this quote that effectively describes the intent of our NASPA FL Knowledge Community –

Knowledge is like money: to be of value it must circulate, and in circulating it can increase in quantity and, hopefully, in value – Louis L'Amour (1908-1988, American author)

Jake Shilts –Knowledge Community Coordinator



Small Colleges 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. More information about the 2016 Institute will be posted on the NASPA website as it becomes available.

Small Colleges and Universities Pre-Conference Workshop

Each March during NASPA's Annual Conference, the Small Colleges and Universities Division hosts a pre-conference workshop where student affairs professionals from these institutions gather to share ideas and engage in discussion about hot topics and critical issues in higher education that impact small colleges and universities. More information about the 2016 NASPA Pre-conference workshops will be posted on the NASPA website as it becomes available.

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

*Angela Alvarado Coleman- Small Colleges
Chair*





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