



SUMMER 2017

# NASPA Florida



## New State Director Ana Di Donato!!

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Ana Di Donato, associate vice president for student success at Saint Leo University, has been named director of the Florida chapter of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA), the leading association for student affairs professionals.

Di Donato succeeds Eric Arneson, assistant vice president for

student affairs at Florida International University, who has served in the state director role for over three years. Arneson begins his new role as vice chancellor of student affairs and campus climate at the University of Wisconsin Green Bay this summer. "On behalf of NASPA-FL, I would like to wish Eric the best of luck and thank him for his leadership,

commitment, and seven years of service to the executive board," said Di Donato. "He will be missed."

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# Drive-In Conference 2017

## NASPA-FL Drive-In Conference 2017

We are pleased to announce the annual NASPA-FL Drive-In Conference will be on held on November 2-3, 2017 hosted by the University of Florida. This year's outstanding keynote speaker will be accomplished speaker, leader, educator, and NASPA President, Kevin Kruger. For more conference

information, including schedules and details about registration, please visit:

[www.naspafl.org](http://www.naspafl.org).

### Save the Date!

**November 2:** NASPA-



**Keynote Speaker, NASPA President Kevin Kruger**

FL Board Meeting, Case Study Competitions, Knowledge Communities Meeting & NASPA-FL Social  
**November 3:** NASPA-FL Drive-in & Undergraduate Symposium

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Conference Coordinator

**Program  
Proposals are due  
online at  
[www.naspafl.org/](http://www.naspafl.org/)  
by 5PM on  
Friday, June 30th**

## Call for Proposals

The 2017 NASPA-FL Drive-In Conference Committee is seeking innovative program proposals for the annual drive-in conference. The committee is seeking three 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". The third type of program is a 50-minute presentation focused on undergraduate students with an interest in the field of student affairs.

A successful program proposal will include topics that celebrate collaboration, demonstrate positive changes to a campus community, showcase outstanding achievements and best practices in the student affairs field, or highlight opportunities for undergraduate stu-

dents. 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; Program Outline; Audio/Visual Needs (projector, screen, etc.); Presenter's Contact Information.

Program Proposals are due online at [www.naspafl.org/](http://www.naspafl.org/) by 5PM on Friday, June 30, 2017.

All presenters will be notified by Friday, August 17, 2017.

*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, Conference Program Chair, at [vaugh59e@erau.edu](mailto:vaugh59e@erau.edu) by Friday, June 16, 2017.*

## Drive-In Theme Contest

As is our annual tradition, NASPA-FL is asking you, our members, to create our theme for the conference. We will be at UF this fall for the Drive-In and need a great theme to tie everything together. There is no theme for the annual conference this year as it our 100-year anniversary, so we are open to all ideas! Just share your theme

idea to our NASPA-FL Facebook or Twitter @Naspafl by **MAY 24**. The author of the winning idea will receive a free member registration to our Fall Drive-In conference. Thanks and see you in Gainesville in November!



## Case Study Competition

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

Undergraduate, graduate, or new professionals (within their first two years of professional experience) 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, November 2, 2017 at the University of Florida. More information can be found at <http://naspafl.org/casestudy>.

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# NASPA-FL Awards

One of the highlights associated with the Drive-In event is our ability to recognize staff accomplishments throughout our state. We are still finalizing the nomination process for this year, but once it is complete, we will send out multiple announcements letting you know what to expect.

You can go to the NASPA FL Awards page or click on this link <https://www.naspa.org/about/awards/regions/naspa-fl-awards> to view our list of awards for the region. Last year, everyone appreciated the ability to submit nominations over the summer break, so we will get this completed as soon as possible. We expect that the nomination portal will open up by June 1. The anticipated deadline will be sometime in early October, but we will keep you posted as to that date as well.

As usual, we will be giving out a free registration for the most award nominations from one institution. Don't miss this opportunity to recognize the wonderful work that is happening within Student Affairs in the state of Florida.

## 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

Matt Marshall  
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Awards Chair

**Don't forget  
to nominate a  
colleague or  
program of  
distinction!**



# A New Design for the Undergraduate Symposium

The 2017 Undergraduate Symposium is undergoing a redesign for 2017. Traditionally, the program has occurred the Saturday after the NASPA-FL Drive-In. It will now be integrated into the full day Drive-In conference. Undergraduates will have the opportunity to network with student affairs administrators and graduate student, attend the opening speaker, and awards ceremony. The day will be filled with concurrent session geared towards undergraduate students along with mock interview sessions and graduate school preparation. We look forward to

providing an experience that will expose interested student leaders to the student affairs profession.

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Undergraduate Symposium Coordinator

## Public Policy Update

### FEDERAL UPDATES

President Trump rolled back two Obama-era regulations in late March that addressed school performance and teacher preparation programs. The teacher preparation regulation which was issued in October 2016, required teacher preparation programs to be evaluated on academic outcomes of students and the other regulation was to help states identify failing schools and come up with plans to improve them.

[AIM HIGH Act \(H.R. 1772\)](#) introduced in late March. The act promotes instructional technology and content that are accessible to the blind and other students with print disabilities.

### TITLE IX UPDATES

The latest version of [Campus Accountability and Safety Act \(CASA\)](#) was released. It would flip the incentives to protect students and professionalize the response to and reporting of sexual assault by establishing new campus resources and support services for student survivors, require fairness in the campus disciplinary process, ensure minimum training standards for on-campus personnel, create historic new transparency requirements, ensure coordination with law enforcement, and establish stiffer penalties for violations.

### FINACIAL AID UPDATES

[H.R.413](#) - To establish an Early Federal Pell Grant Commitment Program. No action since introduction in January.

### FLORIDA UPDATES

[Florida state updates](#)

[Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee](#)

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## Membership

Congratulations on a fantastic 2016-17 academic year!! I hope you are looking forward to a summer of planning and preparation for next year (and, of course, some rest and relaxation). The Region III Summer Symposium will be held in our great state this June, and we look forward to welcoming our colleagues from around the Southeastern United States. Florida continues to be a leader in Region III for the number of active members, and we hope that many of you will be able to take advantage of the Symposium being held locally.

As always, we hope that you are finding your membership in NASPA and NASPA-FL beneficial, and that you are sharing those benefits with your colleagues who are

not members. We have so many exciting resources and opportunities available to you for the low cost of membership in the National organization (only \$75 per year!), so please be sure to keep checking the NASPA-FL web site at [www.naspafl.org](http://www.naspafl.org) and the national web site at [www.naspa.org](http://www.naspa.org), to learn more about what we can do to support your professional development at both levels. We also encourage you to refer your colleagues who are not yet connected to NASPA to consider membership and to check out the web sites and follow us on social media to find out more.

We hope to see you in No-

vember at the NASPA-FL Drive-in on the beautiful campus of the University of Florida. Until then, thank you again for all you do!! Have a fantastic, productive, and restful summer!

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### **Don't Forget To:**

1. Register for the Drive-In
2. Submit a Program Proposal
3. Or apply to be a Program Reviewer
4. Submit Drive-In Themes
5. Submit Award Nominations



# Knowledge Community Updates

Summer is a great time to reflect and start thinking about how you can get involved. NASPA FL Knowledge Communities are a great way to do just that. You can become a Knowledge Community Chair or you can work with our current Chairs. Either way, it will connect you with your peers around the state and give you a voice to share opinions and concerns that our Knowledge Communities represent. If you have an interest in any of the areas listed below, please contact me and become more involved with our NASPA FL Knowledge Communities. Your voice can be the catalyst to create positive change around our state.

- Administrators in Graduate & Professional Student Services
- Adult Learners and Students with Children
- African-American
- Alcohol & Other Drug
- Asian Pacific Islanders
- Assessment, Evaluation, and Research
- Campus Safety and Violence Prevention
- Civic Learning and Democratic Engagement
- Disability
- Fraternity & Sorority
- Gender and Sexuality
- Indigenous Peoples
- International Education
- Latino/Latina
- Men and Masculinities
- MultiRacial
- New Professionals & Graduate Students
- Parent & Family Relations Knowledge Community
- Socioeconomic and Class Issues in Higher Education
- Spirituality & Religion in Higher Education
- Student Affairs Partnering with Academic Affairs
- Student Career Development
- Student Affairs Fundraising & External Relations
- Student Leadership Programs
- Student-Athlete
- Sustainability
- Technology
- Undocumented Immigrants and Allies
- Title IX and Sexual Assaults
- Veterans
- Wellness and Health Promotion
- Women in Student Affairs

I leave you a 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)

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Knowledge Community Coordinator

Having served on the NASPA-FL executive board for the past seven years in various roles including conference & symposium chair for logistics, small colleges & universities chair, and most recently as conference coordinator, Di Donato is humbled and honored to serve as the state director. She has been an active member of NASPA since 2001.

In her role as state director, Di Donato plans to work on identifying and creating involvement opportunities for current members as well as establishing a strategic plan for the Florida chapter's future growth and development. "NASPA-FL has become my family and support network on my professional journey," said Di Donato. "I look forward to continuing to serve an association which holds such a special place in my heart."

Di Donato holds a bachelor of arts in English literature from Saint Leo University, a master of education in college student affairs from the University of South Florida, a master of business administration from Saint Leo University, and is pursuing a doctorate of leadership in educational administration from the University of Florida.

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2017 NASPA Annual Conference - San Antonio,  
NASPA Florida Reception



# NASPA

Student Affairs Administrators  
in Higher Education

March 13

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

## NASPA Florida Reception



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