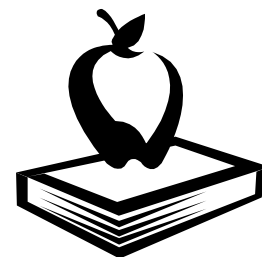




NASPA- Florida Newsletter



NASPA-FL Directors Report

Winter 2017

Greetings NASPA Florida! It is amazing how fast this semester has flown by. I am very happy to report to you that we had another great fall Drive-In conference with around 300 people attending from many schools around the state. I want especially thank Dr. Larry Lunsford and the FIU team for hosting the Drive-In, Case Study Competition and the Hazing Prevention Seminar and Dr. Kathy Maalouf and Miami Dade State College for hosting the Undergraduate Symposium. I also need to thank the NASPA-FL board for the tireless hours working to pull this together for you.

We also look forward to seeing you at the Annual Convention in San Antonio. We will be hosting our annual NASPA-Florida social, which is always a huge success and a great way to network and connect with our colleagues and friends. We will also reveal where we are hosting our Fall 2017 Drive-In, so see you there!

As always, we are also encouraging you to get involved with NASPA-FL. 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 have also published our Public Policy quarterly update and are also working on other projects like undergraduate student outreach.

Thank you for all you do in serving students and the profession. Our work is not always easy and in this post-election time it brings even more unique challenges. However, what each of you do to serve our students is so crucial to student success. 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 San Antonio!

Dr. Eric E. Arneson
earneson@fiu.edu
NASPA-Florida
State Director

Inside this issue:

Drive-In & Membership	2
Knowledge Communities	3
Events & Public Policy Update	4
NASPA-FL Awards	5
Case Study	6
Undergraduate Symposium & Community College Update	7
Photo's	8

**-Join us at NASPA Conference-
-Florida Social-**

**Marriott Rivercenter- Grand Ballroom Salon C-
March 13th— 7pm-9pm**

2016 Drive In Review

The 2016 NASPA-FL Drive In Conference took place on Thursday, October 13 and Friday, October 14 on the beautiful campus of Florida

International University in the Graham Student Center. With over 230 participants in attendance, from 28 different schools, and over 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, a Hazing Prevention Pre-Conference Session, and a Knowledge Communities Meeting. The day ended with the annual networking social event, which was held at FIU's Chili'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. Patricia A. Whitely, Vice President for Student Affairs from the University of Miami, presented a thought

provoking and inspiring address that reinforced this year's conference theme "Leading with Strength and Courage". Our lunch session offered colleagues a time to reconnect and network, and graduate students were able to attend the annual Graduate

Student Luncheon which offered students the opportunity to discuss special topics with seasoned professionals. Conference

attendees were able to choose from 26 diverse programs 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 Florida International University 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 T. Di Donato
Ana.Didonato@saintleo.edu
NASPA-FL Drive In
Coordinator

Membership

On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank you for your continued membership in NASPA and NASPA-FL! Florida continues to be a leader in Region III for the number of active members, and the Drive-In Conference hosted at FIU in October showcased the outstanding work being done by you and your colleagues around the state.

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. As always, we encourage you to refer your colleagues who are not yet connected to NASPA to consider membership to the NASPA-FL 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 great price for membership in an organization that offers so much, so don't forget to renew your own membership, and don't forget to spread the word! We look forward to seeing you at the Annual Conference in San Antonio this March!

Dr. Kerrie A. Montgomery
kmontgom@fiu.edu
Membership Coordinator

Knowledge Community Update

The 2016 NASPA FL Drive-In Conference allowed the NASPA FL KC Chairs to come together and showcase what they have accomplished over the last year. We had a dynamic presence highlighted by our annual meeting, Drive-In conference participation, and our annual awards.

Sabrena O'Keefe, KC Chair for Student Leadership Programs, was named KC Chair of the Year at the 2016

NASPA FL Drive-In Conference. She planned and implemented the first annual KC Publications Contest that allowed graduate students and new professionals the chance to submit a publication that was judged by a panel of their peers across the state. First place went to Stacy Malaret of UCF and second place went to Jaclyn

Kulls of FAU. Congratulations to all the participants, judges, and Sabrena for putting on such a great contest. Both submissions can be found at the NASPA FL website's KC Virtual Library.

Another highlight of the weekend was our campaign to collect information from NASPA FL members who have an interest in joining a NASPA FL Knowledge Community. To join a KC, please fill out this [form](#)

Lastly, we have six KC Chair vacancies.

- Administrators in Graduate & Professional Student Services
- Asian Pacific Islanders
- Indigenous Peoples
- Multiracial
- Student Affairs Partnering with Academic Affairs
- Undocumented Immigrants and Allies

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

jshilts@mdc.edu

NASPA FL Knowledge Community Coordinator



We want to see you!
Upcoming NASPA-FL Events-

**- NASPA Conference—
-Florida Social—
Marriott Rivercenter—
Grand Ballroom Salon C—
March 13th— 7pm-9pm**

**-NASPA-FL Drive in-
University of Florida
November 1st-4th**

New Public Policy Newsletter

NASPAFL wants you to stay informed and up to date on all public policy issues that you face daily. Public policy is a critical part of our work and to help Florida NASPA members stay informed in this every changing environment, our Public Policy Chair, Dr. Jody Conway, has implemented a quarterly newsletter addressing current policy issues at the state, national and international levels. Check out this new resource [here](#).

Please contact Dr. Conway at jodyconway@usf.edu with further questions or suggestions on this resource.

NASPA-FL Awards

This year was another successful year in regard to Awards and Recognition within NASPA Florida. We had 29 nominations and 15 awards were given out across the region. Congratulations to this year's winners.....

Individual Awards

- **Graduate Student of the Year-** Craig Beebe, Florida State University

- **New Professional of the Year-** Melissa Lyon, University of Florida

- **Mid-Manager of the Year-** Chandra Myrick, Florida State University

- **Outstanding Service to Students Award-** Lena Papadopoulos, Florida State University

- **KC Chair of the Year-** Sabrena O'Keefe, Florida International University

- **Research Award-**Dr. Gernayne Graham, University of Central Florida

Programs of Distinction

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

- **Advanced Leadership Challenge, Florida International University**

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

- **LEAD Scholars Academy, University of Central Florida**

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

- **Ashley' Consent, University of Florida**

- **Athletics, Recreation, Physical Fitness, Non-varsity sports, and related**

- **Leadership Logic, Florida State University**

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

- **Super Sharks, Nova Southeastern University**

- **Student Health, Wellness, Counseling, and related**

- **Student Food Pantry, Florida International University**

Travel Award- University of Florida

Social Media Award- Victor Martinez, Florida State 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 all the work you do for our field. We hope to see you in San Antonio!

Matt Marshall,

mmarshall1@uwf.edu,
Awards and Recognition Chair



Congratulations Case Study Winners

To support the conference's theme of "Leading with Strength and Courage," the title of the annual case study completion was, "College

Wide Preparation and Awareness Surrounding Gun Violence." In summary, the case study outlines a fictional vignette of a university president directing the institution to create an annual comprehensive strategic plan that focuses on the topic of college wide preparation and awareness surrounding gun violence. The case study teams played the role of an external advisory board to support the president's college safety task force.

This year's competition attracted five teams, including an ungraduated team. The teams did an outstanding job meeting the learning outcomes of the Case Study. Each team had 10 minutes to present its case as it related to national and institutional climate regarding recent gun violence, impact to campus constituents, college priority, and resource support. 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.

A special thank you to our distinguished panel of judges for giving their time and expertise:

Dr. Cathy Akens, Florida International University

Dr. Anthony Altieri, Lynn University

Dr. Corey King, Florida Atlantic University

Dr. Kathy Maalouf, Miami Dade College

Brian F. Smith, Florida A&M University

Dr. Scott Smith, Barry University

Case Study Winners

Undergraduate Category:

1st Place: Michelle Fitzgibbons and Alyssa Morley

Stetson University

Graduate Category:

1st Place: Amber Crow, Amber Walter and Ellis Bonds, Florida International University

2nd Place: Garrett Secor, Brian Malcolm and Robert Croke- University of Central Florida

And for the first time an undergraduate team tied for 2nd place with a graduate team

2nd Place: Michelle Fitzgibbons and Alyssa Morley- Stetson University

3rd Place: Cassie Cathcart, Samantha Hull and John Jaeger- Nova University

The 2016 Case Study Competition coordinated by Tina O'Daniels, from the University of Florida, Brittany Matthews-Mijatovic, from Nova University - Tampa, and Catrina Hopkins from St. Petersburg College. For more information regarding the Annual Case Study Completion please visit

<http://naspafl.org/casestudy>.

Dr. Tina Barreiro O'Daniels odaniels@ufl.edu Case Study Coordinator



Undergraduate Symposium

The Undergraduate Symposium was hosted at Miami Dade College this year. 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.

Undergraduate students from all across Florida spent the day participating in roundtable discussions, mock interviews, and attending a graduate fair to prepare them for a possible career in Student Affairs.

Dr. Mel Norwood, Director

of Retention and Transition Services, from Miami-Dade College was the opening speaker discussing his journey into Student Affairs and encouraged the students to find their passion in the field. This year we implemented a new session to help students find their own strengths. Lorrie Kittendorf from the University of Tampa did a fantastic session on StrengthsQuest to help students better understand their talents and how to use them in the field. Students also had the opportunity to discuss important topics pertaining to soft skills when interviewing, where to go in student

affairs, and staying connected to resources. The Graduate Fair proved to be a great success in helping the students find a graduate program in the field.

The planning committee would also like to thank the schools that participated in the graduate fair and the graduate students/professionals that volunteered throughout the day. This program would not be a success without your support.

Heather Kenney & Jake Shilts, Undergraduate Symposium Coordinators

NASPA Community College Online Series

Join NASPA's Online Learning Community!! NASPA Community Colleges Online (NCC Online) hosts quarterly **FREE** online professional development and accessible learning opportunities per year. NCC Online is designed to provide timely, relevant, and cutting-edge professional development for student affairs practitioners at community colleges in an accessible, engaging format.

The Community Colleges Division is thrilled to share our offerings for the 2016-2017 year below. A full description of each session and registration can be found at <http://www.naspa.org/events/1617ncconline>. Be sure to register early and share this with your colleges within your intuitions.

- **February 16, 2017:** NCC Online: Mental Health Concerns & Diminishing Resources
- **March 20, 2017:** NCC Online: Social Justice & Inclusion
- **June 15, 2017:** NCC Online: Completion, Graduation, & Persistence

If there are special needs or suggestions that you have as a state college, please contact Lorie Bellot, State Colleges Liaison at LBellot1@Valenciacollege.edu. We are always looking for innovative ideas to strengthen the professional development that we provide.

NASPA-FL Winter
2017



**ARE YOU CONNECTED TO NASPA-FLORIDA?
HERE IS HOW TO BE:**



**FACEBOOK- NASPA FLORIDA
TWITTER- @NASPAFL**

