



## NASPA-FL Drive In Program Proposals!

The 2015 NASPA-FL Drive-In Conference Committee is seeking innovative program proposals for the annual drive-in conference, Connecting Passion with Purpose, to be held on Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at the University of South Florida. 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 word 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.

Submissions are due online at

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

by 5PM  
on Monday, June 5

All presenters will be notified by

Friday, August 7, 2015.

Not sure what to submit as a program proposal, you can learn more about the submission process by serving 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](mailto:vaugh59e@erau.edu) by Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Amy Vaughan Deahl  
Conference Program

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## 2015 NASPA-FL Drive In Conference

We are pleased to announce the annual NASPA-FL Drive-In Conference will be on held on October 15-17, 2015 at the University of South Florida in Tampa, FL. For more conference information, including schedules and details about registration, please visit: [www.naspafl.org](http://www.naspafl.org).

### Save the Date!

**October 15:** NASPA-FL Board Meeting, Case Study Competitions, Knowledge Communities Meeting & NASPA-FL Social

**October 16:** NASPA-FL Drive-in

**October 17:** NASPA-FL Undergraduate Symposium



## NASPA-FL Drive “Connecting Passion with Purpose”:

- > Program submissions are due by June 5th
- > Volunteer for the Program Review Committee by June 1st
- > October 15th- 17th is the Drive-In Conference at USF

## NASPA-FL Undergraduate Symposium

Do you have any undergraduate students thinking of going into Student Affairs? The NASPA-FL Undergraduate Symposium is a great way for students to get a glimpse into the profession that is Student Affairs and meet professionals in the field.

On Saturday, October 17, 2015 at the University of South Florida NASPA-FL will hold the annual undergraduate symposium. During this one day symposium students will be able to interact in roundtable discussions with professionals on aspects of student affairs, visit the graduate fair during lunch to speak with different schools in FL about their higher education programs, and participate in mock interviews. This program grows every year thanks to the dedicated professionals that encourage undergraduates to attend, and we hope this year is no different. Questions about the program can be directed to Meagan Elsberry at [MElsberry@lynn.edu](mailto:MElsberry@lynn.edu). We look forward to meeting all the potential new professionals in October!

Meagan Elsberry  
Undergraduate Symposium Chair

**Pictures  
throughout this  
newsletter are  
from the 2015  
NASPA-FL Social  
at the NASPA  
Annual  
Conference**

## Case Study Competition: Get Your School Involved!

The NASPA-FL Case Study Competition is a competition for undergraduates, graduate students and new professionals (first two years). This competition gives you the chance to apply your classroom, internship, experiential and leadership experiences all in one opportunity.

Undergraduate, graduate, or new professionals (first two years) may create a team that consists of up to three people from the same institution and NASPA-FL encourages universities to hold local case study competitions on their own campuses to identify their top talent. Nova Southeastern, Florida International University, and The University of South Florida all held successful pre-qualifying events in 2014 which assisted 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 state competition.

The competition will be held on Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 in the Marshall Student Center at the University of South Florida. More information can be found at <http://naspafl.org/casestudy>

Dr. Jody Conway, [jodyconway@usf.edu](mailto:jodyconway@usf.edu), Case Study Coordinator

## NASPA-FL Awards

Hello NASPA FL! It was great to see everyone in New Orleans, and hope you are progressing steadily, as graduation quickly approaches! I know it is hard to believe, but the time has come to start thinking about our upcoming NASPA Florida conference for Fall of 2015.

NASPA Florida will be holding its annual conference at the University of South Florida in Tampa this year. As usual we will be able to recognize some of the work

and contributions taking place across our region. Below we have listed our upcoming awards for 2015 and hope you get to visit the website for more details.

### Outstanding Service to Students

### Graduate Student of the Year

### Research Award

### Mid-Manager of the Year

### New Professional Award

### Program Awards

We will also be recognizing our annual.....

### Programs of Distinction

### Travel Award

### Social Media Award

### Nomination Award

Last year's awards program was a huge success and we had a large number of highly qualified nominations. Don't miss the opportunity to recognize a colleague or program from our region for one of these prestigious awards.

Matt Marshall, [mmarshall1@uwf.edu](mailto:mmarshall1@uwf.edu), Awards and Recognition





## NASPA FL Director's Report

Greetings NASPA-Florida!

I had the pleasure of seeing many of you at our state social in New Orleans. What a great time that was; thank you to the Board for putting it together and, more importantly, to all of you for attending and networking. We hope you enjoyed the photo booth, free drink, and networking with colleagues. We hope you also took notice of the Knowledge Community (KC) posters with contact info. We strongly encourage all young professionals/grads to join a knowledge community for a fun and easy way to get involved to help you meet people and improve your resume. To join a KC contact Jacob Shilts today: [jshilts@nova.edu](mailto:jshilts@nova.edu)

We are also already in the process of getting ready for our fall state of Florida Drive-In. This year Dr. Miller and the USF team have agreed to host us on Oct. 15-17. The facilities are incredible; we are going to be very spoiled. The call for program presentations will be coming out soon as will the case study competition information. Given the momentum we have built in Florida and the connection our members are looking for, we anticipate maybe our biggest drive-in yet.

Thank you again for all the engagement and support we share with each other in Florida. We are very

fortunate to have such a developed network in the state and we encourage all of you to keep those connections going. Please let me or anyone on the state Board know if you have any ideas to better serve our state. Thanks again and I can't wait to see you at USF this Fall!

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## Navigating with Courage: 2015 NASPA FL Social Recap

Over 8,000 professionals converged on the great city of New Orleans, LA for the 2015 NASPA Annual Conference this past March. The conference provided an opportunity for budding to seasoned student affairs professionals to connect, engage and explore. The record-breaking meeting created a space for professionals active

within NASPA FL to network at the annual Florida Social. Professionals spanning the great state of Florida gathered at the Marriott Downtown on Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> for an energizing night filled with the sharing of best practices and reminiscing of fond memories. With more than 150 professionals in attendance, the strength of the NASPA FL

network was visible that night. Social attendees left with photo strips of memories captured via a photo-booth, NASPA FL Mardi Gras beads and a Save the Date magnet for the 2015 Drive In hosted at the University of South Florida October 15-17<sup>th</sup>.

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## State Colleges Update

The 2015 Legislative Platform for The Association of Florida Colleges (AFC) has recently been announced on their website. The Association of Florida Colleges is composed of almost 30 member institutions and over 7500 members/employees of the Florida College System that serve over 900,000 students.

The role of the community college has grown in significance over the years as they have widened their scope of educational offerings to satisfy ever evolving economic demands for diverse workers with specific industry skills. Due to the great economic and social impact community colleges have The Association of Florida Colleges platform covers an array of topics.

### **Below is a brief summary:**

Issue: \$100 million funding level increase – **SUPPORT**

Capacity - \$35 Million

Funding equity: Affordability + State Investment = Capacity to Serve – \$35 Million

Performance funding - \$30 Million

Issue: Re-instate baccalaureate program approval- **SUPPORT**

Issue: Guns on campus – **OPPOSE**

Issue: College textbook sales tax exemption – **SUPPORT**

Issue: Ability to re-classify vacant senior management positions - **SUPPORT**

More information on the platform topics and AFC can be found at: <http://www.myafchome.org/>

If you are interested in joining in on the legislative conversations you can join The Association of Florida Colleges at the “AFC Legislative Days” April 8-9, 2015 in Tallahassee, FL. For more information please visit the AFC website or email Eileen Johnson at [ejohnson@myafchome.org](mailto:ejohnson@myafchome.org).

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## Knowledge Community Update

The NASPA FL Knowledge Communities have been very active in 2015. Four new highlights have been added to the NASPA FL KC Library [KC Library](#). Click on the link to access all of the latest contributions to the KC Library. In addition, watch out for updates on our social media to know when new highlights are added to the KC Library. Here is a quick overview of the latest KC highlights:

Hannah Black, from Florida International University, created a Pinterest for NASPA FL. You can send new pins to [naspaflpinterest@gmail.com](mailto:naspaflpinterest@gmail.com). She is the Sustainability KC Chair and to learn more about her ongoing project you can email her at [hablack@fiu.edu](mailto:hablack@fiu.edu)

Nehemiah Chung, from Nova Southeastern University, gives an update on an April conference for the Asian Pacific American in Higher Education organization. He is serving as the KC Chair for Asian Pacific Islanders. To learn more about his highlight click here [API KC](#)

Josh Wilson, from the University of Florida, serves as the Socioeconomic & Class Issues KC Chair. He gives a great summary of what programs are occurring from February to May this year as well as some national updates. To learn more about his KC, click here

[Socioeconomic & Class Issues KC](#)

Caitlyn Zang, from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, created the Virtual 5K run for the month of March. It has been a fantastic program with many participants. Watch out for her article in April as it will highlight the success of the first annual NASPA FL 5K Virtual Run sponsored by the Wellness & Health Promotion KC.

For anyone interested to learn more about NASPA FL Knowledge Communities, please email me at [jshilts@mdc.edu](mailto:jshilts@mdc.edu) for information on how to get engaged and involved with the many ongoing KC highlight projects.

Sincerely,

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## The Value of Maintaining Membership in NASPA

Greetings, NASPA-FL members!! I hope those of you who attended the National Conference in New Orleans had a great learning experience and had a chance to connect with many of your colleagues at the Florida reception we hosted at the Marriott. It was a great conference with powerful speakers and many great educational sessions, and the Florida social was really well attended. The ability to attend conferences like these is just one of the many reasons we encourage you to maintain your membership in NASPA and get connected with NASPA-FL!

Currently, NASPA-FL has the largest membership numbers in all of Region III (with over 800 registered members), and our strong base allows us to provide a number of opportunities for our members. Among these opportunities is the chance to connect with one or more of our fantastic Knowledge Communities, which are the doorway to resources and networking with professional colleagues from institutions all over the states. You can find more information about KCs on our web site at <http://www.naspafil.org/KC>.

Additionally, NASPA-FL hosts an annual Drive-In Conference that allows members at every level (entry level to SSAO) to present and/or attend educational sessions focusing on the issues that really matter here in our State. The Drive-In Conference also includes a Case Study Competition, a great networking social, and the Undergraduate Symposium that connects undergraduate students to careers in Student Affairs as well as information about the graduate preparation programs available in Florida. Please check out information about the Drive-In Conference in this month's newsletter and be sure to save the date!

We have an extremely active membership base in Florida, and the Executive Board encourages you to continue your membership with the organization in order to take advantage of all the resources available to you as a professional in our State and our Region. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at [kmontgomery@studentinvolvement.ufl.edu](mailto:kmontgomery@studentinvolvement.ufl.edu)

Good luck with the end of the spring semester, have a relaxing (but productive) summer, and we look forward to seeing you at the Drive-In this fall!

-- Kerrie Montgomery, Membership Chair

