

News Release

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NASPA honors members for outstanding work in 2013

NASPA Excellence Award recipients will be honored at the Annual Conference

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Each year, NASPA - Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education, recognizes the outstanding contributions of members who are transforming higher education through exceptional programs, innovative services, and effective administration. The NASPA Board of Directors approved the 2014 NASPA Excellence Award winners during their winter board meeting. Recipients will be honored in March at the 2014 NASPA Annual Conference in Baltimore, Md.

“NASPA is comprised of outstanding members who work diligently to create a dynamic, high functioning and nurturing learning environment for students in higher education,” says NASPA President Kevin Kruger. “We are proud to promote the innovative work taking place on our college campuses, and encourage institutions to follow suit and join the movement.”

Members were selected by meeting some of the following criteria: having a positive impact on student learning, demonstrating success in addressing student needs and/or critical campus issues, collaboration with academic affairs and other departments, originality and creativity, effective use of technology and other resources, innovative practical use of research and/or assessment and linking to learning outcomes, relevance of institutional mission, evidence of sustainability, and quality of program description and submission.

Entries were reviewed and judged by three to five experienced NASPA members. Recipients were honored in the following categories: gold, silver, or bronze, with gold level recipients receiving the opportunity to be further recognized in the grand gold, grand silver, and grand bronze categories.

Note to media: All winners have been notified, so feel free to reach out to them directly. They will be officially honored by NASPA during the Awards banquet during the 2014 NASPA Annual Conference March 15-19 in Baltimore, Md.

Here are the Excellence Award Recipients:

Grand Gold (Student Health, Wellness, Counseling, and related)

Bentley University

Choose OneLess

Region I

(NASPA Excellence Awards Cont.)

Grand Silver (Athletics, Recreation, Physical Fitness, Non-Varsity Sports, and related)

Santa Rosa Junior College

Disability Resources and Sports Medicine: A Collaborative Model for Best Practices in Concussion Management in Community College Athletics

Region VI

Grand Bronze (Student Union, Student Activities, Greek Life, Leadership, and related)

Grand Bronze

The College at Brockport

The Student Leadership Development Program

Region II

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

Category Gold

New York University

HashtagNYU

Region II

Category Silver

Texas A&M University

Student Leader Learning Outcomes: Assessing and Documenting Learning in the Co-curricular

Region III

Category Bronze

University of South Carolina

Developing a Culture of Assessment in Student Affairs: Strategies for Successful Implementation

Region III

Athletics, Recreation, Physical Fitness, Non-Varsity Sports, and related

Category Gold

Santa Rosa Junior College

Disability Resources and Sports Medicine: A Collaborative Model for Best Practices in Concussion Management in Community College Athletics

Region VI

Category Silver

Colorado State University

Risk Management in Campus Recreation – The David Karspeck Memorial Video

Region IV-West

Category Bronze

University of Virginia

SAMs Say: A Health Promotion Campaign for Student-Athletes

Region III

Careers, Academic Advising and Support, and related

Category Gold

University of the Pacific

Meet Your Future Mock Interview Event: Prepare to Succeed

Region VI

(NASPA Excellence Awards Cont.)

Category Silver

University of Central Florida

Look Before You Leap – Externship Job Shadowing

Region III

Category Bronze

University of Kansas

Dashboard Data: Transforming Academic Advising Interventions With Strategic Analytics

Region IV-West

Civic Learning, Democratic Engagement, Service-Learning, Community Service, and related

Category Gold

University of Texas at Arlington

Get Back in the Game Adapted Sports and Recreation for Injured Service Veterans

Region III

Category Silver

Wake Forest University

“The Talk We Use to Teach Ourselves”: Deliberative Dialogue as a Tool for Civic and Democratic Engagement

Region III

Category Bronze

Georgia Southern University

Leadership Students as Teaching Colleagues – Innovative Support for Service-Learning Faculty

Region III

Enrollment Management, Financial Aid, Orientation, Parents, Persistence, First-year, Other-year, and related

Category Gold

Northeastern Illinois University

Access and Outcomes: Supporting the Student Transition at a Hispanic Serving Institution Through a Successful Summer Bridge Program

Region IV-East

Category Silver

University of Central Florida

Transferring to Success: The Role of Transfer Orientation on Transfer Student Success

Region III

Category Bronze

Trinity University

Trinity University's Sophomore College

Region III

Housing, Residence Life, Contracted Services, Judicial, and related

Category Gold

Trinity University

Trinity University's H.O.P.E. Hall

Region III

(NASPA Excellence Awards Cont.)

Category Silver
New York University
New York University's Writers in Residence
Region II

Category Bronze
Longwood University
Plackart Student Leadership Program
Region III

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

Category Gold
University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
Mosaic: a comprehensive support program for students with Autism Spectrum Disorders
Region III

Category Silver
Arizona State University
DREAMzone
Region VI

Category Bronze
University of California-Irvine
Supporting Student Success through an International Transitions Committee
Region VI

Off-Campus, Commuter, Non-traditional, Graduate, Professional, and related

Category Gold
Seattle University
The Collegia Program
Region V

Category Silver
Sam Houston State University
Engaging Distance Education Students through a Virtual Community of Practice
Region III

Category Bronze
New York University
NYU's Explore New York Explore the World
Region II

Student Health, Wellness, Counseling, and related

Category Gold
Bentley University
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Region I

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Category Silver
New York University
LiveWellNYU
Region II

Category Bronze
University of South Carolina-Columbia
Healthy Carolina - A Healthy Campus Initiative
Region III

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

Category Gold
The College at Brockport
The Student Leadership Development Program
Region II

Category Silver
Syracuse University
The Student Leadership Institute
Region II

Category Bronze
University of Dayton
Student Employment for the Real World
Region IV-East

Violence Education and Prevention, Crisis Management, Campus Security, and related

Category Gold
University of San Francisco
Think About It: A Student-Centered Comprehensive Harm Reduction Curriculum
Region VI

Category Silver
Binghamton University
20:1 Sexual Assault Prevention Program
Region II

Category Bronze
New York University
Project Pay Attention
Region II

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