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
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
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
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
*Choose OneLess*
Region I
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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