Susan Batchelor Adams given National Award from NASPA

Recipient of the Fred Turner Award for Outstanding Service to NASPA

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Each year, NASPA - Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education, recognizes members who are doing outstanding work in the student affairs profession. Susan Batchelor Adams was selected as the 2014 recipient of the Fred Turner Award for Outstanding Service to NASPA.

The award is given to someone who has served NASPA in a leadership role for more than 10 years. Adams has been a member of NASPA since 1978. She has served as a member of the Board of Directors for Region III for more than 15 years. She has led the New Professionals Institute, chaired regional conferences, and was the chair of the 1997 NASPA/ACPA Annual Convention. She was the NASPA Foundation Board President from 2004 to 2006 and has worked on the NASPA Foundation’s Executive Board since 2007.

“Suzi never pursues any personal accolades,” says Patricia Whitely, vice president for Student Affairs at the University of Miami. “She is a quiet leader, always doing more than her committee, leading with unparalleled excellence and delivering exceptional productivity consistently regardless of the task at hand.”

She serves NASPA while holding rigorous professional positions. She recently retired from serving as the Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and dean of Campus Life at Texas Christian University and was previously the Dean of Campus Life.

Victor Boschini, chancellor of TCU, says she is one of the rare individuals who intuitively knows how to work with others regardless of the circumstances.

“She is an amazingly giving and supportive advisor to hundreds of our student leaders each and every year,” Boschini says. “Legions of them come back throughout their ‘grad years’ and unfailingly they credit Suzi Adams with being a key part of their TCU experience.”

Adams and the other National Award winners will be honored in March at the 2014 NASPA Annual Conference in Baltimore, Md.

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