

## News Release

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### **Colorado State University associate professor honored** *Linda Kuk given Outstanding Contribution to Higher Education Award*

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Each year, NASPA - Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education, recognizes members who are doing outstanding work in the student affairs profession. Linda Kuk, chair of the Higher Education Leadership program and associate professor in Colorado State University's (CSU) School of Education, is the recipient of the 2014 NASPA Outstanding Contribution to Higher Education Award. The award recognizes someone whose service in programs, policies or research have made a national impact and contributed to the broad research of higher education.

In her 40-year career, Kuk has held numerous positions in higher education including the Vice President of Student Affairs at CSU, Rochester Institute of Technology and State University of New York College at Cortland. She's also served as Dean of Students at Marquette University and Assistant to the Vice President for Student Affairs at Iowa State University.

Kuk's colleagues say no matter what position she holds or what campus she works on, she puts her students and colleagues first.

"For the last decade I have watched as Dr. Kuk reached out to scores of former students and current and former employees connecting them to share resources, research ideas and potential job opportunities," says Susan Borrego, vice president for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs at California State University.

As a scholar she has contributed more than 40 publications to the literature on student affairs. In her recent book *Positioning Student Affairs for Sustainable Change*, she tackles the organizational and structural challenges thrust upon institutions.

The author and scholar has also been a vital member of NASPA for more than 30 years. She has served as Region II Vice President and as a Faculty Fellow for the organization. She is currently a member of the NASPA Foundation Board and in 2004 was honored as one of NASPA's Pillars of the Profession.

"Her contributions have always been mission-focused as a student-centered scholar, practitioner and teacher," says Cynthia Smith Forrest, vice president of Student Affairs at the University of New England. "Her service has been exemplary."

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

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