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Marywood University VP selected for NASPA National Award *Vice President for Student Life Raymond Heath Scott Goodnight Award recipient*

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Each year, NASPA - Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education, recognizes members who are doing outstanding work in the student affairs profession. Raymond Heath, vice president for Student Life at Marywood University in Scranton, Penn., is the 2014 recipient of the Scott Goodnight Award for Outstanding Performance as a Dean.

The award is given to a senior student affairs officer who has demonstrated sustained professional service in student affairs work, high-level competency in administrative skills, innovative response in meeting students' varied and emerging needs, effectiveness in developing junior staff members, and leadership in community and university affairs. The recipient must also have earned stature among and support of students, faculty, and fellow administrators on his or her campus and made significant contributions to the field through publications or professional involvement.

A graduate of Providence College, Ray earned a Ph.D. from The Ohio State University and completed further study at the Institute for Educational Management at Harvard. Prior to his role at Marywood University, he served as Dean of Freshmen at Ohio Wesleyan University and as Dean of Students and then Vice President for Student Affairs at La Salle University in Philadelphia. His colleagues call him a skilled educator, manager and mentor.

“He is adept at creating a vision for his staff, and for creating opportunities for them to succeed in the fulfillment of that vision,” says Robert Bonfiglio, vice president for Student and Campus Life at the State University of New York College at Geneseo. “He is a passionate and principled student advocate, and he is valued as a team-oriented colleague.”

Heath has had extensive experience in NASPA, serving as Vice President of Region II, as NASPA’s liaison to the National Consortium for Academics and Sports, the Region II representative on the Health Education and Leadership Program in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and the Urban Colleges/Universities Network and task forces ranging from the responsibility of student affairs officers for administration of athletics programs to planning of the Washington Office. A long-term member of *The NASPA Journal* editorial board, Ray was one of the founders of NASPA’s Small Colleges and Universities Institute, represented Region II on the Small Colleges and Universities Division and served on several accreditation teams for the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. Region II honored him with its *Award for Outstanding Service to NASPA* and in 2008 Ray was inducted as a *Pillar of the Profession* by the NASPA Foundation.

His colleagues say his nature is consistent in every way with the ideals of the Goodnight Award.

“He has a relaxed manner and a wonderful, understated sense of humor,” says Thomas Miller, vice president for Student Affairs at the University of South Florida. “His humility sets him apart from others who have been in leadership roles and it helps students to find him approachable and supportive.”

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

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