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University of Maryland campus life director receives NASPA award

Marsha Guenzler-Stevens recipient of the Zenobia Hikes Memorial 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. Marsha Guenzler-Stevens, director of the Adele H. Stamp Student Union - Center for Campus Life at the University of Maryland-College Park, is the 2014 recipient of the Zenobia Hikes Memorial Award from NASPA.

The Award, sponsored by the Center for Women, recognizes a NASPA member who has demonstrated a commitment to the advancement of women in higher education and to student affairs. The member must have at least ten years of full time work in Student Affairs and have demonstrated a commitment to the advancement of women in higher education and to student affairs, through mentoring and professional development activities. The award winner must also have a strong evidence of contributions to the development of students as engaged citizens and ethical leaders and a record of community service to the profession and locally.

Guenzler-Stevens was selected by a group of judges on the Center for Women Board. They say, “her resources provided ample evidence of her contributions to the advancement and development of college women student leaders. She has clearly demonstrated a commitment to mentoring and developing the next generation. This has clearly been a top priority of her career.”

Guenzler-Stevens was honored March 17 at Center for Women/Women in Student Affairs reception during the 2014 NASPA Annual Conference in Baltimore, Md. She was given a registration fee waiver to send the student of her choice to the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders.

The Zenobia Lawrence Hikes Memorial Award has just been established to honor Hikes, vice president of student affairs at Virginia Tech University, who passed away in October, 2008. Hikes was a remarkable woman who embodied the mission of the Center for Women, working for the equality of women throughout her life. A talented educator, advocate and mentor, Hikes was a pillar of her community and brought her courageous spirit and compassionate nature to the work of promoting academic excellence in her students and assisting persons in need.

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