NASPA honors members for outstanding work in 2014

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 2015 NASPA Excellence Award winners during their winter board meeting. Recipients will be honored in March at the 2015 NASPA Annual Conference in New Orleans, La.

“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 2015 NASPA Annual Conference March 21-25, in New Orleans, La.

Here are the Excellence Award Recipients:

Grand Gold (Violence Education and Prevention, Crisis Management, Campus Security, and related)
Wilkes University
A Multi-Dimensional Sexual Misconduct Training Paradigm Driven By Assessment
Region II
Grand Silver (Enrollment Management, Financial Aid, Orientation, Parents, Persistence, First-year, Other-year, and related)
North Dakota State College of Science
Making Student Success the Priority
Region IV-West

Grand Bronze (Student Health, Wellness, Counseling, and related)
Adelphi University
Bridges to Adelphi Program
Region II

Administrative, Assessment, Information Technology, Fundraising, Professional Development, and related
Category Gold
Trinity University
Trinity University’s Divisional Assessment Team (D.A.T.)
Region III
Category Silver
New York University
The Merger of NYU and NYU-Poly: A Student Affairs Integration
Region II

Athletics, Recreation, Physical Fitness, Non-Varsity Sports, and related
Category Gold
The University of Akron
Adaptive Paddlesports – Inclusion for all
Region IV-East
Category Silver
University of Alabama at Birmingham
Walking Buses for Adults: A Pilot Program to Decrease Obesity
Region III

Careers, Academic Advising and Support, and related
Category Gold
University of Central Florida
DirectConnect to UCF: UCF and Four State Colleges-Eastern Florida State College Lake-Sumter State College Seminole State College Valencia College-E
Region III
Category Silver
St. John's University
Transforming Career Services: Developing a Campus-wide Career Community
Region II
Category Bronze
Boise State University
Civic Learning, Democratic Engagement, Service-Learning, Community Service, and related
Category Gold
California State University Fresno
*Fresno State Community Revitalization Efforts: A Student Movement Promoting Safety Through Service*
Region VI
Category Silver
Alfred State College
*Leadership Suite Initiative*
Region II
Category Bronze
Trinity University
*First Amendment Celebration*
Region III

Enrollment Management, Financial Aid, Orientation, Parents, Persistence, First-year, Other-year, and related
Category Gold
North Dakota State College of Science
*Making Student Success the Priority*
Region IV-West
Category Silver
The George Washington University
*The FutureU Initiative*
Region II
Category Bronze
University of South Carolina-Columbia
*Gamecock Gateway Residential Bridge Partnership*
Region III

Housing, Residence Life, Contracted Services, Judicial, and related
Category Gold
Loyola Marymount University
*Intercultural Weekend Retreat*
Region VI
Category Silver
The University of Kansas
*Student Conduct as a Learning Strategy Model*
Region IV-West
Category Bronze
University of California Irvine
*Global Sustainability & Cultural Immersion Program: Costa Rica*
Region VI

**International, Multicultural, Cultural, Gender, LGBTQ, Spirituality, Disability, and related**
Category Gold
Georgia State University
*Panther Ambassadors for a Culturally Competent Campus*
Region III
Category Silver
Nazareth College
*Yoga Revolution on Campus*
Region II
Category Bronze
Texas Tech University
*Making a difference for students who learn differently: The TECHniques Center at Texas Tech University*
Region III

**Off-Campus, Commuter, Non-traditional, Graduate, Professional, and related**
Category Gold
The Ohio State University
*Graduate and Professional Student Programming Initiative*
Region IV-West
Category Silver
University of Oregon
*Rehearsals for Life: A Graduate Student Social Justice Theatre Troupe*
Region V
Category Bronze
North Carolina State University
*NC State’s PREP Program: Recruiting Higher Education’s Next Generation of Diverse Scholar Leaders*
Region III

**Student Health, Wellness, Counseling, and related**
Grand Category Bronze
Adelphi University
*Bridges to Adelphi Program*
Region II
Category Silver
New York University
The Mindfulness Project at NYU
Region II
Category Bronze
University of Central Oklahoma
UCO Healthy Campus
Region IV-West

Student Union, Student Activities, Greek Life, Leadership, and related
Category Gold
Denison University
D.U. Lead
Region IV-East
Category Silver
University at Albany
Pathways to Success: Outside the Classroom Experience
Region II
Category Bronze
Stephen F. Austin State University
Freshman Leadership Academy at Stephen F. Austin State University
Region III

Violence Education and Prevention, Crisis Management, Campus Security, and related
Grand Category Gold
Wilkes University
A Multi-Dimensional Sexual Misconduct Training Paradigm Driven By Assessment
Region II
Category Silver
University of Denver
“Be a B.O.S.S. “: How to Harness Your Power to Prevent Violence
Region IV-West
Category Bronze
Tarrant County College
Student Empower: Non-Residential
Region III

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