

## News Release

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## **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

*Make College Count!*

Region V

**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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