

## News Release

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### **Prakash Mathew selected for NASPA National Award**

*Retired Vice President for Student Affairs 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. Prakash Mathew, retired vice president emeritus for student affairs and recent interim athletic director at North Dakota State University in Fargo, N.D., is the 2015 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.

Mathew was the vice president for student affairs at North Dakota State University (NDSU) since 2006. He was responsible for 375 staff members, 780 student employees and a budget of more than \$50 million. He led and managed over 20 departments in three units including Enrollment Management, Student Life, and Student Wellness.

Because of his vast higher education experience, he was asked to step in as Interim Athletic Director after an abrupt departure of the long-time Athletic Director.

According to the President of NSDU, Mathew built one of the most comprehensive divisions of student affairs at any research university in the nation and also one of the highest-functioning and well-respected.

“He hires the best, innovative and expert people available,” says NDSU President Dean Bresciani, “He sets an agenda and models continuous process and product improvement.”

At the announcement of his retirement last year, social media was flooded with tear-filled accounts of him being the most impactful person in the lives of many current and former students. He is the recipient of the Blue Key Doctor of Service Award, and in 2014 NDSU named the Mathew Living Learning Center in his honor.

Mathew has been active in NASPA, serving for decades in leadership positions on the 4-West Regional Board, the national board, as a Pillar of the Profession, and the NASPA Foundation Board.

Mathew and the other National Award winners will be honored in March at the 2015 NASPA Annual Conference in New Orleans, La.

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