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Barbara Snyder given National Award from NASPA *Recipient of the Fred Turner Award for Outstanding Service to NASPA*

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Each year, NASPA - Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education, recognizes members who are doing outstanding work in the student affairs profession. Barbara Snyder, vice president for student affairs at the University of Utah, was selected as the 2016 recipient of the Fred Turner Award for Outstanding Service to NASPA.

The award is given to someone who has served NASPA in a leadership role for more than 10 years. Snyder's involvement in NASPA extends to her earliest days as a graduate student, with her leadership positions starting twenty years ago when she chaired the Management Institute. She has been on the Regional Executive Committee, first in Region IV-W and now in Region V, continuously from 1988-2007. She has contributed greatly with her activity in conference planning, serving on the 1988 and 1993 NASPA National Conference Planning Committees and serving as the chair of the 1999 NASPA Annual Conference Committee in New Orleans.

She has been on the National Board of Directors four separate times, and has been a member of the Foundation Board since 2002. She most recently served as the NASPA Foundation Chair in 2010-2012. Because of her commitment to NASPA, she was named a Pillar of the Profession in 2002.

Snyder has held positions of increasing responsibility at Iowa State University, the University of Nebraska at Kearney, and the University of Utah. In this role, she manages the entire student affairs division, serves as a member of the President's cabinet, leads the development of living/learning programs on campus, and developed a division-wide assessment program. She also directed the transition of residence halls into Olympic Village for the 2002 Winter Games.

Her colleagues say they don't know anyone else more loyal to NASPA. She encourages everyone to get and stay involved.

"Barb Snyder is a wonderful example of advancing both your professional career and your profession by active involvement in a professional organization," says Kari Ellingson, associate vice president of student development at the University of Utah. "We are very lucky that the organization she chose for her considerable talent and energies is NASPA!"

Snyder and the other National Award winners will be honored in March at the 2016 NASPA Annual Conference in Indianapolis, Ind.