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NASPA Announces Prestigious Class of Annual Award Winners for 2018

Washington, D.C. – Each year, NASPA - Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education, recognizes members for their outstanding work in the student affairs profession. Our award winners are those who have made an indelible mark on their field by providing invaluable support to thousands of college and university students across the country.

We congratulate these awards winners for their roles in the positive impacts they have had on the student affairs field.

2018 Outstanding Contribution to Higher Education Award

Dr. Michael Lomax, president and CEO, United Negro College Fund

This award is presented to an individual or organization that has provided dedicated service, consistent advocacy, and outstanding leadership to the higher education community on the national or international level. The honoree will have made a meaningful and appreciable contribution to the issues and concerns affecting higher education.

2018 Bobby E. Leach Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Award

Doris Ching, interim chancellor, University of Hawai'i, West Oahu

This award honors a senior student affairs professional or faculty member who has demonstrated a deep commitment to advancing diversity and inclusion throughout their administrative or academic tenure. This award is named after Bobby E. Leach, the first person of color to serve as NASPA president (now known as board chair) and who was also the first African American Administrator at Florida State University.

2018 George D. Kuh Outstanding Contribution to Literature and/or Research Award

Marcia Baxter Magolda, professor emeritus, Miami University (Ohio)

This award honors an individual who has demonstrated a lifetime commitment to research and scholarship related to higher education. The honoree's work must address important and substantial issues, and have had a significant or transformative effect on higher education and student affairs practice in a national or international context.

2018 President's Award

Deneece G. Huftalin, president, Salt Lake Community College

This special NASPA honor is presented to a college or university president or chancellor who has, over a sustained period, advanced the quality of student life on campus by supporting the institution's student affairs staff and initiatives.

2018 Scott Goodnight Award for Outstanding Performance as a Dean

Linda Clement, vice president for student affairs, University of Maryland

Cedric B. Howard, vice president of enrollment and student service, SUNY Fredonia

This award, named for NASPA's founding chair of the Board of Directors and former dean of men at the University of Wisconsin, is presented to a dean or senior student affairs officer who has demonstrated sustained professional achievement in student affairs work, innovative response in meeting students' varied and emerging needs, effectiveness in developing staff, and leadership in community and college or university affairs. The award recipient must also have earned stature among and support of students, faculty, and fellow administrators on campus, and made significant contributions to the field through publications or involvement in professional associations.

2018 Robert H. Shaffer Award for Academic Excellence as a Graduate Faculty Member

Samuel Museus, associate professor of higher education and student affairs and director of the National Institute for Transformation and Equity, Indiana University

This award, named for a dean and professor emeritus at Indiana University, is presented to a tenured, full-time faculty member in a graduate preparation program in student affairs. Each Robert H. Shaffer Award recipient has inspired graduate students and served on doctoral dissertation committees; has a distinguished record of scholarly achievement, including publication in relevant literature; and has made significant contributions to professional associations.

2018 Fred Turner Award for Outstanding Service to NASPA

Frank Lamas, vice president of student affairs and enrollment management, Fresno State

This award, named for a past Chair of the NASPA Board of Directors and former chief student affairs officer at the University of Illinois, honors a NASPA member who has served in leadership roles at the state, regional, national, or international levels of NASPA, and who has had, at minimum, ten continuous years of NASPA membership. The Fred Turner Award is NASPA's equivalent of a lifetime achievement award; each recipient has brought honor and dignity to the student affairs profession, and to NASPA as an association, for a sustained period of time.

2018 AVP/Senior-Level Student Affairs Professional Award

Jerry Brewer, associate vice president for student affairs and academic support,
University of South Carolina

This award honors a student affairs professional at the AVP or senior-level whose outstanding commitment to the profession includes development of programs that address the needs of students, creation of a campus environment that promotes student learning and development, and support of and active engagement in NASPA.

2018 Doris Michiko Ching Award for Excellence as a Student Affairs Professional

Naddia Cherre Palacios, Director & CARE Advocate; Campus Advocacy Resources & Education, University of California - Riverside

This annual award recognizes mid-level student affairs professionals who demonstrate an outstanding commitment to the student affairs profession by creating environments that promote student learning and personal development. The award was renamed to honor NASPA's first minority female Board of Directors chairwoman two years ago.