

## News Release

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### **David E. Jones awarded National Award from NASPA**

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

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Each year, NASPA - Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education, recognizes members who are doing outstanding work in the student affairs profession. Dr. David E. Jones, director, Paul Robeson Cultural Center, Rutgers University-New Brunswick, was selected as the recipient of the *2017 Doris Michiko Ching Award for Excellence as a Student Affairs Professional*.

This national 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 last year.

In his role as director of the Paul Robeson Cultural Center, Jones' work centers on diversity, social justice and inclusion, with an interest on the intersection of identity and leadership in higher education. He has delivered dozens of educational sessions, workshops and keynotes across the country at colleges, universities and student affairs conferences.

“David is one of those unique individuals who has set a path for himself, and follows it with intentional choices of professional development, mentorship, coursework and positions that illustrate his value set in action,” remarked Thomas Ellett, senior associate vice president for student affairs. “I can't overstate how impressed I am by David. His is making a major impact on the campuses he works.”

Prior to his work at Rutgers University-New Brunswick, Jones was the director, student conduct and residence life at City University of New York. David currently serves NASPA as an Advisory Board Member and the Co-Chair of Strategic Initiatives for NASPA Region II and faculty/planning committee member for the NASPA African American Male Summit.

Jones and the other National Award winners will be honored in March at the 2017 NASPA Annual Conference in San Antonio, TX.

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