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Henry Gee awarded National Award from NASPA

Scott Goodnight Award for Outstanding Performance as a Dean

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Each year, NASPA - Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education, recognizes members who are doing outstanding work in the student affairs profession. Henry Gee, vice president for student services, Rio Hondo College, was selected as the recipient of the *2017 Scott Goodnight Award for Outstanding Performance as a Dean*.

This award, named for NASPA's founding Chair of the Board of Directors (1919-1920) and former dean of men at the University of Wisconsin, is presented to a dean 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.

In his role as vice president for student services, Gee has enhanced student success, including the most impactful program, the El Monte Pledge, which is a unique partnership between the El Monte Unified School District, Rio Hondo College, CSU, Los Angeles, and UC Irvine. The program has been instrumental in providing a seamless educational pipeline, which has led to a significant increase in college enrollment.

"I have been fortunate enough to call Vice President Gee my mentor," says Lori Ideta, Interim vice chancellor for students, University of Hawaii at Manoa. "I can truly attest that I would not have earned my doctorate degree, decades ago, had it not been for Vice President Gee and his direct efforts in assisting me in my academic endeavors."

Prior to his work at Rio Hondo College, Gee served for 10 years as the dean of student affairs at Santa Ana College and 15 years at Azusa Pacific University in various capacities. He has been active with NASPA, having served in many roles regionally and nationally, most recently as the Region VI Director.

Gee 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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