



Resolution Honoring the Life of Marybeth Joy Drechsler Sharp

WHEREAS, Marybeth Joy Drechsler Sharp of Loveland, Colorado, a dedicated and passionate higher education leader and highly respected executive director of the Council for the Advancement of Standards in Higher Education, passed away on June 5, 2018; and

WHEREAS, a native of Illinois, born on February 6, 1978, she was one of three children; the daughter of Richard and Mary Drechsler; and beloved wife of Sean Sharp; and

WHEREAS, a life-long learner, Drechsler Sharp received a bachelor's degree from Millikin University; a master's in college student personnel from University of Central Missouri; and a doctorate in college student personnel from the University of Maryland, College Park; and

WHEREAS, a steward of living-learning communities, she began her career in higher education as an undergraduate resident assistant, and later served as a residence hall director at the University of Central Missouri and a residence hall coordinator at the University of Missouri-Columbia; and

WHEREAS, she championed academic inquiry through her work as the coordinator for student leadership with the University of Maryland College Park Scholars program where she founded the Peer Mentors initiative; advised the Student Advisory Board; and served as an instructor for numerous courses in the College of Education; and

WHEREAS, Dreschler Sharp became the first full-time executive director of the Council for the Advancement of Standards (CAS) in May 2012 where she worked to bring CAS recognition across the field of student affairs, created innovative and inspirational partnerships with industry and education, and assisted in development of cross-functional standards, which will have a lasting impact on higher education; and

WHEREAS, she was an active member of both ACPA and NASPA, situating the CAS office within both associations during her executive director tenure; through her service, she gave of her time by investing and mentoring individuals with a generous and humble nature; and

WHEREAS, she has been honored with the ACPA Foundation Diamond Honoree Award; the ACPA Annuit Coeptis Emerging Professional Award; and the Missouri College Personnel Association Outstanding New Professional Award; and

WHEREAS, in partnership with her husband, she co-owned and managed events for SPAN Photography, providing not only their positive energy to the world, but visually sharing their gifts and talents through images; and

WHEREAS, an avid supporter of United States National Parks, she celebrated wildlife and her natural surroundings, spending extensive time hiking and enjoying the outdoors; and

WHEREAS, she will be fondly remembered for her joyful spirit, kind heart, and giving nature and will be greatly missed by loving family members, many friends, and admirers; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the NASPA Board of Directors marks with regret the passing of Marybeth Joy Drechsler Sharp and expresses its members' deepest sympathy to her family; and, now

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NASPA Board of Directors celebrate the life of Marybeth Joy Drechsler Sharp, a truly gifted higher education leader, and recognize her lasting contributions to the Association, to CAS, and to the student affairs profession on this 12th day of March, 2019.

Submitted by

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