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The 2016 Convention Team is thrilled to welcome you to Saint Louis, Missouri for the combined Regions IV-W and IV-E conference, November 15-17, 2016. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



MEET JORDAN O'ROARK - ARKANSAS MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR

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GRADUATE STUDENT SPOTLIGHT - SAMANTHA PERRIN

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AFTER U.S. V. TEXAS, ALLIES & SUPPORT FOR UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES NEEDED



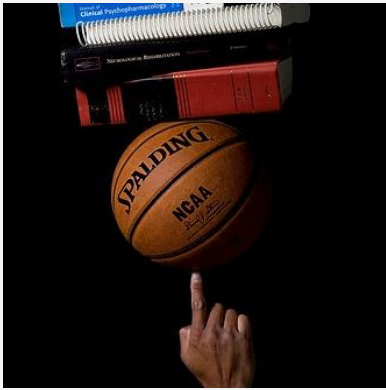
After the recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling in U.S. v. Texas invalidating President Obama's executive order for Deferred Action for Parents of Americans (DAPA), undocumented students and their families need support and allies more now than ever. NASPA's Undocumented Immigrants &

Allies Knowledge Community was recently created in 2015 to address the growing need for student affairs and higher education professionals to be informed to best advocate and navigate their undocumented students and families through higher education. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



NEWS FROM YOUR REGIONAL DIRECTOR

Your regional board just had its summer meeting and we are excited for our upcoming regional conference in St. Louis. We hope you will join us. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT - STUDENT-ATHLETE KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY (SAKC)

Hello from the Student-Athlete Knowledge Community (SAKC)! We are here to educate and address issues geared toward a very specific group of students, the student-athlete. There are many unique challenges and opportunities that our student-athletes face on a daily basis that most of our traditional students, and even colleagues, have not even considered. As a part of the SAKC's education plan this past year we did a focus on Career Readiness/Life After Sport and this upcoming year we are looking into various Mental Health Issues/Challenges student-athletes may come across throughout their collegiate experience. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



NASPA IV-W - RESEARCH GRANTS AVAILABLE - APPLY TODAY!

NASPA IV-W is committed to supporting research in the region. Members are invited to apply for the NASPA IV-W research grant online at http://apps.naspa.org/cfp/evt_frm_user.cfm?event_id=500. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT - WOMEN IN STUDENT AFFAIRS (WISA)

The WISA Mission: The purpose of the WISA Knowledge Community is to give voice to the needs of women in student affairs and to provide professional development opportunities through both regional and national activities designed to address gender equity and prompt personal growth. WISA initiatives work to center the experiences of marginalized people and focuses on the intersections of race, class, sexuality, disability and gender identity with gender and sex. WISA provides a home for student affairs professionals who work in women's and gender centers or with gender-related concerns on college campuses, creating networking opportunities for those professionals. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



VOLUNTEER TODAY WITH NASPA IV-W

Getting involved in NASPA IV-W is a great way to grow professionally and help recognize those around you for all their hard work. By getting involved you become more in tune with opportunities to nominate your fellow colleagues and friends for the many awards through NASPA and our Region! [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT - VETERANS

Hello Region IV-West! Greetings from the Veterans Knowledge Community. The VKC (Veterans Knowledge Community) has had an eventful year that included a successful, and well-attended, Symposium on Military Connected Students in February in Orlando, Florida (previously titled the NASPA Veterans Conference). [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



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