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### **Old Dominion University vice president named 2017 Pillar of the Profession**

*Award honors Vice President of Student Engagement & Enrollment Services  
Ellen J. Neufeldt*

WASHINGTON, D.C. —The NASPA Foundation is pleased to recognize outstanding members of the student affairs and higher education community through the Pillars of the Profession. Ellen Neufeldt, Vice President of Student Engagement & Enrollment Services at Old Dominion University, has been named a 2017 Pillar of the Profession. NASPA – Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education is the leading association for student affairs professionals.

“Dr. Neufeldt has been instrumental in the innovative response to meeting the emerging needs of students.” says John R. Broderick, Old Dominion University’s President. “She has consistently espoused the value of student support and success for our students. The energy, enthusiasm and care she demonstrates every day is noticed by all those she encounters.”

Neufeldt is currently the Vice President of Student Engagement & Enrollment Services at Old Dominion University (ODU). Dr. Neufeldt oversees more than 300 Student Engagement & Enrollment Services staffers organized into over 20 units. The division contains functional areas such as admissions, career management, intercultural relations, registrar, institutional research, housing, financial aid, and student support. Prior to joining ODU, Dr. Neufeldt served as Vice President of Student Affairs at Salisbury University. She also worked diligently to promote the University's enrollment growth while enhancing student diversity and the academic profile of the incoming classes. Dr. Neufeldt has been a chief student affairs and enrollment officer for over 11 years. She has been a dedicated member of NASPA for 20 years, worked on the region II and III NASPA boards, and led the Volunteers and Special Projects Committee for the 2008 conference.

The Pillars award is designed to honor individuals who have served as teachers, leaders, and scholars in the field who:

- Sustained professional distinction in the higher education field, as defined by donors and supporters;
- Served in leadership roles in NASPA, either regionally or nationally;
- Are recognized or remembered by colleagues, friends, students, or student organizations for extraordinary service; and
- Have made significant lifetime contributions to the higher education field.

The class of Pillars will be honored at the 2017 NASPA Annual Conference in San Antonio, Texas. As part of the Pillars program, the NASPA Foundation accepts gifts in the name of each honoree. These gifts come back to the student affairs profession as scholarships, research grants and awards.

Please help us celebrate the 2017 Pillars with a donation in his or her honor to the NASPA Foundation. Your gifts ensure the advancement, health, and sustainability of the student affairs profession and help answer the challenges we face as educators. You may donate [online](#) and learn more about the Foundation's Pillar class [online](#).

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