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### **Michigan State University faculty named 2017 Pillar of the Profession**

*Award honors Department Chair of Educational Administration Marilyn J. Amey*

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. Marilyn Amey, Professor and Department Chair of Educational Administration at the Michigan State 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.

“She is caring friend, a consummate professional, a humble mentor and role model,” says Stan Carpenter, Dean, College of Education. “A guide for how to conduct oneself with dignity and grace, even in the face of serious obstacles in one’s life.”

Amey’s primary research area is leadership, and the postsecondary governance, administration, organizational change and faculty issues that fall within that larger rubric. She has particular interest in educational partnerships and interdisciplinary collaboration, the cultivation of new postsecondary leaders including those in student affairs, and community colleges.

“I have worked with very few people who are as ethical and student centered as Marilyn,” says Anna Ortiz, Professor and Department Chair, California State University, Long Beach. “She has also mentored and supported new professors in the field, many of whom have become leaders in NASPA.”

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, TX. 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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