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Vincent Tinto awarded National Award from NASPA

George D. Kuh Outstanding Contribution to Literature and/or Research Award

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Each year, NASPA - Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education, recognizes members who are doing outstanding work in the student affairs profession. Vincent Tinto, distinguished professor emeritus, Syracuse University, was selected as the recipient of the *2017 George D. Kuh Outstanding Contribution to Literature and/or Research Award*.

This award honors an individual who has demonstrated a lifetime commitment to research and scholarship related to higher education. The honoree's work should address important and substantial issues, and have had a significant or transformative effect on higher education and student affairs practice in a national or international context.

In his role as distinguished professor emeritus, Syracuse University, Tinto has carried out research and written extensively on higher education, particularly on student success and the impact of learning communities on student growth and attainment. Tinto has served as a consultant to many federal and state agencies, independent research firms, foundations, and with two- and four-year institutions of higher education. He has also served on the editorial boards of several journals, organizations, and professional associations concerned with higher education. Tinto also has served as Chair of the Higher Education Program.

Prior to his work at University of Rhode Island, Tinto chaired the national panel responsible for awarding \$5 million to establish the first national center for research on teaching and learning in higher education and served as associate director of the \$6 million National Center on Postsecondary Teaching, Learning, and Assessment funded by the U.S. Office of Education. His most recent book, *Leaving College*, published by the University of Chicago Press, lays out a theory and policy perspective on student success that is considered the benchmark by which work on these issues are judged.

Tinto 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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