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2017 NASPA IV-W NEW PROFESSIONALS INSTITUTE (NPI)

This year's Regional Conference titled "Cultivating a New Crop" in Lincoln, Nebraska will feature a New Professionals Institute (NPI). NPI is an opportunity for student affairs professionals who have been in the field for 5 years or less to network, learn, and grow together. True to the conference theme, NPI is essential to strengthening and building pathways to continue and foster the future of the profession. As Co-Chairs, Allan Ford and myself are excited to share with you the amazing faculty behind this year's institute. Leading up to the conference, we will feature faculty of NPI by sharing their bios, background and experiences. This month we share words from Dr. Pat Tetreault, the Director of the LGBTQA+ Resource Center at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and Dr. Gilbert Hinga currently serves as CSAO at the University of Nebraska-Kearney. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



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THE POSITIVE IMPACT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

As I have been mulling over what to write about this month, I find myself coming back to recent national survey conducted by the Pew Research Center. The results of this survey provided a look into how American's see higher education today. Overall, the results were optimistic showing 55% of Americans have a positive view on higher education. However, when breaking down that response through the lens of political affiliation or stance, the study found that 72% of Democrats think higher education has a positive impact on the nation, whereas 58% of Republican think higher education has a negative effect. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



BEING A NEW PROFESSIONAL IS HARD - TIPS FOR SUCCESS

One of my favorite things about the month of August is the potential it brings for new opportunities. For many people on campus it is a time of transition and change- new students on campus, easing our way into a new job, or even becoming students ourselves again. With this transition and change comes the discomfort of the unknown. However, there is always a renewed vibrancy on campus when everyone comes to start the semester fresh and that excitement is contagious across campus. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



GRADUATE STUDENT SPOTLIGHT - BAILEY DUNN

ronouns: She/Her/Hers Hometown: Kinston, NC Graduate Institution: Colorado State University (CSU) Degree you are working towards: Student Affairs in Higher Education, Masters of Science Undergraduate Institution: Meredith College, Raleigh, NC [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



NEWS FROM YOUR REGIONAL DIRECTOR

As I write to you this month I realize that the summer is only weeks away from ending. I hope you found time to spend quality time with family and friends, rejuvenate yourself, and make your plans for the upcoming academic year. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - REGIONAL CONFERENCE 2017 & ADVISORY BOARD

We need VOLUNTEERS to make this conference the best one yet! We look forward to seeing you in Lincoln, NE, November 7-9, 2017 for the regional conference and need your help! Consider signing up to volunteer a few hours during the conference! Sign- up through Volunteer Central https://apps.naspa.org/engage/openings_new.cfm! Contact Jennifer Husum Jennifer.Husum@arapahoe.edu or myself, breskes@missouri.edu, with any questions you might have! [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



FILLING THE “GAP”: NASPA’S PRESENCE IN MY STUDENT AFFAIRS JOURNE

As a former NASPA Undergraduate Fellow (NUFP) at San Diego State University, I remembered the strong bonds between my fellow NUFPs, the loving relationship with my mentor, and the meaningful sessions I attended at NASPA conferences. Transitioning into my master’s degree program at Loyola University Chicago (LUC), I wanted to continue creating a similar experience and came across NASPA’s Graduate Associate Program (GAP). [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)

NASPA IV-W SERVE ACADEMY



At the June regional advisory board meeting, Region IV-West approved the development of a Regional SERVE (Supporting, Expanding, and Recruiting Volunteer Excellence) Academy, mirrored from the NASPA National SERVE Academy. It is our role as an Association to help you, our members, feel a connection to the region and Association, a sense of belonging, and purpose for your membership. This Region IV-West SERVE Academy will engage 15 NASPA Region IV-West members at all levels (graduate students, new professionals, mid-level professionals, senior-level professionals, and faculty members) in a cohort academy and mentorship experience, creating a new pipeline of future Region IV-West volunteer leaders. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



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