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TOGETHER WE RISE - UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS & ALLIES KC SPOTLIGHT

I can easily fill up five pages with a list of phrases and comments of fear and uncertainty that I have heard from my students. All of these phrases come from comments that undocumented students have made because they are triggered by the current immigration policies. I work with many students that are undocumented themselves, documented students who have undocumented parents, siblings, and extended family members who also may face immigration related legal challenges. The feelings of uncertainty grew stronger after Donald Trump was elected as President. His campaign was filled with anti-immigrant rhetoric and after he was elected he sent mixed messages regarding the future of DACA. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



NEWS FROM YOUR REGIONAL DIRECTOR

I wanted to start by saying thank you! This conference was rejuvenating and I found myself even more excited about the future of higher education. I was renewed by seeing friends and colleagues, I laughed and learned with many of you, and I met some amazing new professionals and award winners at the conference. I was often taken aback by the award winners, presenters, and young professionals I interacted with and it gave me even more hope. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



REMEMBERING A LEGACY - ALEX GONZALEZ

Wrapping up the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, I am grateful and reminded of the importance of family. Region IV-W prides itself on the family-feel and for me, this was first impressed upon me by the Gonzalez brothers, Alex and Andrew. Earlier this month, Alex passed away unexpectedly and as family, there are many of us in the Region who are brokenhearted. This Thanksgiving, we are all reminded of the empty chair at the dinner table in the Gonzalez family. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



NASPA IV-W REMEMBERS ANN EVERSOLE

It is with great sadness that we share the passing of M. Ann Eversole, a longtime member of the NASPA IV-W Family. Ann passed away on November 13, 2017. In recognition of her involvement in NASPA IV-W and her service on the Advisory Board, Ann received the NASPA IV-W Distinguished Service Award in 2003. We know that Ann will be missed by many! Ann's obituary was shared in the Lawrence Journal-World. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



GRADUATE STUDENT SPOTLIGHT - HILARY EATON

Hometown: Rapid City, South Dakota Graduate Institution: South Dakota State University (SDSU), Brookings, SD Degree you are working towards: Masters of Science in Clinical Mental Health Undergraduate Institution: Black Hills State University, Spearfish, SD Previous Institutions: South Dakota School of Mines and Technology (SD Mines), National American University (NAU) [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



VOLUNTEER WITH NASPA IV-W TODAY!

Happy December and end of the semester!!!! Thank you to those who I had the opportunity to visit with during the NASPA IV-W Conference Nov. 7-9 in Lincoln, NE about getting involved!! I look forward to seeing you apply for one of the positions below and GET INVOLVED! Joining the board allows you to meet and work with others in our region to move NASPA forward and make an impact not only at the regional level but on your campus. Through your involvement, you will be able to learn and grow from the outstanding SA Pros on the board to enhance your career. Getting involved will leave a lasting impression and help you develop in student affairs! Please let me know if you have any questions! I can be reached at breskes@missouri.edu! [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



YOUR PROFESSIONAL CAREER IS KNOCKING AT YOUR DOOR

As we approach the New Year, I will have been in a professional role for two years. I cannot believe it! I swear grad school was just yesterday. Throughout my time in graduate school, I had mentors and supervisors who pushed me to be my best. They pushed all of us to be active participants on-campus, start volunteering at conferences, submit poster proposals, submit educational session proposals, and get involved in any way possible. At the time, it sometimes seemed overwhelming. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



NASPA IV-W 2017 LINCOLN... THAT'S A WRAP

Last month we hosted our 2017 IV-West Conference, "Cultivating a New Crop". With 371 registrants, Lincoln, NE hosted our largest IV-West conference in the last 5 years! [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)

NASPA IV-W CRITICAL CONVERSATIONS - 2018 IMPACT SUMMIT: COLLEGE STUDENTS MENTAL HEALTH CONFERENCE



The IMPACT Summit: College Student Mental Health Conference, a NASPA IV-W Critical Conversation, will be held on Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at Missouri State University's Plaster Student Union located in Springfield, MO. The Summit will include inspiring keynote speakers and over 30 breakout sessions on a variety of topics relevant to college student mental health, bringing together students, faculty, staff, clinicians, advocates, and other community members from across the region for a day-long conference on this important topic. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)

2018 MEETING OF THE MINDS CONFERENCE



Meeting of the Minds is a regional prevention and health education conference for college and university peer educators, their advisors, administrators, and campus and community law enforcement. Sessions on evidence-based alcohol and drug prevention, violence prevention, and health education will be presented! Meeting of the Minds 2018 will be hosted in Kansas City April 5-7. Special sessions for members of campus law enforcement will also be provided. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



2018 NEW MEXICO ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS PROFESSIONALS SYMPOSIUM

NMASAP will be holding the 2018 Symposium on UNM Main campus in Albuquerque, NM (UNM Student Union Ballroom) on February 22-23, 2018. Three diverse panels consisting of faculty, staff and students from several New Mexico colleges and universities [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



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