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NASPA IV-W NEEDS YOUR HELP TO REACH OUR FOUNDATION GOALS!

There are less than 2 days remaining for NASPA IV-W goals for the NASPA Foundation. The NASPA Foundation challenges each region with annual fundraising goals. Because of your past support and dedication, we have met these goals every year, giving our region \$1,000 to support research initiatives and grants. This year, our goal is to reach 100 donors and \$18,000 in contributions. As of June 28, we \$1,040 in gifts. To continue our successful trend, we ask your support by donating to the NASPA Foundation by June 30 at: <https://www.naspa.org/foundation/make-a-gift> **For rest of Blog, click here.**



NEWS FROM YOUR REGIONAL DIRECTOR

For most of us the new fiscal year starts in July. As we close out an academic year we often reflect on the successes of the year and also contemplate the goals and direction for the coming year. In this process most of us are also dealing with budget cuts. Depending on your institution and state the severity differs, but regardless it is never easy to navigate the budget and goal setting process when budgets co to use to diminish! **For rest of Blog, click here.**



CALL FOR PROGRAMS IS OPEN!

The NASPA Region IV-W Conference Committee invites you to join us in Lincoln, NE, November 2017, CULTIVATING A NEW CROP, to learn, to network, and be inspired. Are you impacting students in a meaningful way? Is there a particular framework or theory you use to guide your practice from which others could benefit? Have you conducted original research that you want to share with the field? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, you should consider submitting a program proposal! **For rest of Blog, click here.**



KC SPOTLIGHT - CAMPUS SAFETY & VIOLENCE PERVENTION

June 23rd marked the 45th anniversary of Title IX legislation. We have all heard of this legislation, most of us have had some level of interaction with it on our campuses, and a select few are charged with implementing and deciphering federal guidelines and responsibilities. The spirit of Title IX lies in access and equity, but in recent years, it has evolved to include actual social justice. Since so many #SApros consider themselves Social Justice Warriors, it begs the question: why does Title IX scare us? **For rest of Blog, click here.**



GRADUATE STUDENT SPOTLIGHT - BRODY GLIDDEN

Name: Brody Glidden Hometown: Dalton, NH Graduate Institution: University of Central Missouri Degree you are working towards: M.S. College Student Personnel Administration Undergraduate Institution: NHTI, Concord's Community College & Southern New Hampshire University **For rest of Blog, click here.**

PLANTING A SEED: BECOMING THE STUDENTS INNER VOICE



I began my work in higher education as a retention counselor in a special admissions program in 1994. My main responsibility was to provide academic, social, and career counseling to students admitted through this special admission programs. As an eager 23 year old, I did that and then some. I took my job very seriously and would later be promoted to a retention specialist, an Associate Director, and finally a Director. This included not only one program but for three different ones, all at the same time. Needless to say, my hope was that I could help students realize their educational goals for baccalaureate degree attainment and beyond. . [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)

KC SPOTLIGHT - ADMINISTRATORS IN GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SERVICES



Hiring Student Affairs Administrators in Graduate and Professional Schools is a growing trend as colleges and universities recognize that increased support for this population is vital for persistence, retention and graduation of these students. These administrators work in Medical Schools, Pharmacy Schools, Law, PhD programs, Social Work Programs, just to name a few and do the work that supports students inside and outside of the classroom. Job responsibilities may include planning orientation programs, providing academic advising, guiding students to campus resources, intervening when a student is in crisis, planning commencement activities, developing and enforcing policies and so much more. [For rest of the Blog, click here.](#)

CRITICAL CONVERSATION SPRING EVENT: SUBMIT YOUR PROPOSAL!



NASPA Region IV-W is excited to continue our support for a Critical Conversations, Spring event. For campuses or individuals that are seeking support (up to \$1700) to provide an on-campus professional development opportunity, the critical conversations committee seeks proposals for a critical conversations spring event. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)

NASPA IV-W - VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Calling all individuals looking for INTERNSHIPS!!!! I encourage you to take a look at the internship opportunity for the upcoming Region IV- West conference in Lincoln, NE November 7-9! Take this opportunity to network, build your student affairs portfolio, and learn more about our wonderful region![For rest of Blog, click here.](#)

MENTAL ILLNESS AS HIGHER EDUCATION PROFESSIONALS



May was Mental Health Awareness Month, and Kristen Abell reflects on what it means to have mental illness as a professional in higher education. What are you doing to support those with mental illness on your campus and educate about mental illness?[For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



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