



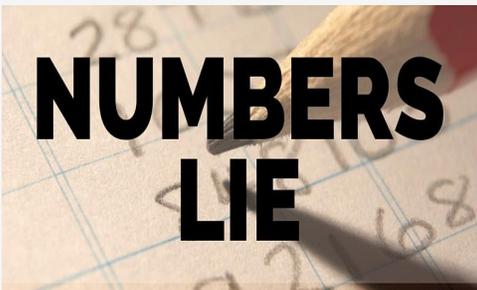
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THE DANGERS OF SOCIAL MEDIA?

It was just a regular Thursday morning...catching up on emails, preparing for a student activity later that night, etc. It all changed so quickly when a resident assistant showed me a video posted to a Snapchat feed. What I soon witnessed was a group of students making gestures and threats with a handgun. The video and incident caused panic across campus and among faculty, staff, and students. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



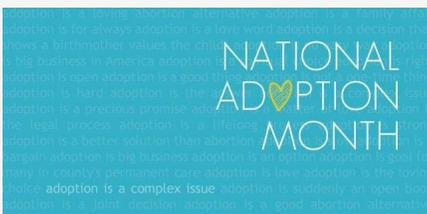
NUMBERS LIE, BUT DIVERSE STUDENTS POPULATIONS STORIES DON'T

My colleague said to me, "I don't know why people of color are not successful at HWIs; look at you; you made it..." I was not sure how to address my colleague, but at the time, I had a tremendous amount of respect for him. I am sure his intentions were good, but I honestly did not feel like I had succeeded at my college, a historically white institution (HWI). I posed the question to him, "Define 'succeed' or 'being successful at a HWI.'" My colleague said, "well, you know... what you are, educated, you have two degrees, a career, you're a good citizen. I mean, the goal of the University is that you walk out of here with a degree, and you have done that, so I would say that you have succeeded at making it. Plus we have offices to assist students of color and the university has made the commitment for students to achieve. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



NEWS FROM YOUR REGIONAL DIRECTOR

November is here and it is NASPA IV-West Conference time. We cannot wait to see you in Lincoln, NE in less than a week. The conference committee has an exciting conference planned that should provide ample opportunity for growth and development along with time to connect and reconnect with professionals throughout the region. It will be jam packed with events, programs, guest speakers, awards, food, and opportunities to engage in NASPA and NASPA IV-West. Whether an undergraduate, graduate, new professional, or seasoned professional, we hope to bring a quality experience to you. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



KC SPOTLIGHT - MULTIRACIAL

November can mean many things to many people. It is the month we fall back for daylight savings and the month to give thanks for our blessings. Along with being a time to celebrate friends and family, it is also a time to celebrate everyone touched by adoption through National Adoption month. In 1976, Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis announced an adoption week to help promote awareness for the need to adopt children in foster care ("History of," 2017). [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



GRADUATE STUDENT SPOTLIGHT - TULSI PATEL

Hometown: Morrilton, AR Graduate Institution: Arkansas Tech University Degree yo:u are working towards: College Student Personnel, Master of Science, Additional: Certificate in advising Undergraduate Institution: Arkansas Tech University Previous Institutions: University of Arkansas Community College of Morrilton [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



VOLUNTEER TODAY WITH NASPA IV-WEST

Give back to the region and take this opportunity to VOLUNTEER for one of the many positions below. Volunteering is a great way to not only serve your campus but the entire region through your work on the advisory board. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



KC SPOTLIGHT - STUDENT AFFAIRS FUNDRAISING AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS

July 26-28, 2018 at the University of Albany, SUNY Have great programming ideas, need to renovate/build a new facility or wish to enhance your department, but lack funding? Want to partner with community members but don't know where to start? Need to navigate working with loyal alumni and friends of the university to ask for in kind gifts and donations? Is it ok to go fundraising without checking with others at the university [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



REGION IV-WEST SERVE ACADEMY 2017-2018 COHORT ANNOUNCEMENT

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 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.](#)



AS TEMPERATURES ARE DROPPING OUTSIDE, WOULDN'T IT BE NICE TO HAVE A WARM & COZY NASPA SCARF?

By donating a minimum of \$20 to the NASPA Foundation between now and Nov. 9, this cool-to-keep-you-warm scarf with a handy-dandy pocket can be yours. Supplies are limited so donate now here: <https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=naspa&id=7> [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



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THERE'S STILL TIME TO REGISTER FOR NPI

This year's Regional Conference titled "Cultivating a New Crop" in Lincoln, Nebraska will feature a New Professionals Institute (NPI) taking place Sunday November 5th- Tuesday November 7th. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



WOMEN'S WORDS OF WISDOM DESSERT RECEPTION

Please join us, Wednesday Nov 8th at 8 p.m. at Misty's Restaurant (across the street from the conference hotel) for the second annual Women's Words of Wisdom Dessert Reception. This event provides an opportunity for women in student affairs to socialize and hear from outstanding women in the field providing words of inspiration in the hopes of supporting our female colleagues at all levels of their career. Phenomenal women, we believe to be role models in the field, will provide a 5 minute prepared SA Speaks style presentation to participants about lessons learned, motivation, inspiration, or anything else she might feel would be beneficial in sharing with women as they make the journey of their career path. To showcase the women who will be speaking this year in Lincoln, NE, leading up to the conference we are highlighting Dr. Michele Smith. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



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