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## THE GATEWAY CITY AWAITS NASPA IV-WE!

Hey NASPA IV-E and NASPA IV-W! We hope you are just as excited to be in St. Louis as we are! Registration is still open for the conference but we also have a unique opportunity this year if you can only attend 1 or 2 days of the conference, we are offering single day passes! [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



NASPA IV-WEST/EAST  
REGIONAL CONFERENCE  
November 15-17, 2016  
Historic Union Station: St. Louis, Missouri

## THINGS TO DO IN ST. LOU!

Since securing Saint Louis as the site for the fall 2016 conference, my family & I have visited the city three times. Each time we've discovered new sites, flavors, and adventures. I hope you'll join us in November and take time to experience what have quickly become some of my Saint Louis favorites [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)

## CONFERENCE SPONSORS AND EXHIBITORS WILL MAKE THE 4WE EXPERIENCE COMPLETE!

We've all been there...walking through an exhibit hall...trying not to make eye contact with an exhibitor at the risk of being stopped to learn more about their services. But, after you stop, and engage in conversation, you walk away with new ideas, new contacts, and new friends. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



## KC SPOTLIGHT - ADULT LEARNERS AND STUDENTS WITH CHILDREN

The weather in Arkansas is beautiful with all of the leaves on the trees beginning to change colors. With this happening, I know it won't be long until we meet in St. Louis for the regional conference. I look forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones! [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



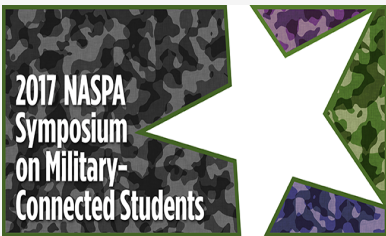
## NOVEMBER NOTES FROM YOUR REGIONAL DIRECTOR

Welcome to main event! November is here and not only does that bring the holiday season and changing weather, but also the greatest show on Earth. Well, it is the biggest event for Region IV-West. The regional conference is our region's largest and most comprehensive professional development opportunity and this year will be even larger. We have combined with Region IV-East in St. Louis to give you the IV-WE conference. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)

### YOUNG, GIFTED & @Risk

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I am excited that my new home city of St. Louis is hosting the NASPA Region IV-E/IV-W joint regional conference. I look forward to seeing those of you who will be joining us for the conference next month. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



## KC SPOTLIGHT - VETERANS

This month brings us Veteran's Day. As higher educators we know the numbers of student veterans and military-connected students continues to rise. We see it every day on our campuses. As serving and supporting military-connected students continues to be an important focus area, Veteran's Day is a great opportunity to recognize and honor the veterans on our campuses. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



## GRADUATE STUDENT SPOTLIGHT - MICHAEL L. HOUSTON

Name: Michael L. Houston Hometown: Piedmont, OK Graduate Institution: Oklahoma State University Degree you are working towards: Ph.D. in Higher Education Leadership and Policy [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)

## TECHNOLOGY KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY UPDATE



Most student affairs professionals use technology on a daily basis. From email, to social media and specialty programs, technology plays a big part in our professional lives. The NASPA Technology Knowledge Community (TKC) exists to provide structure for members to explore and collaborate within the topic of technology. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



## GET INVOLVED WITH IV-WEST

Who is excited for NASPA-IV WE conference in a few short weeks?!?! I am looking forward to the many opportunities for professional growth and learning about more ways to get involved! If you have been interested in getting involved but haven't had a chance to email me with your questions, not a problem! I would love to meet for coffee, drinks, or dinner to share the many great ways to get involved! [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



## NASPA IV-WE - WOMEN'S WORDS OF WISDOM DESSERT RECEPTION

Please join us, Wednesday Nov 16th at 8 p.m. in the Frisco/Burlington room at the conference hotel for the first annual Women's Words of Wisdom Dessert Reception. This event, during the joint IV-W and IV-E Regional Conference, will provide 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. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



## INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY - SEEKING APPLICATIONS FOR 2017'S BEST PRACTICES

The NASPA International Education Knowledge Community (IEKC) is pleased to announce that applications are open for 2017's Best Practices in International Education Award. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



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