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I write this month's message, behind in everything. Isn't it odd how one moment can change everything? How you can be one second away from joy and excitement and another from tears and pain? Two weeks ago Northeastern State University lost five freshmen in a single car accident. Our campus was turned upside down and the week we expected to have was completely altered. When the news came, I felt denial; as more information came in and my questions answered, I began to think about all that must be done. We started to assign tasks to staff and draft the appropriate response to all students impacted, the faculty and staff, the parents, and the communities. My mind raced as we tried to find the correct words and actions. I never thought about much more than the tasks at hand until we had a student-led prayer vigil, where I cried for the first time. The pain and disbelief I felt from the students was immense. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



THINGS TO DO IN LINCOLN!

What is there to do in Lincoln, Nebraska?!" is a common question we get asked as residents of this great city. It is not all just cornfields and football over down here... Lincoln is much more than that! It is filled with lots of local treasures, great restaurants, and a fun nightlife. We have new places popping up in town all the time, so it would be impossible to make an all-inclusive list, BUT we (the Locals) are happy to share some of our favorite spots in the Star City. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)

SILENT AUCTION GIVES VOICE TO CONFERENCE ATTENDEES

A staple at all NASPA Regional and National conferences is the Silent Auction. Conference attendees graciously donate items for others to bid on. While the silent auction provides an opportunity for conference attendees to purchase unique items, the impact is far greater. All proceeds from the silent auction actually go back into the region via the NASPA IV-West Travel Assistance Program. The Travel Assistance Program allows members to request funding to assist in costs associated with traveling to Regional and National NASPA events. When you participate in the auction, you are giving IV-West members an opportunity to be heard throughout the region and nation!" [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



NASPA IV-W - CRITICAL CONVERSATIONS - MAXIMIZING YOUR PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

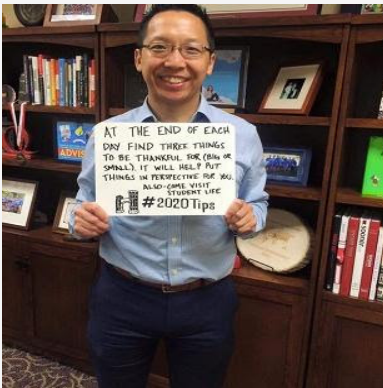


Join the NASPA IV-W family on Wednesday, October 4, 2017, at 11:00 am (CST) for a Critical Conversation centered around “Maximizing your Personal and Professional Development” and learn about involvement in our Region along with maximizing your conference experience. It is important to consider your professional growth in the Student Affairs profession and how you plan to give back! This Critical Conversation is an opportunity to consider your next move and get excited about the upcoming regional conference, November 7-9, 2017 in Lincoln, NE. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



BE THE HERO WHO CHECKS THE CLOSET

As you come into work in the upcoming weeks, store the enthusiasm and smiles in a containment unit much like the ones used in the movie, Monsters, Inc. This positive reserve will be a substance used to awaken the senses. It will be essential to be awake, alert, and advocating. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



NASPA IV-W NPI FACULTY - MR. QUY NGUYEN

The New Professionals Institute (NPI) final installment of featuring the faculty behind this year’s institute, let me introduce you to Mr. Quy Nguyen who will sharing his bio, background and experiences. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



KC SPOTLIGHT - VETERANS

Big news for student veterans and military-connected students - the “Forever GI Bill,” or Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2017 was signed into law by the President in August. The “Forever GI Bill” is the largest comprehensive change to veteran and military-connected education benefits since the original Montgomery GI Bill in 1944. Although the majority of provisions in the bill don’t go into effect until 2018, there is one immediate change campuses need to be aware of. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



NOMINATE A NASPA NOW PROFESSIONAL TODAY!

Launched in 2017 in partnership between the New Professionals and Graduate Students Knowledge Community and the NASPA Central Office, the NASPA NOW Professional Recognition recognizes the impact that new professionals and graduate students have upon the student affairs profession. Each year, 25 participants will be selected as winners in categories aligned with the NASPA Pillars, Integrity, Inclusion, Innovation, and Inquiry, as well as a fifth category of Impact. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



GRADUATE STUDENT SPOTLIGHT - ANDREW HARTMAN

Name: Andrew Hartman Hometown: Elrose, SK Graduate Institution: University of Saskatchewan Degree you are working towards: Leadership in Post-Secondary Education Undergraduate Institution: University of Saskatchewan [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



VOLUNTEER WITH IV-W TODAY!

It is not too late!!!! VOLUNTEER for the upcoming conference and then consider joining the advisory board! Sign- up through Volunteer Central https://apps.naspa.org/engage/openings_new.cfm! Contact Jennifer Husum Jennifer.Husum@arapahoe.edu or me, breskes@missouri.edu, with any questions you might have! [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



WOMEN'S WORDS OF WISDOM

There is still time to register for the 2nd Annual Women's Words of Wisdom Dessert Reception Wednesday Nov 8th at 8 p.m. at Misty's Restaurant (across the street from Embassy Suites) [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR THE BEST PRACTICES IN INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION AWARD

The NASPA International Education Knowledge Community (IEKC) is pleased to announce that applications are open for 2018's Best Practices in International Education Award. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



2017 KANSAS STUDENT AFFAIRS CONFERENCE

The Kansas Student Affairs Conference (KSAC) is an annual conference held at various locations in Kansas. Participants come from institutions of higher education across the state, engaging in thoughtful dialogues, and attending presentations on current issues affecting student affairs work in higher education. Participants include vice presidents, assistant/associate vice presidents, deans of students, coordinators, assistant directors, directors, academic advisors, residence hall staff, faculty in student affairs, and graduate students. The conference features keynote speakers, networking meals, program sessions, and information sharing. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



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