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## ANNOUNCING THE 2017 NASPA IV-W AWARD WINNERS!

Please join me in congratulating our outstanding NASPA IV-W 2017 award winners. These fantastic recipients will be honored at the NASPA IV-W Regional Conference in beautiful Lincoln, Nebraska. For more information about this year's regional conference or to register please click here. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



## MAJOR SPEAKERS AT NASPA IV-W 2017!

NASPA IV-W is thrilled to welcome Larry Roper, Professor and Interim Director of the School of Language Culture and Society, Oregon State University, and Paul Engler, Founding Director, Center for the Working Poor, as the major speakers for NASPA IV-W 2017. Register today for the chance to see them at NASPA IV-W 2017: Cultivating a New Crop. Early Bird Registration ends October 19th! Register Today! [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



## NEW PROFESSIONALS INSTITUTE (NPI) - 2017

The New Professionals Institute (NPI) second installment of featuring the faculty behind this year's institute, let me introduce you to Dr. Shannon M.B. Breske who will sharing her bio, background and experiences. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



## TALKING COMMUNITY WITH KATY

I recently had an in-depth conversation with a student named Katy, a senior Socio-Political Communication major at my institution about her connection to the community and her desire to make a difference. As a student dedicated to service, leadership, and advocating for others, what sparked this passion? What role does community engagement play in her college life? As I listened to her answer these questions and share her journey with me, I took many mental notes as a Student Affairs professional. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



## GRADUATE STUDENT SPOTLIGHT - HAMMED SIRLEAF

AName: Hammed Sirleaf Hometown: Myrtle Beach, SC Graduate Institution: Oklahoma State University Degree you are working towards: M.S. Educational Leadership Studies (College Student Development Concentration) Undergraduate Institution: College of Charleston (SC) [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



## NEWS FROM YOUR REGIONAL DIRECTOR

Can you believe it is September already? We have all gone through the busy time of opening and now push into the difficult first six weeks that are pivotal for all students, especially our first time full time students. I don't know any of our staff members that are not running ragged from all the programs, student issues, and crisis situations. Setting ourselves and our students up for success during this timeframe is of utmost importance and we all feel the pressure. What I feel we often fail to communicate is the fine line between success and failure we all often walk. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



## WOMEN'S WORDS OF WISDOM DESSERT RECEPTION 2017

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. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



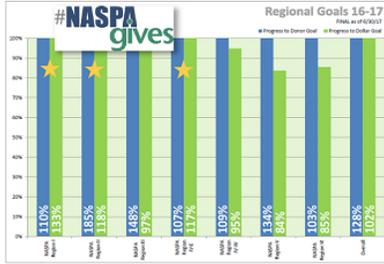
## CAREER DEVELOPMENT AT ALL CAREER STAGES

Did you know? Only 17% of students who graduated from 2010 – 2016 said they found their college career centers to be “very helpful”, with another 17% saying their interactions were “not helpful at all”. (Inside Higher Ed.com, 2016). As colleges and universities continue to diversify their services and connect with other offices on campus, we must promote as many professional and personal development paths as possible. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



## NASPA IV-W VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We need VOLUNTEERS to make this conference the best one yet! We look forward to seeing you in Lincoln, NE, November 7-9, 2017 for the regional conference and need your help! Consider signing up to volunteer a few hours during the conference! Sign- up through Volunteer Central [https://apps.naspa.org/engage/openings\\_new.cfm](https://apps.naspa.org/engage/openings_new.cfm)! Contact Jennifer Husum [Jennifer.Husum@arapahoe.edu](mailto:Jennifer.Husum@arapahoe.edu) or me, [breskes@missouri.edu](mailto:breskes@missouri.edu), with any questions you might have! [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



## NASPA IV-W FOUNDATION GOALS

Thank you, Region IV-W, for all your support to the NASPA Foundation. Although we didn't reach both of our goals for 2016-2017, we had the highest level of NASPA member participation in the four years we've run #NASPAgives; every single region made either a donor goal or a dollar goal. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



## NEW BEGINNINGS

Happy New Year! Okay, I know it isn't January. However, if you're anything like me and have worked in student affairs for any length of time, you live your life on the academic calendar, and less on the monthly calendar. For me, August represents a new year, with new students, and new beginnings. I look forward to August of each year because it is a great time to set professional goals and make changes for the months ahead. This August also represents the one year anniversary of a big "new beginning" I experienced last year and I am excited to embark on year two of my "new beginning." [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



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