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## NEWS FROM YOUR REGIONAL DIRECTOR

I hope the start of the semester has gone well for you, your students, and your institution. The start of a semester is such an exciting and busy time of the year and means so much to our students, especially those who are at your institution for the first time. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



## LEADERSHIP IS AN EXCLUSIVE, PRIVILEGED, AND OPPRESSIVE CONCEPT AND I TEACH IT EVERY DAY.

Consider this. It's hard to look at a university without seeing the importance placed on the idea of leadership in all areas. We tout our ability to create, build, develop, and teach our leaders of tomorrow on our institution's mission statements. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)

## GRADUATE STUDENT SPOTLIGHT - CHRISTINE HOFFMAN

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### LATINA, LATINO, LATINX. WHAT IS THIS NEW TERM, LATINX?

If you have seen the word Latinx come across your feed or heard it being used in conversation, it is not a typo and it is not a mispronunciation. Using an "x" in place of the "a" or "o" makes the word gender neutral. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



NASPA Region IV-West/East is sponsoring the Mid-Level Professionals Institute (MLI) November 13-15, 2016 prior to the fall joint Regional Conference in St. Louis, Missouri. Offered every two years, MLI has been very successful and beneficial to participants. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



### NASPA NUFP PROGRAM APPLICATIONS DUE OCTOBER 31, 2016!!

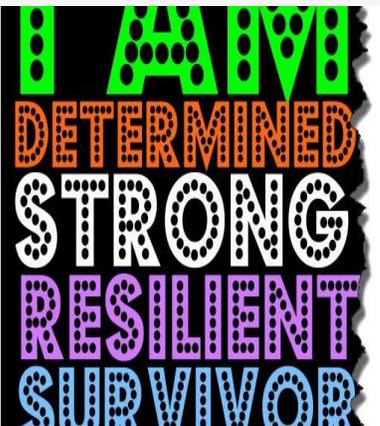
Region IV-West strongly believes in mentorship to support our growth and development. What better way to build the pipeline than encouraging current undergraduates to learn more about what we do. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



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

### CONFERENCE MENTORING & CONNECTIONS PROGRAM

The 2016 NASPA Region IV-West & East Conference invites conference attendees to participate in the Conference Mentoring & Connections Program. This program will allow conference attendees to volunteer to be a mentor and/or a participant, getting matched with someone within a desired functional area, to assist in navigating the regional conference. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



### KC SPOTLIGHT - WELLNESS & HEALTH PROMOTION

The word survival often comes to mind when student affairs professionals review the risks that students take and the remarkable fact that students survive, rebuild and continue towards thriving and academic success. Most institutions place the programs of risk reduction, bystander intervention and social norming within the department of wellness and health promotion. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



### SMALL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ADVISORY GROUP

NASPA IV-W is currently seeking individuals working at small colleges and universities (SCUs) who are interesting in joining an advisory group focused on the issues related to this group of institutions. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



### KC SPOTLIGHT - STUDENT AFFAIRS FUNDRAISING AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS

One hundred NASPA professionals (14 from NASPA IV-W) met in Columbus, OH for the 2016 NASPA Student Affairs Fundraising Conference, July 28-30. Attendees came with mixed experience on the subject of fundraising and building external relations—regardless, the message was clear—confidence and practice in these areas are valued skills in a growing number of campus administrations. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



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### KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITIES AT THE IV-WE REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Knowledge Communities (KCs) are an awesome way to get to know people in the region and across the country. But, with 30 different KCs, how do you begin to know what they're about and which one(s) you might be interested in? Well, we have some great ways for you to do that at the November regional conference in beautiful St. Louis! [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)

## NASPA FOUNDATION - IN THE HEART OF ROCK AND SOUL OF NASPA



We hope this finds you well and excited about the fall semester, and more important the Region IV-WE Conference themed In the Heart of It All taking place in St. Louis, MO. As your Foundation Ambassadors, we are promoting the campaign for this year's conference titled, In the Heart of Rock and Soul of NASPA. A play on words, the 'rock' is encouraging Diamond Club membership and 'soul' as St. Louis is a birthplace of Chuck Berry and so many other phenomenal musical talents! We will have a fun display you will definitely want to visit at the conference. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



### SHARE YOUR PERSPECTIVE BY SERVING AS A NASPA ANNUAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM REVIEWER

Ever wondered how to add your perspective to shape the programming of a NASPA event? Did you know that program submissions are evaluated and ultimately selected for presentation by volunteers just like you? If you have been looking for a meaningful way to engage with NASPA, participating as a program reviewer is a low-commitment, high-impact way to start. Lucky for you, we are currently seeking volunteers from every professional level and functional area to help us craft our largest event of the year. [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.](#)



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