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A Call to Action in the Face of Tragedy

My name is Steve Willich as the Director for the LGBTQ Student Resource Center on the Auraria campus in Denver. I was asked to write an article in response to the attack on the LGBTQ and Latinx communities that happened in Orlando a little over a month ago. Written below are the thoughts that I sent to our campus community shortly after the massacre. [For the rest of the blog, click here.](#)

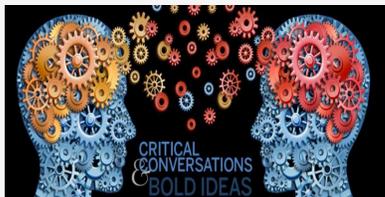


An Incident Can Happen on Any Campus

As you read this you can't deny that emotions are high around the country. Protests, shootings, mudslinging, anger and fear have invaded our country and our campuses. There could be no greater reminder than the recent shooting in Dallas, TX. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)

The Importance of Self-care

In a time where there are so many tragic events happening in our world, it is important to remember to practice self-care. As student affairs professionals, self-care is imperative to the work we do, and for the ways in which we serve our students. There is no way we can help others, if we have not taken care of ourselves first. From time to time, we all need a reminder to remember to take time for ourselves and to be selfish with our time. As Audre Lorde said, "I have come to believe that caring for myself is not self-indulgent. Caring for myself is an act of survival." [For the rest of the blog, click here.](#)



Please Join us for NASPA IV-W's First "Critical Conversation"

In light of recent events, campuses across the nation are feeling the aftermath and struggling at times to know how best to respond. Often as professionals, we are left without adequate space or resources to discuss with and support colleagues during such challenging times. [For the rest of the blog, click here.](#)



Disconnect to Reconnect

I have anxiety. I imagine 20 different ways any situation will end, I re-live every conversation I've ever had, re-read emails before AND after I send them and I am already trouble shooting the situation before you finish talking to me. I check work emails continually throughout the day and night. I have the work-version of FOMO (fear of missing out). [For the rest of the blog, click here.](#)

Small Colleges & Universities Institute: A Powerful, Reflective Trip Down Memory Lane



Last month, I took a time machine to my very first days in the profession. It was by happenstance. The Small Colleges and Universities Institute (SCUI) was held on the beautiful campus of Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota where I coincidentally worked in my very first job 20 years ago. [For the rest of the blog, click here.](#)



Leading by Example: The University of New Mexico Summer Initiatives

While some universities slow down in the summer, the University of New Mexico Division of Student Affairs keeps busy with several summer programs and events that help us not only prepare students for the fall but also ensure that we are prepared for them. During the summer, the Affairs African American Student Services (AASS) and American Indian Student Services (AISS) programs each host unique summer initiatives geared toward aiding their particular populations to a successful transition to the University. [For rest of the blog, click here.](#)



News From Your Regional Director

I hope your summer has been productive and rejuvenating for you. As I sit here I wonder where the summer has gone. Our residence halls will be opening soon and classes will start soon after. We have all been working hard to prepare for fall opening and I am excited for the impact we all have on our campuses and for our students. Never underestimate the power and impact you have in your actions and words! All the small things matter a great deal. [For the rest of the blog, click here.](#)



Graduate Student Spotlight - Yessenia Maria Torres

Name: Yessenia Maria Torres
 Hometown: San Francisco, CA
 Graduate Institution: Colorado State University
 Degree you are working towards: M.S. Student Affairs in Higher Education. [For the rest of the blog, click here.](#)



Social Media Scavenger Hunt

Looking for a way to get more out of the NASPA IV-WE Conference online? Join our social media scavenger hunt and connect with the people, the places and the purpose of our profession! Not only is there a great prize at stake for someone from each region, but there's the chance to engage with others attending the conference and learn from the conference backchannel! We hope you'll join us online and participate to get more out of your conference experience! [For the rest of the blog, click here.](#)



NASPA IV-W Faculty & NUFP August Highlights

Dr. Michele Smith, Faculty Liaison Update
 Graduate Associate Program: Leadership Opportunity for Your Students
 We have recently finished the fifth year of the Graduate Associate Program, a leadership opportunity for your master-level graduate students, and we need your help to find the right representative for your institution. Applicants must be an incoming or current graduate student pursuing a master's degree in student affairs, higher education, or a related field in the 2016-2017 academy year. [For the rest of the blog, click here.](#)



Only a Few More Opportunities to Get Involved

Only a few opportunities left to get more involved!!! Think about joining the Knowledge Community (KC) family. There are three positions available: Administration in Graduate & Professional Services, Assessment, Evaluation, and Research or Spirituality! Veronica Riepe and Nathan Roberts are great to work with and you will love getting to know the entire team! Contact me with any questions you might have at breskes@missouri.edu as I would love to tell you about all the great opportunities in the NASPA IV-W family! [For the rest of the blog, click here.](#)



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Four summers ago, Fort Hays State University's Division of Student Affairs was posed with a prime opportunity – the opportunity to develop a summer serviceship experience with the generous support of an alumnus donor. The donor's intent was to introduce current FHSU students with the opportunity of service to society with careers for the common good. The serviceship experience has now grown into an opportunity for students to integrate their academic plans of study with careers in non-profit areas with agencies that would not normally be able to provide monetary stipends for summer interns. **For the rest of the blog, [click here.](#)**



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