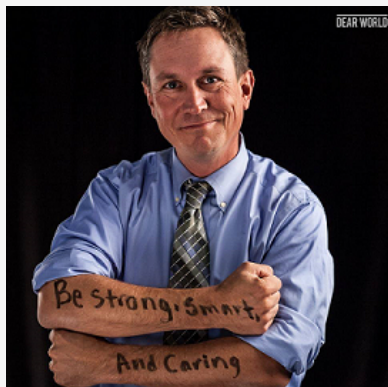




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JANUARY UPDATES FROM YOUR REGION IV-W RD

I write you on the front doorstep of 2016! What a year of possibility, questions, opportunity, and so much more awaits our students, our staff, and each of us! [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)

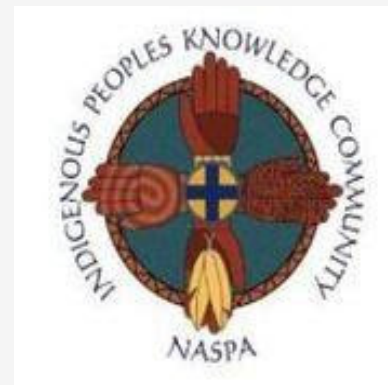


KC SPOTLIGHT - SUSTAINABILITY

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, “To pursue sustainability is to create and maintain the conditions under which humans and nature can exist in productive harmony to support present and future generations”. This mission is oriented to the environment in which we live. However, it also resonates with our charge as educators. Each day we strive to educate our students with the skills to go forth and make the world a better place for future generations. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)

KC SPOTLIGHT - INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

In the late 1970s, the United States Congress enacted legislation and subsequent presidents have issued annual proclamations designating a day, a week or a month to celebrate and commemorate the nation’s American Indian and Alaska Native heritage. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



KC SPOTLIGHT - SPIRITUALITY AND RELIGION IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Great updates on the National and Regional levels with the Spirituality and Religion in Higher Education Knowledge Community. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)

GRADUATE STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Sheena Martinez Colorado State University Pursuing an Masters in Student Affairs in higher Education (SAHE) [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)

MEET YOUR KANSAS MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR - LUCAS MULLIN, NEWMAN UNIVERSITY

Role on Board: I currently serve as the Kansas Membership Coordinator. Hometown: I am from Eureka, KS, a small town of about 2,700 people. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)

PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCY RESOURCE SUBMISSIONS - DUE FEBRUARY 1

The Professional Competency Resource Submissions Due FEB 1. To showcase innovative uses of the professional competency areas, the NASPA Professional Standards Division invites student affairs professionals to document and submit their uses of the professional competency areas in everyday practice. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)

IMPORTANT NUPF ANNOUNCEMENT

If you or someone you know is a current NUPF fellow (with a least a year left before graduating the program) right now there is an exciting opportunity to get involved in NASPA Region IV-West. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)

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My mom immigrated to the United States with her younger brother and without my dad in 1974 from the Philippines. On the long journey to Michigan where her father and older sister immigrated to several years before, she carried me in her womb. She was eight months pregnant. She was nervous. She was frightened of what was to come. [For rest of Blog, click here.](#)



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