



# NASPA FOUNDATION

ANNUAL REPORT 2020-21





**Les Cook**, *NASPA Foundation Board Chair, Chancellor, Montana Technological University*

“It is a pleasure to serve as the chair of the NASPA Foundation Board of Directors where I have the opportunity to work with an incredible group of individuals and members committed to making a difference in the lives of students, our institutions, and NASPA.”

The course of 2020 has been anything but normal for all of us, including the NASPA Foundation, but I am extremely proud of the work that has been accomplished on behalf of our members and the association. The Foundation not only provided support in the form of scholarships, awards, and grants but access scholarships for members experiencing financial hardships to ensure they were able to remain connected and engaged with NASPA. We hosted our first-ever “Day One” event celebrating our Founder’s Day and quickly surpassed our goal. And we celebrated the accomplishments of our colleagues by honoring those who have made a lasting impact on our profession. We can never underestimate the significance of our work or the generous support of our donors. To those of you who have given and continue to support the Foundation, thank you. It truly is your NASPA Foundation.



The mission of the NASPA Foundation is to advance NASPA’s mission and legacy.

Driven by the same Guiding Principles as NASPA—Integrity, Inclusion, Innovation, and Inquiry—the NASPA Foundation is dedicated to advancing the student affairs profession and the individuals who work within it. When you invest in the NASPA Foundation, you make a difference both for today and the future.

Donations support scholarships for NASPA members to attend conferences, grants to fund innovative campus programming, and research awards to honor those who have made great contributions to the field of student affairs.

## DIRECT IMPACT OF DONATIONS



**2021 Jim Rhatigan Fellowship Winner**

“ Receiving the Rhatigan Fellowship was an amazing professional development opportunity for me. As a graduate student, having the chance to network with professionals in the field, attend educational sessions, and continue to be informed was truly a wonderful experience. My pre-conference workshop on equity in assessment was especially beneficial. I left the session with concrete methods to bring back to my campus to continue to advance assessment, evaluation, and research methods into a more diverse and inclusive tool. I am so incredibly thankful that I got the opportunity to attend the Virtual Conference. Despite all the challenges, I felt more connected and informed about the profession than I ever have before.”

**Kirwin Seger**  
Graduate Student  
Western Illinois University



**NASPA Membership Scholarship Recipient**

“ Last year I had the amazing opportunity to be involved in NASPA, and I have been so grateful for how much this organization has contributed to my success as a student and future professional. The COVID-19 pandemic has presented all of us with unique challenges, and I found myself struggling to make ends meet. Being awarded this scholarship took some weight off my shoulders and allowed me to continue my membership in this wonderful organization. I am extremely appreciative of this support and the donations that made this possible.”

**Ann Landreville**  
Peer Educator Program Manager,  
University of North Dakota



**NASPA Membership Scholarship Recipient**

“ Within my first year, I joined the Community Colleges Division board, and soon after co-chaired the NASPA Community Colleges Symposium Series. Currently, I am the Region III FL State and Community College Coordinator and truly enjoy being surrounded by ambitious peers. Being involved with such a great group of people pushes me to succeed personally and professionally and I have been extremely fortunate to be a part of NASPA for as long as I have. The NASPA membership has always been a little tough to afford; especially at a community college where it is not covered. Thankfully, this scholarship will allow me to continue this work to help myself and others to move forward. Thank you so much, it is greatly appreciated.”

**Yovan Reyes**  
Project Manager/Advising Transfer Specialist,  
Hillsborough Community College

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**2021 Melvane D. Hardee Dissertation of the Year Winner**

“ This award is one of the highlights of my career thus far as a first-gen Cherokee and Muscogee womxn, as it extends much further than just myself and this heart work – it is an honor for my family, my tribal communities, and my participants. This recognition affirms our work as Indigenous scholars in the academy that was not built for us, and elevates our epistemologies and methodologies in these spaces. Wado to the NASPA Foundation for this honor and support so that future generations of Indigenous students, scholars and researchers will continue to assert their worldviews in the academy and beyond.”

**Tiffany D. Smith**  
Director of Student Engagement  
Oklahoma City University

## NASPA Foundation Funded Opportunities

Through the generous support of donors, the NASPA Foundation is able to provide scholarships to attend conferences, funding for NASPA membership dues, awards for service to the profession, and celebrations of those awards at the NASPA Annual Conference. The list below are the full suite of awards. Due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the reallocation of funds, the Foundation was not able to support research and innovation grants for this year.

Awards	Scholarships	Grants
Melvene D. Hardee Dissertation of the Year	Jim Rhatigan Fellowships for the NASPA Annual Conference	NASPA Innovation Grants
George D. Kuh Award for Outstanding Contribution to Literature and/or Research	Zenobia Hikes Scholarship for the Alice Manicur Symposium	Channing Briggs Small Research Grant
Robert H. Shaffer Award for Academic Excellence as a Graduate Faculty Member	NASPA Now Scholarships	
John L. Blackburn Distinguished Pillar of the Profession - Two Recipients	NASPA Membership and Professional Development Scholarships	
Pillar of the Profession - Up to 18 Recipients		
Ruth Strang Research Award		

## NASPA Membership and Professional Development Scholarships

In response to the impact that the COVID-19 pandemic had on college and university budgets, the NASPA Foundation created access scholarships to enable those with financial need to stay connected to the Association and to the student affairs profession. Access scholarships assist members with providing financial support for membership dues as well as conference registrations.

### Day One

For the first time ever, the Foundation hosted a dedicated day of giving. January 25-26, 2021 was selected to honor NASPA's 103rd birthday and members were encouraged to donate funds to support NASPA Membership and Professional Development Scholarships. This was incredibly successful and will continue to be offered in the future.



## Special Interest Funds

At the request of NASPA members, the Foundation created special interest funds designed to support NASPA's divisions, groups, and knowledge communities. The funds both provide an additional source of funding for the activities of these entities that relate to the mission of the Foundation and serve as a way for donors to direct their funds to the experiences they value most within NASPA. Groups with special interest funds have the flexibility to decide how to best use donor dollars in support of their goals, with most creating additional awards and scholarships.

- » African American Men's and Women's Summit
- » Asian Pacific Islander KC
- » Assessment, Evaluation, and Research KC
- » Civic Learning & Democratic Engagement KC
- » Community Colleges Division
- » Enrollment Management KC
- » Gender & Sexuality KC
- » Latinx/a/o KC
- » Socioeconomic and Class Issues in Higher Education KC
- » Spirituality and Religion in Higher Education KC
- » Student Leadership Programs KC
- » Womxn for the WISA KC fund
- » Veterans KC

# 2021 AWARD RECIPIENTS

## Melvane D. Hardee Dissertation of the Year

**Tiffany D. Smith**, Director of Student Engagement,  
Oklahoma City University

## Jim Rhatigan Fellowship

**Scott Sheehan**, University of Rochester

**Trevis Belle**, University of Central Arkansas

**Juana Hollingsworth**, Morgan State University

**Kirwin Seger**, Western Illinois University

**Michael Fazi**, Merrimack College

**Javon Stovall**, Florida International University

## George D. Kuh Award for Outstanding Contribution to Literature and/or Research

**Mary Howard-Hamilton**, Coffman Distinguished  
Research Professor and Chair, Department of  
Educational Leadership, Indiana State University

## Robert H. Shaffer Award for Academic Excellence as a Graduate Faculty Member

**Kathy Guthrie**, Associate Professor Higher Education,  
Florida State University

## John L. Blackburn Distinguished Pillar of the Profession

**Barbara Hancock Snyder**, Vice President for Student  
Affairs, Emeritus, University of Utah

**Larry D. Roper**, Emeritus Professor of Language,  
Culture and Society, Oregon State University

## Ruth Strang Research Award

**Julie Owen**, Associate Professor, Leadership Studies,  
George Mason University and Consulting

## Pillars of the Profession

**Danita M. Brown Young**, Vice  
Chancellor for Student Affairs,  
University of Illinois at Urbana-  
Champaign

**Evette Castillo Clark**, Dean of  
Students, Saint Mary's College of  
California

**Kevin T. Colaner**, Associate Vice  
President/Chief of Operations,  
California State Polytechnic University-  
Pomona

**Walter Diaz**, Vice President for Student  
Affairs, Eastern Connecticut State  
University

**Janet Smith Dickerson**, Vice President  
for Student Affairs, The Claremont  
Colleges Services

**Debra F. Geller**, Associate Dean of  
Students, University of California-Los  
Angeles

**Kathy L. Guthrie**, Associate Professor,  
Higher Education, Florida State  
University

**Jim Hoppe**, Vice President & Dean for  
Campus Life, Emerson College

**Georj L. Lewis**, President, Atlanta  
Metropolitan State College

**Chris S. Meiers**, Vice Chancellor for  
Student Affairs, Washington State  
University - Tri-Cities

**Beth Moriarty**, Higher Education  
Consultant

**Tonantzin Oseguera**, Vice President  
for Student Affairs, California State  
University Fullerton

**Rose Pascarell**, Vice President  
for University Life, George Mason  
University

**Laura E. Valdez**, Director, Office of  
Advising Strategies, University of New  
Mexico

**Lawrence P. Ward**, Vice President for  
Learner Success and Dean of Campus  
Life, Babson College

## NASPA Now

### Innovation

**Trevis Belle**, Residence  
Coordinator, University of  
Central Arkansas

**Bradley Burroughs**,  
Extended Orientation  
Specialist, Texas A&M  
University

**Sandra Arevalo**, Academic  
Coach, California State  
University, Fresno

### Impact

**Dalton Brasington**,  
Coordinator of Student  
Engagement, Mewbourne  
College of Earth and Energy  
University of Oklahoma,  
Norman Campus

**Aimee Vaquera**, Academic  
Advisor and Peer Coach  
Coordinator, California State  
University, Dominguez Hills

**Karen Hill**, Academic  
Advising Assistant,  
California State University,  
Dominguez Hills

### Inclusion

**Victoria Yu**, Program  
Coordinator, Carl A. Fields  
Center, Princeton University

**Grey Garris**, Graduate  
Assistant, Holmes Cultural  
Diversity Center, Mississippi  
State University

**Jacob Chacko**, Assistant  
Director, Diversity &  
Inclusion at Santos Manuel  
Student Union, California  
State University, San  
Bernardino

### Inquiry

**Annie Cole**, Research  
Analyst, Modern Classrooms  
Project

### Integrity

**Tara Hardy**, Student  
Success Specialist, Boston  
University

**April Yazza**, Graduate  
Residence Director,  
Mississippi State University

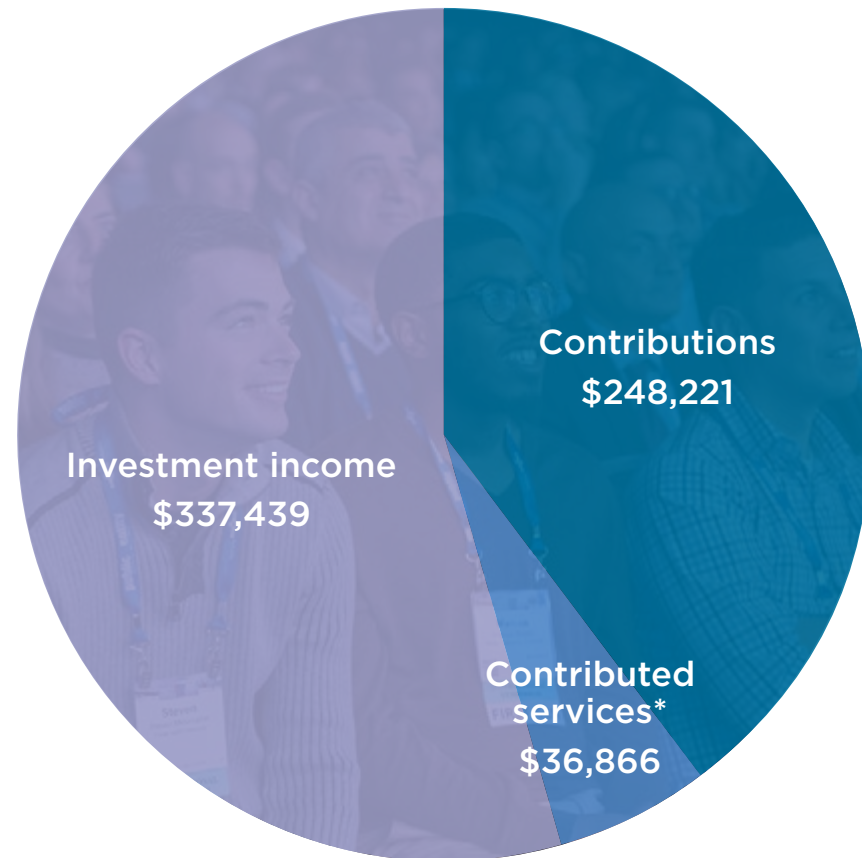
**Roger Davis Jr.**, Graduate  
Service Assistant, Office  
of Institutional Diversity &  
Inclusion, Mississippi State  
University

## 2020-21 Statement of Activities

Total Net Assets: \$2,792,586

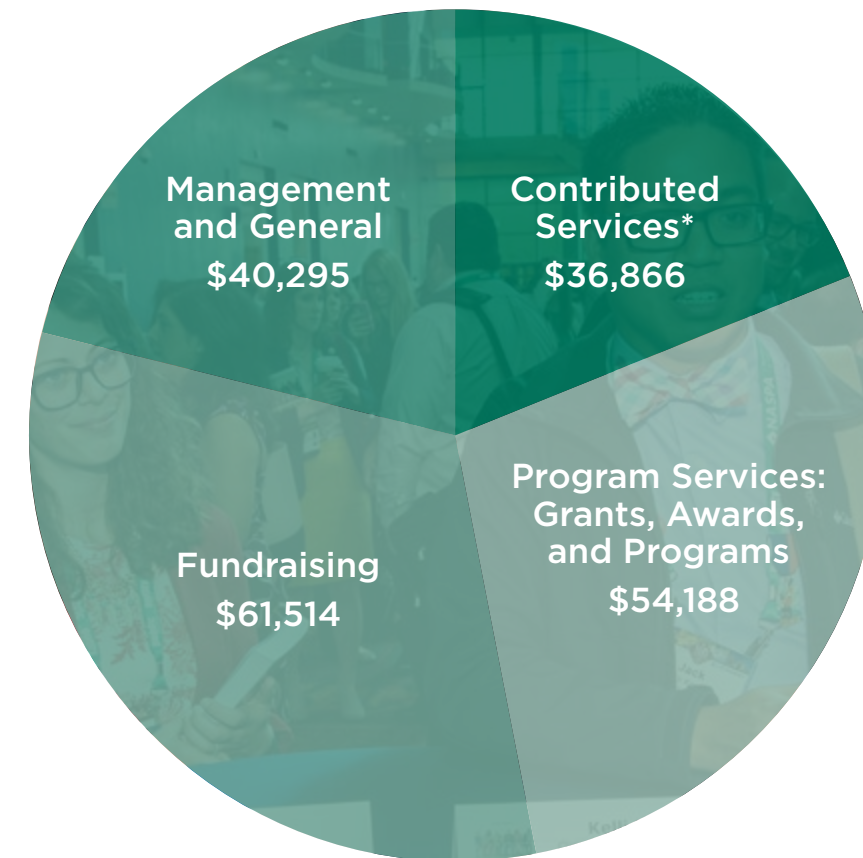
### Revenue

Total: \$622,526



### Expenses

Total: \$192,863



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