



2025 NASPA and NASPA Foundation Awards Celebration

Tuesday, March 18, 2025 | 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

PILLARS OF THE PROFESSION

Mordecai Ian Brownlee, President, Community College of Aurora

Ainsley Carry, Vice President for Student Affairs, University of British Columbia

Zduy P. Chu, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, Florida State University

Philip D. Covington, Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Success, University of Nebraska Medical Center

Frank Cuevas, Vice Chancellor for Student Life, The University of Tennessee

INQUIRY: CELEBRATING RESEARCH, INQUIRY, AND PRACTICE

MELVENE D. HARDEE DISSERTATION OF THE YEAR

WINNER

Lisa Yannick, West Chester University of Pennsylvania

Dissertation Title: Institutional Factors Associated with Closing the Equity Gap in Six-Year Graduation Rates at Public Four-Year Universities

RUNNER-UP

Brandy Propst, Elon University

Dissertation Title: "Out Here Fighting For My Life:" Exploring the Experiences of Black Women Student Affairs Professionals and Critical Incidents in Workplace Relationships with White Women at Historically White Institutions

ROBERT H. SHAFFER AWARD FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AS A GRADUATE FACULTY MEMBER

Natasha N. Croom, Associate Professor of Higher Education, Clemson University

INQUIRY: CELEBRATING RESEARCH, INQUIRY, AND PRACTICE

GEORGE D. KUH OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO LITERATURE AND/OR RESEARCH

Jason R. Kilmer, Professor, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, University of Washington School of Medicine

OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO HIGHER EDUCATION AWARD*

Doris Michiko Ching, Vice President for Student Affairs (retired), University of Hawaii at Manoa

PILLARS OF THE PROFESSION

Jon Dooley, Vice President for Student Life, Elon University

Jacinda M. Félix Haro, Dean of Students & Senior Student Affairs Officer, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

Leanna Fenneberg, Senior Vice President for Student Life, Duquesne University

Anne G. Flaherty, Vice President for Student Affairs, Eastern Illinois University

Ann M. Gansemer-Topf, Director of the School of Education and Professor, Iowa State University

INCLUSION: CELEBRATING EQUITY, INCLUSION, AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

NASPA NOW

JIM RHATIGAN FELLOWSHIP

DORIS MICHIKO CHING AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE AS A STUDENT AFFAIRS PROFESSIONAL AWARD

Andrew Hua, Director of Student Affairs Case Management Services, University of California-San Diego

BOBBY E. LEACH EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION AWARD

Nanette Vega, Assistant Professor of Professional Practice and Founding Dean for the Office of Belonging and Inclusive Excellence, University of Miami

PILLARS OF THE PROFESSION

[Cynthia L. Hernandez](#), Vice President for Student Success, Texas State University

[Mylon J. Kirksy](#), Assistant Vice President, Residence Life , The University of Texas at Austin

[Ryan Lombardi](#), Vice President for Student and Campus Life, Cornell University

[Roger B. Ludeman](#), Assistant Chancellor for Student Affairs Emeritus, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

[Keegan N. Nichols](#), Vice President for Student Affairs, Arkansas Tech University

INTEGRITY: CELEBRATING THE HIGHER EDUCATION AND STUDENT AFFAIRS PROFESSION

[KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY AWARDS](#)

[REGION AND AREA AWARDS](#)

[CENTER FOR WOMEN AWARDS](#)

[COMMUNITY COLLEGE DIVISION AWARDS](#)

[FACULTY COUNCIL AWARDS](#)

[SMALL COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY DIVISION AWARDS](#)

[PUBLIC POLICY DIVISION AWARDS](#)

[EXCELLENCE AWARDS GRAND WINNERS](#)

AVP/SENIOR-LEVEL STUDENT AFFAIRS PROFESSIONAL AWARD

[Laura Osteen](#), Assistant Vice President, Tulane University

THE PRESIDENT'S AWARD

[Ellen J. Neufeldt](#), President, California State University-San Marcos

[Dwaun J. Warmack](#), President, Claflin University

FRED TURNER AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO NASPA*

Bette M. Simmons, Vice President of Student Development and Enrollment Management (retired), County College of Morris

SCOTT GOODNIGHT AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AS A DEAN*

Maureen Keefe, Vice President of Student Development, Massachusetts College of Art and Design

PILLARS OF THE PROFESSION

Patty Perillo, Vice President for Student Affairs, University of Maryland, College Park

Frank E. Ross, III, Senior Fellow, Montgomery College

Alvin A. Sturdivant, Vice President for Student Affairs and Inclusive Excellence, University of Portland

Rameen A. Talesh, Associate Vice Chancellor Student Life & Leadership/Dean of Students, University of California-Irvine

Derek Vergara, Dean of Students, Orange Coast College

JOHN L. BLACKBURN DISTINGUISHED PILLAR OF THE PROFESSION*

Kevin Kruger, President Emeritus, NASPA

*Award presentation includes remarks



JOIN US IN CELEBRATING

We have many other individuals to recognize through our Divisions and Groups, Knowledge Communities, and Regions.

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