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FAREWELL

from the co-chairs

Dear SLP KC Members,

Has it been three years already?!?!? Indeed it has. We have been honored to serve as Co-Chairs for the Student Leadership Programs Knowledge Community. As a farewell, we would like to reflect on our time as Co-Chairs and revisit our mission and strategic goals.

The mission of the Student Leadership Programs Knowledge Community is to serve as a resource for higher education professionals who have a professional interest in young-adult (i.e., college students) leadership training, education, and development. The Community will share best practices, provide critical evaluation of the field, examine standards for leadership programs, support national and regional efforts to develop student leadership programs, make contributions to the literature, recognize exemplary programs, and cultivate a forum for the presentation of new ideas. Our 2012-2014 Strategic Goals are outlined below.



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SLP-KC Strategic Goals 2012-2014

- To engage our membership through short- and long-term volunteer opportunities
- Maintain cutting edge technology on the KC website and through online resources, webinars, etc.
- Continue offering a mentor/mentee program to support graduate students and new professionals at conferences and beyond
- Solicit sponsorships to advance the KC
- Provide an informative quarterly newsletter
- Recognize colleagues through spotlight series and award nominations

During our term, we have remained NASPA's largest KC and doubled the leadership team through creating co-coordinator positions and adjusting the organizational structure Team Leaders oversee. Member engagement through volunteer opportunities has increased significantly. Members are contributing to our newsletter, presenting and/or attending webinars, retweeting us, Facebooking us, blogging, and reviewing programs submissions for annual awards, sponsored programs, and Spotlight Series nominations. The mentoring program is being maintained and is being piloted to region IV-East in hopes we will offer mentoring opportunities at the regional and national levels.

Social media has been more intentional and interactive. We have Twitter followers who include #SALead in their leadership tweets. Our Facebook page has Spotlight Series recipient photos as the cover, inspirational quotes, resources, volunteer opportunities, and jobs and more likes and shares than ever! The leadership team has kept a record of resources. You can find our newsletters on our Issuu, our free webinars are recorded and can be downloaded at your convenience, and our resources are going through a major overhaul. We have maintained our sponsorship with Jossey-Bass and partnered with OrgSync as an additional in-kind sponsor. Our newsletters have numerous contributors and each quarter there is a new leadership-related theme. As luck, hard work, and collaboration by way of our phenomenal leadership team we have accomplished our strategic goals. So, we must take a moment to say THANK YOU to each and every single SLP KC leadership team member who has volunteered their time, talents, and energies in service during our tenure as Co-Chairs.

Speaking of collaboration—the theme of this newsletter is collaboration in leadership. Not only have we collaborated with our leadership team and SLP KC members, but we have also cultivated collaborative relationships with ACPA’s Commission for Student Involvement, committed to supporting the ALE’ Leadership Education Research Agenda, and participated in the Inter-Association Leadership Collaborative coordinated by the National Clearinghouse for Leadership Programs. Finally, we have focused on paying attention to leadership educators who are practitioners and scholars. As we all know, best practices inform research and research informs practice. We hope this seamless approach to leadership education has been beneficial for all SLP KC affiliates.

As Danielle Howard and Matt Clifford embark on their journey leading the SLP KC, we wish them, the leadership team, and all SLP KC members the best. Our conference edition of the newsletter will formally welcome Danielle and Matt as they begin their term at NASPA 2014 in Baltimore.

Thank you all for an amazing journey,

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