Schedule

Check-In, Opening Prayer and Breakfast, 9-9:20 a.m.
Program begins, 9:20 a.m.
Welcome and New Staff Introductions
Sustaining our Success

2018-19 Divisional Achievements and Awards

• Personal and Professional Achievements
• Vice President Award
• Collaboration Award
• Innovation Award
• Student Affairs Excellence Award
• Outstanding New Staff Professional Award
• Lou O’Brien Spirit of Student Affairs Award

Closing Comments and Announcements
Honorees

Years of Service

10 Years
Dani Blackwell
Megan Burda-Giedraitis

15 Years
Tom Menchhofer
Rico Tyler

Awards/Honors

Megan Burda-Giedraitis
Stacy Kvet
Jessica Peterson
Monica Ramos
Natalyn Williams

Leadership

Teneshia Arnold
Dani Blackwell
Carrie Don
Rigo Gutierrez
Courtney James
Jeff Lanfear
Bernard Little
Ellen Meents-DeCaigny
Kate O’Brien
Matthew Schultz
James Stewart
Quiana Stone
Scott Tharp
Rod Waters
Gene Zdziarski

Presentations

Ellen Meents-DeCaigny
Gregory Moorehead
Monica Ramos
Anmol Satiani
Scott Tharp
Ashley Trewartha
Gene Zdziarski

Publications

Gene Zdziarski
Personal & Professional Achievement Details

Awards/Honors

Adult, Veteran and Commuter Student Affairs
Megan Burda-Giedraitis
Staff Quality Service Award

Multicultural Student Success
Monica Ramos
Outstanding Service and Leadership, DePaul Center for Latino Research

Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs
Jessica Peterson
Spirit of DePaul Award

University Counseling Services
Outstanding Training Site
Association of Chicagoland Externship and Practicum Training (ACEPT)

Stacy Kvet
Spirit of DePaul Award

Natalyn Williams
Staff Quality Service Award

Leadership

Adult, Veteran and Commuter Student Affairs
James Stewart
Co-chair
NASPA Region IV-East 2019 conference

Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs
Carrie Don
Operations Co-chair
NASPA Region IV-East 2019 Conference

Athletic Academic Advising
Kate O’Brien
Member
DePaul Staff Council

Ellen Meents-DeCaigny
National Director of Knowledge Communities
NASPA Board of Directors

Dean of Students Office
Bernard Little
Member
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Scott Tharp
Board Member and Co-curricular Liaison
Chicago Area Assessment Group

Chief of Staff for Regional Director
NASPA Region IV-East

Representative, Assessment, Evaluation and Research Knowledge Community
NASPA Region IV-East

Gene Zdziarski
Past Chair
NASPA Foundation

New Student and Family Engagement
Dani Blackwell
Member, Chair of Diversity and Inclusion committee
DePaul Staff Council
Rigo Gutierrez  
National Convention Marketplace coordinator for the 2020 Convention Mid-America Regional Conference Planning Committee chair  
National Association for Campus Activities (NACA)

Courtney James  
Esports Advisory Board  
BIG EAST  
2018 National Convention Co-chair  
NACA

University Counseling Services

Jeff Lanfear  
Liaison, Directors of Catholic Schools and Faith-based Schools  
Association of University & College Counseling Center Directors (AUCCCD)

Presentations

Center for Students with Disabilities

Gregory Moorehead  
Co-presenter with Vivian Barnette, Ph.D.  
Why should colleges and universities prioritize mental health and disabilities?  
American Association of Blacks in Higher Education

Monica Ramos  
The Latinx Cultural Center as the Counter-Narrative for Latinx in Higher Education  
American Association for the Advancement of Curriculum Studies

The Latinx Cultural Center: An Identity Conscious Approach to Engagement & Leadership Development  
The National Conference of the United States Hispanic Leadership Institute

Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs

Scott Tharp  
How White, First-Year College Students Think About Privilege: Core Conceptual Ideas  
Association for the Study of Higher Education (ASHE) Conference

Variations Among White First-year College Students’ Ideological Explanations of Privilege  
Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD) Biennial Meeting

Writing and Assessing Student Learning Outcomes for Social Justice Education  
National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in American Higher Education (NCORE)

Designing Social Justice Education Workshop Curriculum: A Step-by-Step Process for Practitioners  
National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in American Higher Education (NCORE)

Assessing Social Justice Education Workshop Curriculum: Learning Assessment for Practitioners  
National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in American Higher Education (NCORE)

Evolving Past Assessment: An Integrated Model for Data-Driven Decision-Making  
Student Affairs Assessment and Research Conference (SAARC)

Gene Zdziarski  
Twenty Years of Crisis Response: Reflections on the 1999 Texas A&M University Bonfire Collapse  
NASPA Annual Conference

Gene Zdziarski and Ellen Meents-DeCaigny  
Crisis Communication in the Age of Social Media  
NASPA Annual Conference, VPSA Institute
Divisional Awards

Vice President Award; Jason Beck, Theatre School

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Collaboration Award; Office of Student Involvement and Residential Education

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Innovation Award; Bill Johnson, Counseling Services

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Student Affairs Excellence Award; Carrie Don, Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs

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Outstanding New Staff Professional; Vanessa Martinez, Office of Multicultural Student Success

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Presentations (Cont.)

Residential Education
Ashley Trewartha
Reframing Our Approach to Leadership: Helping Students Envision Themselves as Leaders
NASPA IV-East Annual Conference

University Counseling Services
Anmol Satiani
Making Race and Culture Work in the STEM Era: Bringing all People Forward and Addressing Mental Health and Systemic Barriers: Accompanying Students of Color
Diversity Challenge 2018

Publications

Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs
Gene Zdziarski
Student Expectations and Student Needs: How Effective College Towns are Designed with Students at the Center.
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