

# HESA Highlights

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## HESA Welcomes the 2009 Fall Semester



Although this is our first newsletter of the year, I find that we have already hit the middle of the Fall semester.

I'm not sure where the time has gone, but I hope that your academic year is off to a great start and you are enjoying all the beauty that a Bloomington Fall brings to our community.

This year I am very excited to share that we have implemented the new HESA Master's Program Curriculum which includes ties to the mission and learning outcomes that we shared with you this time last year. All of the information is online and I encourage you to take a

moment to check out the HESA web site to see the new program of studies and familiarize yourself with our mission and learning outcomes. The HESA program continues to expand our involvement with the undergraduate curriculum, especially as it relates to leadership on campus. Our U495 seminar courses that are tied to the LEAD IU program is flourishing. Over the past year we have implemented a University 101 course that is a direct response to the VOICE Report from the President's Office which stated a need for a common course for freshmen that helps engage them in campus life at IU.

In addition, we are working with Residential Programs and Services, Campus Activities, and

the Indiana Memorial Union to provide a report on Indiana University's participation in the Multi-Institutional Study (MLS) of Leadership. This data will help us continue to improve the connections we make between our academic curriculum aspects and the out-of-class experiences of our undergraduate students.

We are excited about what the year has to offer. Be sure to check out the HESA web site for news and information about new programs, and student information.

Best wishes for a wonderful 2009-2010 academic year!

- Dr. Danielle De Sawal

## Insight Into Highlights



Second year HESA students, Patrick Hale, James Eckerty and Tomika Ferguson

HESA Highlights is a monthly newsletter distributed to Indiana University's Higher Education and Student Affairs community members and its affiliates.

Through the newsletter, colleagues are able to share exciting news with one another regarding professional development opportunities, funding opportunities, personal achievements, and other interesting news.

HESA Highlights authors welcome input, editorial contributions, and reading enthusiasm!

Enjoy the first HESA Highlights newsletter for the 2009-2010 academic year!



First year HESA students, Whitney Watkins, Anna Ament, Janet Ikpa, Megan Watt, Erica Campbell and Amanda Bonilla



## Faculty Corner

Featuring Vasti Torres

### The Task Force on the Future of Student Affairs

Dr. Vasti Torres is Associate Professor of the Higher Education and Student Affairs (HESA) program and Co-Chair of the Task Force on the Future of Student Affairs. Anna Ament, a graduate assistant in the HESA master's program, sat down with her recently to ask her questions about the discussions the Task Force has been having related to the future of student affairs.

**Q:** What is the Task Force?

**A:** The Task Force is a group of individuals that were jointly appointed between ACPA and NASPA and charged with a series of questions to consider about the future of student affairs, including creating a strategic plan about how to maintain the relevance of student affairs within the Higher Education community. The task force is funded for two years and we are currently in our second year. We have done everything from view current trends in Higher Education to have lively discussions about what is the vision for the future.

**Q:** Why was the Task Force created?

**A:** When I was president of ACPA, my counterpart, the president of NASPA and I began having conversations about what we need to do to stay relevant. The conversations were a nice blend because she is a chief student affairs officer, and I, as a faculty member had complementary views about

boards about being more strategic and collaborative between the two associations, and the Task Force emerged.

**Q:** Who funds the Task force?

**A:** The governing boards of ACPA and NASPA.

**Q:** What have been some of the challenges the Task Force has faced?

**A:** The Task Force really talks about the profession, so the discussions of the Task Force focused on the challenges of the profession. One of the things we had a really in-depth discussion on was how others see us and whether student affairs provides a unique service that no one else can do. We had a lively discussion about that because in a vision, you're supposed to talk about what it is that you uniquely do, and we really struggled to find an answer to that question. The group could not identify something that only student affairs professionals could do. That was an awakening for some members of the Task Force. As a result, we have looked at how can we make ourselves more vital to the missions of the institutions that we work for.

**Q:** What is the Task Force's role in communicating their findings in the field?

**A:** We have provided updates throughout the last couple of years through either ACPA Developments or eCommunity, and in the NASPA form.

The charge for the Task Force was provided by the governing bodies of the two associations, and that is who we will provide our final report to.

We also held sessions at both ACPA and NASPA last year to discuss the progress of the Task Force. Our goal is to finish the report by the 2010 conference season, and that report will be given to the governing bodies and the governing bodies will determine its release to the membership. Our hope is that it will be electronically disseminated prior to the convention.

**Q:** Is there anything else you would like readers to know about the Task Force?

**A:** The main thing I would like people to recognize is that the Task Force has really been thoughtful and not reactive. There was not a pre-set agenda. We struggled with many things, including questions about the vision and principles. It's important for people to understand that there have been thorough discussions about the questions that the Task Force was charged to explore, and sometimes those discussions were frustrating.

You can find additional information about the Task Force on the following links:

[ACPA](#)  
[NASPA](#)

## Personal Successes

### Awards

**Marybeth Gasman**—has been named by *Diverse Magazine* as “up and coming” in promoting important educational objectives and advancing scholarships on underrepresentation in higher education.

**Dr. Gilbert Brown**—has been awarded the 2010 NASPA IV-West Region Outstanding Faculty Award. (NASPA is the National Association for Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education.) This award is presented to the Region IV-West faculty member who has contributed significantly to graduate higher education and to the preparation of student affairs professionals. He was nominated by students in the Master of Science – Student Affairs program, indicating he is held in very high regard by the students in this program.

**Vasti Torres**—has been named a Senior Scholar by the American College Personnel Association (ACPA). This is the highest honor that ACPA bestows upon scholars who engage in research on college students and student affairs work.

**IUPUI Campus Center**—has won an Award for Excellence in Design from the Virginia Society AIA. The campus center has now won a design award from every regional AIA chapter in which we (SmithGroup) participates (Maryland, DC, Northern Virginia and Virginia). The center has also been featured in *Building Design + Construction Magazine*.

**Tina Powellson**—has been awarded a research grant from the National Association of Campus Activities.

**Gen Shaker**—dissertation has been selected for the Bobby Wright Dissertation of the Year Award by the Association for the Study of Higher Education. Nancy Chism was the chair of Gen's committee, and Megan Palmer, Tom Nelson Laird, and Gene Tempel were members.

**Nancy Chism, Gen Shaker & Megan Palmer**—received the 2009 Robert J. Menges Award for Outstanding Research in Educational Development.

**Desiree Zerquera**—a Ph.D. student in HESA, has been selected as a Graduate Student Fellow for the American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education's (AAHHE) Graduate Student's Fellow Program.

## The Newly Elected 2009-2010 IUSPA Executive Board

**President**—Jessica Fougere

**Vice President**—Joliana Yee

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**IUSPA Advisor**—Dr. Danielle De Sawal



The 2009-2010 IUSPA Executive Board. Congratulations!

## The 2008-2009 IUSPA Executive Board



**Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication to IUSPA!**

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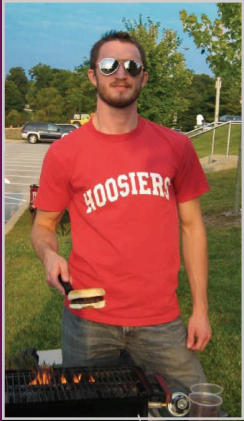
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# Get Involved! Upcoming Events & Conferences



Masters student, Landon Brothers mastering the grill at the HESA tailgate.

### Fall 2009 IUSPA General Assembly Meetings

- \* Thursday, Nov. 19 @ 8 p.m. (CLDC)
- \* Thursday, Dec. 3 @ 8 p.m. (CLDC)

### IUSPA Football Tailgates

- \* Saturday, Nov. 7 @ 9 a.m. (game begins at noon)
- \* Saturday, Nov. 21 @ TBA

### GPSO Events

- \* Graduate Student Speed Dating & Social Hour
- \* When: Friday, Nov. 6, 5:30—9 p.m.  
(Speed Dating 5:30—7/Social Hour 7—9)
- \* Where: Crazy Horse, 214 W. Kirkwood Ave.  
in the back room
- \* Please RSVP to [gpsopr@indiana.edu](mailto:gpsopr@indiana.edu)

### Conferences

- \* NASPA Annual Conference (Chicago, IL)
- \* March 6—10, 2010
- \* [click here to register](#)
- \* ACPA Annual Conference (Boston, MA)
- \* March 20-24, 2010
- \* [click here to register](#)
- \* ACUI Annual Conference (New York City, NY)
- \* February 28—March 4, 2010
- \* [click here to register](#)

