

2011-2012 Student Affairs Staff Honors and Awards

National and Regional Awards

- Matt Kerch, Assistant Director of Residence Life, was named Chair Elect of the NASPA Student Affairs Assessment Consortium for the 2011-12 academic year. This is a two-year appointment where Matt will take over as Chair of the Consortium in the 2012-13 academic year.

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- Veronica Hunter, Assistant Director of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs was named recipient of the 2010-11 National Panhellenic Conference Outstanding Panhellenic Advisor Award for all college Panhellenic Councils.
- Christa Wessels, Greek Life Coordinator, has been selected as the 2011 recipient of the NASPA Latino Knowledge Community Outstanding New Professional Award.
- Allison Ragon, Director of Orientation and New Student Programs, won the Outstanding Orientation Professional Award at the NODA Region 8 Conference.

Institutional Awards

Several Dean of Student Staff members received Tradition of Excellence Awards in 2011:

- Danielle DeVito – Office of First Year Experience
- Regina Donato – Residence Life Coordinator
- Matt Kitchie – Student Activities
- Ruby Scott – Student Accounts

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- Lehigh University Police Department received re-accreditation as a fully accredited police department recognizing Lehigh as one of only two fully accredited police departments at IHE in the state of Pennsylvania.
- The Community Service Office was recognized for the third year in a row by "The President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll."
- The Office of the First Year Experience evoLUtion orientation program was recognized for "Outstanding Brochure" at the National Orientation Director's Association Annual Conference.
- The Break the Silence sexual violence prevention program was named the Silver Winner in Violence Education and Prevention, Crisis Management, Campus Security, and Related Category, through the NASPA 2010 Excellence Award.
- Michelle Rebholz, Greek Life Coordinator, was named the Association of Fraternity/Sorority Advisors (AFA) 2010 Gayle Webb New Professional of the Year Award recipient at the Annual Meeting. Michelle's recognition follows Veronica Hunter's recognition as the 2009 Gayle Webb recipient. In the twenty year history of the award, this is the first time that a university has had a staff members garner this award in consecutive years.
- Veronica Hunter, Greek Life Coordinator, received the AFA Gayle Webb New Professional of the Year Recipient and the Service Award 2009 from the Omega Xi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Dedication.

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- Matt Kitchie, Director of Student Activities, - the HUB
- Tim Wilkinson, Director of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs

- Christa Wessels, Greek Life Coordinator, and Timothy Gardner, LGBTQA Services Director
- Veronica Hunter, Greek Life Coordinator, and Michelle Rebholz, Greek Life Coordinator (also, 2009 Tradition of Excellence recipient)
- Office of Residence Life and the Health and Wellness Center for response to H1N1

Other staff awards included:

- Eric Klein, Staff Psychologist/AOD Treatment Specialist, 2010 Alfred Noble Robinson Staff Award
- Carolina Hernandez, Director of Community Service, Percy Hughes Award for Scholarship, Humanity, and Social Change
- Noel Panebianco, coordinator in the Women's Center, 2009 Tradition of Excellence Award and 2010 Dean of Students Office Non-Exempt Staff Member of the Year.
- Quiana Daniel, Keystone Award from the Office of Multicultural Affairs and the DOS Sponsored Program Award for "Speak Up!"
- Tyrone Russell, former DOS staff member, received a Tradition of Excellence Award 2009.

Publications and Presentations

- Julie Sterrett, Athletics Leadership Coordinator, and Jess Manno, Assistant Dean of Students, were published in the on line journal, *Concepts & Connections*, Volume 17, Issue 1: "Leadership Through Intercollegiate, Intramural, and Recreational Athletics".
- Rita Jones, Director of the Women's Center, authored the following publications:
 - "Mother Role versus Wife Role," "Pregnancy," and "Sexuality and Mothering." *Encyclopedia of Motherhood*. Andrea O'Reilly, editor. Thousand Oaks, California: Sage Publications, 2010.
 - "Teen Pregnancy." *Multimedia Encyclopedia of Women in Today's World*. Mary Zeiss Strange and Carol K. Oyster, editors. Thousand Oaks, California: Sage Publications, 2010.
 - "But She's a Mom!: Sex and Motherhood in the Poetry of Sharon Olds." *Textual Mothers, Maternal Texts: Representations of Mothering in Contemporary Women's Literature: Fiction, Poetry, and Life Writing*. Andrea O'Reilly and Elizabeth Podnieks,


editors. Waterloo, Ontario: Wilfred Laurier Press, 2010.

- Rita Jones also presented: "Women's Centers and the Budget Crisis: Difficult Dialogues, Strategies for Survival, and New Directions." with Jane Goettsch, Jennifer Graham, Julie Parker, Lysa Salsbury, Susanne B. Eielzel, and Mary Krueger at the National Women's Studies Association in Atlanta, Georgia.
- Timothy Gardner, Director of LGBTQUI Services, co-presented "Our Common Cause - A Place for Polyamorous and Non-Monogamous Communities in the LGBTQIA Movement" at Creating Change, and presented a Safe Zone Workshop at Rockland Community College.
- Tim Wilkinson, Director of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs, presented "Greek Life: Leaving a Legacy," as the keynote presentation for the New Jersey Institute of Technology.
- Wilkinson also presented on "National Trends in Fraternities and Sororities," at the New Jersey Higher Education Consortium Spring Conference.
- Jame'l Hodges, Director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs, was the keynote speaker at following events:
 - 2009 Eastern Kentucky University Greek Leadership Retreat
 - 2009 Morehead State College Greek Leadership Retreat
 - 2010 University of Cincinnati Student Leadership Conference
 - 2010 Virginia State University, Sigma Tau Delta, International English Honor Society Induction Ceremony
- Matt Kitchie, Director of Student Activities, was published in National Association for Campus Activities *Campus Activities Programming* magazine. "Taking a Team Approach to Advising a Programming Board" ran in the September 2009 issue.
- Kitchie was also published in the same magazine in May 2010, with his article, "Visioning and Goal Setting: Creating a Map for Your Programming Board."
- Gina Donato (along with then colleagues Melissa Scott and Tyrone Russell) presented Campus Safety Week at MACUHO (Mid-Atlantic College and University Housing Officers) annual conference.

- Gina Donato presented on Campus Safety Week and Jenn Scaia Sweeney presented on Live Lehigh! at a LVAIC Residence Life meeting.
- Michelle Rebholz, Greek Life Coordinator, conducted three presentations: "A Different Approach to Solving Your Chapter's Problems," "Unstuck: Transforming How You Work with Alumni," and "It's a Partnership" at Kappa Delta Rho Elmon M. William National Leadership Academy.
- Rebholz also presented "Values: Intersecting Fraternity/Sorority & Spirituality" for the Northeast Greek Leadership Association.
- Michelle Rebholz published "Spirituality: The Forgotten Precept," in the Association of Fraternity/Sorority Advisors magazine, *Perspectives*, Summer 2009.
- Carolina Hernandez, Director of the Community Services Office, was profiled in an issue of *Diverse Issues in Higher Education* in September 2009.
- Rajika Reed, Director of Health Promotions, and the peer educator Sexperts group, presented on Safe Sex Practices at the American College Health Association Annual Meeting, June 2010, in Philadelphia PA.

Professional Affiliation Service

- Allison Ragon: NODA (National Orientation Directors Association) Board of Directors. Lehigh will also be hosting the NODA regional conference in Spring 2011.
- Tim Wilkinson: Executive Director, Northeast Greek Leadership Association
- Michelle Issadore:
 - Co-chaired the National Women's Studies Association Women's Centers Pre-Conference, elected to the National Women's Studies Association Governing Council as co-chair of the Women's Centers Committee
 - Taught Women's Studies 291: Sexual Violence
 - Served as delegate at the first national Take Back the Night conference

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- Michelle Rebholz:
 - Delta Chi A's (President's) Academy – facilitator
 - Undergraduate Interfraternity Institute – facilitator
 - Association of Fraternity/Sorority Advisors annual meeting planning team – Graduate Student Experience Coordinator
 - Northeast Greek Leadership Association Conference Registration Coordinator
 - LU hosting the HazingPrevention.org 2011 Novak Institute for Hazing Prevention

 - Christa Wessels served as national president of Delta Phi Mu Sorority Inc. and co-chair of the NASPA Latino Knowledge Communications Team

 - Veronica Hunter:
 - Region 1 Director for Association of Fraternity and Sorority Advisors (AFA)
 - Member of AFA Foundation Board
 - Order of Omega Northeast Region Chapter Director

 - Carolina Hernandez served as co-chair of the Lehigh University President's Council for Equity and Community for two and a half years.