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Welcome from the Editors

Hello and welcome to the 2019 Summer edition of the NASPA Parent and Family Relations Knowledge Community Newsletter! We hope you enjoy this edition and are always thinking of new content to submit!

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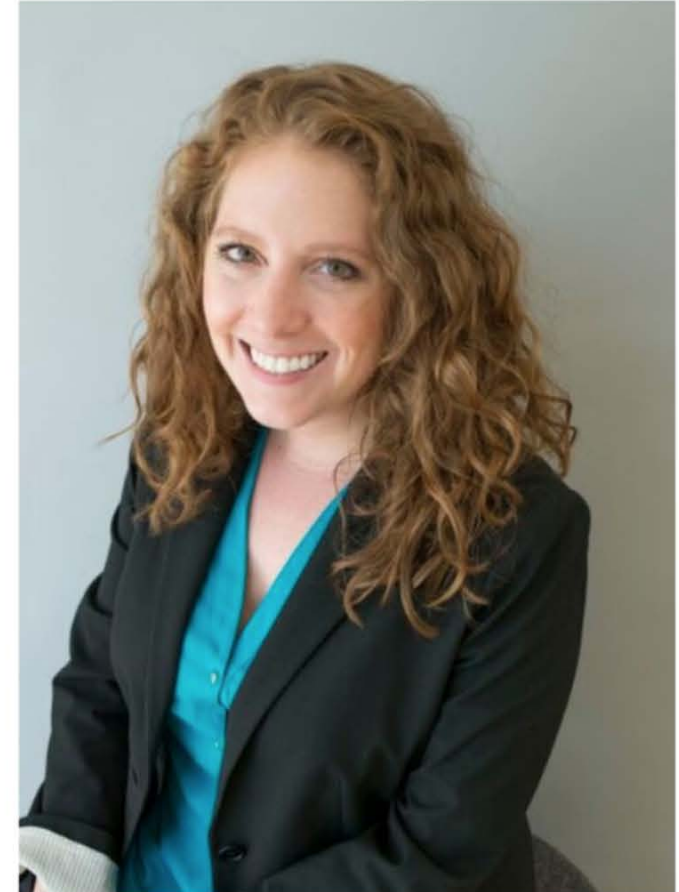
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Thank you to everyone on the PFRKC Leadership Team for their hard work year-round! Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or ideas for the KC.

Looking to Get Involved?

We have open positions in the PFRKC Leadership Team!

Open Positions:

Region V Representative

Region IV-East Representative

Region VI Representative

For more information, please contact Susie Orecchio or Dana Trimboli using their contact information above, or visit Volunteer Central using the link below!

[Volunteer Now!](#)



The Call for Programs for the 2020 NASPA Annual Conference is now open! The deadline to submit is September 3, 2019. Don't wait until the last minute! The 2020 Conference Leadership Committee will select programs in October. Coordinating presenters will hear about the status of their programs by mid-to-late October.

[Submit Your Program Now!](#)



AHEPPP: Family Engagement in Higher Education

**2019 National Conference
November 4-6**

Registration is open now! Register by October
18, 2019 at 5:00 pm EST.

[Register Now!](#)

PFRKC Award Nominations are Open!

The PFRKC has applications open for five award categories! Award nominations are due on October 15, 2019. Check out the categories and learn more about each award below!

- The Outstanding Contribution to Research and/or Literature Award
- The Outstanding Parent and Family Relations Professional Award
- The Outstanding Parent and Family Relations Institutional Initiative Award
- The Parent and Family Relations Knowledge Community Research Grant
- Alumni, Community Relations, Family Programs, Fundraising, and related Excellence Award (Due October 22, 2019)

Learn More and Nominate Now!

Program Spotlight

Angelo State University New Family Initiative

This summer at Angelo State University, Ram Family Connection added two exciting components to our new student orientation process. First, we added a new presentation for just family members. During this session, the parent association staff shared advice and tips on how to manage THEIR transition while supporting their student's transition to campus. In this session, we also focused on how to Walk the Walk and Talk the Talk of the #RamFam. We focused on lingo that is used in higher education and at Angelo State University, especially since we are high numbers of first generation families. We



received great feedback from the attendees and they felt that this was an area of orientation aimed directly at them and not their students, which was our goal.

During the second family only session, Ram Family Connection brings in various guests from departments to share a bit about their programs, events, and resources available. This session has been a staple for many years. However, there was a new twist this summer. We divided the room out in various regions and had the family members sit with others from their area. In doing this, we were creating a space where family members could connect, network, and meet others who may be from their hometowns. This connection to peers is important and essential for students to be successful, and we have found a similar need for our family members as well. Moving forward, we have had families volunteer to





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Overall, being more intentional with our family members and finding ways to connect them further to staff, one another, and ultimately the #RamFam lead us to make these additions to our schedules.

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