

At the 2015 Region-IV West NASPA Conference, I was opened to an entirely new realm of possibilities. There were ideas and theories presented about an array of topics, ranging from LGBTQ issues to student retention rates. One concept presented was especially intriguing to me. The University of Missouri has long struggled with diversity, so they tried to think of ways to combat the issue. Their solution? To create a large networking conference that tackles issues of diversity head-on. The conference, sponsored by Missouri's Trulaske College of Business, is a comprehensive event that attempts to develop multicultural competent leaders. Conference attendees participate in diversity workshops, which emphasize awareness on the value of the diversity and inclusion. The all-day conference provides networking opportunities and wonderful keynote speeches, with incentives like a free lunch and various prizes. The conference has become incredibly popular over the past few years, now hosting more than 2,000 students. It would be pretty incredible to bring something like this to Creighton, as we struggle with diversity. Who knows? Maybe I will have to try...