



## PRESIDENT’S REPORT: WELCOME BACK!



Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year! As I reflect on the past nine months as NVASP president, the common thread that emerges in my mind is “dream”. This summer I was fortunate to have visited the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago. There was an Innovation and Engineering display that resonated with my dreams for NVASP. To quote William Boeing, Founder, The Boeing Company, “We are embarked as pioneers upon a new science and industry in which our problems are so new and unusual that it behooves no one to dismiss any novel idea with the statement, ‘it can’t be done’.” Each of us are pioneers in our dreaming for what our state school psychology association can do, and be. Our needs are unique and we shall have no small dreams, for small dreams will inspire no one. Novel ideas will be common and accepted, while convention will be turned sideways. We will support our members and meet the challenges that come before us while offering professional learning opportunities that align with the 10 domains of the NASP practice model. Together, we can dream and thrive.

Over the past few months we have dreamed of a responsive professional learning design that can be customized on an iterative cycle. We are honored to introduce the NVASP Lecture Series. Our Lecture Series will feature a different speaker each month and will target specific NASP practice model domains. We will partner with a variety of state and local partners to optimize resources and bring you the most meaningful and highest quality professional learning possible. For more information, please visit [www.nvasp.org](http://www.nvasp.org) or see the Upcoming Events calendar of this Newsletter. Also on the horizon are a 2018 Vegas Annual Conference and a 2019 Tahoe Summer Conference.

As we enter the new school year, dream your dreams and be an innovator for the field of school psychology, education, students, and families. To borrow from the creative playwright George Bernard Shaw, others see things and ask “why?” NVASP dreams things that never were, and asks “why not?”

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## 2017 NVASP AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to the 2017 NVASP Award winners! We received a number of great nominations, and we are excited to highlight the accomplishments of our fellow school psychologists. You can find more detailed information about our winners on the NVASP website.

### Lifetime Achievement Award

Alison Clark, Ed.S.

Clark County School District



### School Psychologist of the Year

Gwynne Partos

Washoe County School District



# NVASP NEWS



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## DELEGATE'S CORNER

*Emma Dickinson, Nevada NASP Delegate*

Hello and welcome to the first edition of the Delegate Corner! As I write this, I'm entering my last year as a delegate from the great state of Nevada after 8 years of service (due to being nominated)! The yearly cycle for NASP runs from July to June and the elected term for a delegate is three years, with the possibility of running for reelection for one additional three year cycle. It's been great! If any current NASP member (or join by October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017) would like to sharpen their leadership skills, become active in NASP leadership, and earn CEUs towards your NCSP, please consider self-nominating for the position. Other perks include meeting and networking with other school psychologists from all over the country, becoming familiar with NASP governance and getting a free, all expenses paid trip to the DC area every September (free meals in Bethesda, MD- awesome culinary experiences and easy access to the DC Metro). The election for the next Nevada Delegate, for a term beginning in July 2018, and running through June 2021, will be held in January 2018, and nominations are due by midnight, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017. If you are fairly detail oriented, like setting policy for an organization and really making a difference on a grand scale, consider nominating! I'm planning a brief informational and Q & A session, through electronic media, for any part of the state on Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**August 30 @ 4pm**  
Q&A with Emma Dickinson regarding delegate position

**Sept 6 @ 4pm**  
Open Meeting, Las Vegas  
Switch Innovation Center

**Sept 30 @ 9am**  
Lecture Series Kickoff  
Location TBD

## HELP WANTED!

The NVASP board has lofty goals for Nevada's school psychologists, and we cannot do it alone! Please consider joining a committee to assist:

- \*Shortages Committee
- \*Communications Committee
- \*Government & Professional Relations Committee
- \*Awareness & Promotion Committee
- \*2018 Conference Committee
- \*2019 Conference Committee

## NVASP UPDATES

### Core Purpose:

The Nevada Association of School Psychologists embodies a unified community that advances opportunities for School Psychologists across the state.

### Core Values:

NVASP adheres to the NASP core values and promotes the NASP key initiatives.

Continuous Improvement – NVASP provides opportunities for professional learning and encourages members to improve their practices.

Outreach – NVASP educates community stakeholders on who we are, what we do, and evidence-based practices.

Advocacy – NVASP advocates for school psychologists across various organizational levels in the state.

Diversity – NVASP understands and honors individual, cultural, and other contextual differences in our own interactions and as they shape student development.

Social Justice – NVASP ensures equal opportunity and diversity in the field of school psychology and within the populations we serve.

Well-Being – NVASP encourages school psychologists to practice self-care and utilize mental health resources if needed.

Community – NVASP assists in building and sustaining relationships between school psychologists.

Leadership – NVASP fosters opportunities for leadership in order to maintain and grow the association.