

# 10 Important Things NASPAA Does For You As a Member School

## 1

### A Public Affairs Education Community

- Membership brings you into a community of over 275 schools of public affairs in the US and internationally
- Networks of deans and program directors, career services professionals, admissions directors, and others

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### Quality Assurance

- NASPAA accreditation: a voluntary quality assurance program for master's degrees
- The latest standards benefit the entire field of public affairs education

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### Conferences & Workshops

- NASPAA Annual Conference (October)
- Career Services conference (December)
- Admissions directors meeting (June)
- Doctoral Programs meeting (biennial; spring)

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### Keep You Informed

- Get regular updates, news, scholarship opportunities through NASPAA's newsletter
- Connect with colleagues at other schools and solicit best practices via our dedicated NASPAA listservs

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### Connect to Jobs and Careers

- National job site focusing on public sector careers
- NASPAA educates employers about our degrees
- Learn about new academic job openings

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### Data Collection and Analysis

- NASPAA's new Data Center is creating the definitive dataset on public affairs education
- Will allow programs to benchmark and compare to peer and aspirational programs
- Will allow prospective students to compare schools using valid criteria

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### Celebrate Excellence

- Pi Alpha Alpha Honor Society: honors top student scholars and connects them to a national network
- Annual Dissertation, Teaching, and Research Awards

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### *Journal of Public Affairs Education*

- Members receive the quarterly journal via email, with online access to the definitive publication in our field
- Faculty at member schools get published in a peer-reviewed journal on topics and issues of importance

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### International Social Media Networks

- Facebook page with almost 7,000 "fans"
- MPA/MPP YouTube channel
- 5,500-member Linked-In group for professional networking for MPA/MPPs

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### Advocate for Hiring Reform

- NASPAA is a central player in the effort to reform federal hiring of graduate students
- We are advocating for more, and higher quality, internship and career opportunities for your students