



February/March 2017

Greetings!

Staying in touch can often be a chore, given our busy schedules. The AACTE annual meeting, along with other forums described in this newsletter, affords Holmes Scholars, alumni, and friends the opportunity to reconnect, share ideas, and support the mutual benefit of NAHSA community members. NAHSA has prided itself on mentorship and has been recognized broadly in this regard. The emergent results of our ongoing survey of alumni reveals that the Holmes Scholars' footprint is global. Alumni hold positions in virtually every sector of the education profession, serving as advocates, administrators, consultants, and educators. Alumni are contributing to educational transformation stateside, as well as abroad.

At this time within the profession, it is more important than ever that we remain connected and committed to mutual benefit by promoting equity, diversity, and inclusion. We hope that you will continue to participate in the professional development of community members formally and informally. Within this issue, you will find several forums for staying in touch. We invite you to create others and we seek to help you by spreading the word.

Holmes Scholars and NAHSA Schedule at AACTE Annual Meeting

We hope that you will be able to join the Holmes Scholars family during the AACTE Annual Meeting, March 2-5, 2017 in Tampa, FL. For those who will be reconnecting onsite, here is a brief schedule of events to organize your calendar.

- Holmes Program General Session-- March 1, 2017 | 8:45 - 9:15 am | Grand Ballroom B-D | Tampa Marriot Waterside
- Holmes Scholars Poster Session - March 2, 2017 | 8:30 - 10:00 am | Grand Ballroom Salon G-H | Tampa Marriot Waterside
- Holmes Closing Ceremony (Awards and Recognitions) - March 2, 2017 | 5:15 - 7:15 pm | Grand Ballroom Salon B-D | Tampa Marriot Waterside
- [NAHSA] National Association of Holmes Scholars Alumni Open Board Meeting - March 3, 2017 | 7:45 - 9:00 am | Waterside Grill ([Breakfast Menu](#)) | Tampa Marriot Waterside

Holmes Scholars Creed

Join us during the Holmes Scholars' Closing Ceremony to recognize new Scholars. We will raise our voices in unison for the Holmes Scholar Creed. The Creed is an affirmation of advocacy and honors minority educators in the professional and school communities. The power of the spoken word in chorus was undeniable during the closing ceremony last year. A new customer of agency has been born.

I am a Holmes Scholar, therefore I strongly believe that:

1. A Holmes Scholar is motivated by the desire to lead, achieve, and excel;
2. As a Holmes Scholar, it is my duty to lead by example, because to whom much is given, much is required;
3. I must use my academic and cultural acumen to work skillfully and wisely to change the educational outcomes for underserved students and communities;
4. I am a yardstick for social justice, who promotes equity and does things for the right reason as a standard of measure;
5. I am culturally affirmed, and exemplify a strong work ethic, high integrity, and high expectations for myself and others;
6. I am a lifelong learner, and am a living example of why education is a process;
7. I acknowledge that my position gives me the power to change not only my individual situation, but the collective situations of my communities;
8. I am guided by the footsteps of those who have come before me and hold high the principles of Holmes Scholars;
9. I am a member of the collective, as such, am committed to the growing legacy of Holmes Scholars and alumni;
10. As a Holmes Scholar, I believe and affirm that:

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NAHSA Mentorship

Get involved in NAHSA mentorship. We are calling on alumni and friends of NAHSA to support the professional development of peers via high impact webinars. Designed according to the NAHSA's [mentorship spiral](#), the webinars will offer timely support for navigating the professorate, administration, and other career options. If you would like to host a one-hour professional development webinar for alumni or to suggest a topic of importance, please let us know at [NAHSA Webinars](#).



SAVE THE DATE

Please save the date for the fall 2017 Dissertation Retreat. This annual event is organized jointly by the University of Central Florida and Florida A & M University.

Dissertation Retreat October 27-28, 2017, University of Central Florida.

Host Future Dissertation Retreats

The NAHSA board invites other institutions to host the Dissertation Retreat. With the aim to expand access throughout the U.S., colleges and universities are encouraged to partner to host the retreat, though joint partnership is not required. We seek to offer the retreat in various regions of the country. Host institutions will be asked to coordinate the retreat for two consecutive years. To learn more on how to become a host institution, a series of information sessions will be held virtually in the coming months.

NAHSA Board Updates

The NAHSA Board elections are on the way. A slate of qualified and dedicated alumni has been compiled. An electronic ballot will be made available to all members in good standing.

We invite all Holmes Scholars Alumni to connect with us so that we may update our database. We know that alumni are in all parts of the world and would like to hear of your successes. We ask that all alumni complete the [survey](#) and share it with friends.

Remain current on [NAHSA events](#) via our interactive calendar. Events of interest to all Scholars are welcomed for posting as well.

Let us hear from you. We are now on Twitter @NAHSA2001. NAHSA welcomes your participation and feedback. Once a Scholar, Always a Scholar!

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