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OUTSTANDING !!!



The 51st NAPSA Conference, Making Connections, was met with rave reviews. Some random comments from the evaluation forms included: the following:

"I really enjoyed this conference and felt that I got a lot out of it. There were many wonderful presenters, and I look forward to coming back in the future. This was my first NAPSA Conference and it did not disappoint. Thank you!"

"Mary Margaret Kerr had so much information to share that I would look forward to hearing her again on any of the other topics on which she has expertise. Dr Ginsberg was also an excellent resource and I'd be interested in hearing more of his ideas and projects at a future conference."

"The presenters enthusiasm, willingness to be transparent with her own story and making the connection regarding the importance of relationships with students was phenomenal."

"I could have listened to him all day. Great information that can be applied to use in our schools. Would love for our principals and school counselors to hear him."

"Light and spirited. Led to a session of sharing and collegiality. Very unique exercise to get people up, moving and sharing their contact information -- networking."

Clockwise from top: Executive Director Wayne Fausnaught at registration, Dr. Brian Rabian presenting, Networking exercise, Pittsburgh waterfront at night.





Executive Director's Report — Wayne Fausnaught



Wayne Fausnaught
Executive Director

The 2016 NAPSA Conference was a "hit" providing cutting edge initiatives for all those who attended. Evaluations ranged from very good to excellent. On behalf of the executive board, I want to express appreciation to Dr. Frank M. Bruno, NAPSA's president, James Tatman,

NAPSA's president-elect, Jeanne Knouse, PAPSAs past-president, Dr. Robert Cormany, PAPSAs executive director and the NAPSA Executive Board for their assistance and support in making this year's conference a success. On January 1, 2017, the new executive board begins its tenure. Two trustees begin their term of office. It is a pleasure to welcome Jeffrey Carpenter (VA) to the executive board. Although not new to the executive board, Kim Stevens (PA) has been elected to serve as a trustee and Dr. V. Keith Wilks (SC) has been elected treasurer. James Tatman (OH)

moves from trustee to president-elect. Dr. Frank M. Bruno (PA) begins his tenure as president. With Frank's experience, vision and knowledge, our organization continues to move forward. In addition to serving as president, Dr. Bruno continues to provide our quarterly publication entitled "NAPSA NEWS". The organization is fortunate to have him volunteer to serve in this role. At NAPSA's winter executive board meeting, plans will begin for the 2017 Conference, to be held in Virginia Beach, VA. The conference site is the Hilton Garden Inn Oceanfront. It is a beautiful

location with panoramic ocean-front views. Presentation proposals should be sent to me by January 20th. I am looking forward to working with the conference planning committee in organizing another informative conference. The conference promises to be an outstanding event, so save the dates, October 15-18, 2017. The website will soon begin to post specific information about the conference. The National Association of Pupil Services Administrators is committed to assisting its membership meet the challenges of today and the future. I encourage you to get actively involved in NAPSA today! May you all have an outstanding 2017!

President's Message — Dr. Frank Bruno

When I entered the field of Education in 1971, it was a "kinder and gentler" day and age. School children laughed and played, traveled to school without concerns, respected their parents and teachers and followed directions unquestioningly. They were the squeaky-clean Leave It to Beaver, Wonder Bread generation. A loaf of bread cost \$0.25, Gasoline was \$0.36 per gallon, and the average price of a new U.S. built car was \$3,642. Were there bullies? Sure. There were always bullies, but kids learned how to deal with them. Columbine and mass shootings in K-12 schools were still 28 years away. One topic I never dreamed I would be discussing was Suicide. Now, my Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, has found it necessary to mandate by law, the formulation and adoption of school district policy which requires

Anti-Suicide education for all students and staff members. It requires the creation in each school of the position of Building Level Suicide Prevention Coordinator. It requires the appointment of a District Level Suicide Prevention Coordinator. It mandates 4 hours of Suicide Prevention training for all staff, every five years. It requires the collection of data on suicide threats, ideation and attempts. It requires protocols be put in place for assessing, responding, recording and reporting of such. In the first year of implementation, I was amazed at the number of incidents, especially in the elementary grade levels. This legislation was brought about by a demonstrated need. In 2013, 1,636 youth in the U.S. age 10-18 died by suicide. In PA, that number was 72. Across the U.S., suicide

is the 2nd leading cause of death in this age group! More than one in every 10 high school students reported having attempted suicide. Nearly 1 in 6 students between the ages of 12-17 have seriously considered it. More than 30% of LGBTQ youth report at least one suicide attempt within the last year. More than 50% of Transgender youth will have had at least one suicide attempt by their 20th birthday. Stop! Look at what has just been referenced, Bullying, Mass School Shootings, Suicide, LGBTQ and Transgender youth. The Pupil Services Administrator of today is faced with complex issues which were never even considered in educational programs of the past. It is no longer enough to offer Guidance Counseling, Nursing Services, Special Education instruction and Truancy intervention. The complications of

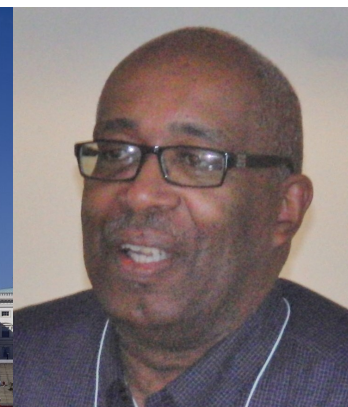


Dr. Frank M. Bruno, President

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What's Happening On The Hill—Richard Scott

Policy Updates: ☒ New Administration- Betsy DeVos , nominee for Secretary of Education, a vocal proponent of charter schools, voucher programs , and virtual education. ☒ ESSA Implementation - most recent information on assessments can be found at <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2016/11/29/2016-27985/elementary-and-secondary-education-act-of-1965-as-amended-by-student-succeeds> . ☒ SISIP and ESSA power point is still in draft form and will be available to the public in early 2017. The Coalition to Support Grieving



Richard Scott
Legislative Liaison

Students is sponsored by the National Center for School Crisis and Bereavement. The Coalition is a collaboration of the leading professional organizations representing classroom educators (including teachers, paraprofessionals, and other instructional staff), principals, assistant principals, superintendents, school board members, and central office staff, student support personnel (including school counselors, nurses, psychologists, social workers, and other student support personnel), who have come together with a common conviction: grieving students need the support and care of the school community. Research has shown that 45% of United States' students will experience the loss of a parent by the age 16. Statistics show more attention is needed to help students to through the grieving process. The Coalition's priority is to provide training to school staff and professionals via a variety of resources. Resources include interview clips, modules, power point, developmental and cul-

tural sections, and handouts. The primary resource, a practitioner-oriented website—www.grievingstudents.org—provides practical, accessible information for classroom educators, principals, administrators, and student support personnel.

President's Message—Continued

litigation have made even the standard disciplinary processes subject to question and review. It is imperative to keep current with the research and applications of knowledge which must be employed for our students today. That is the reason I joined NAPSA after becoming a Pupil Services Director. Without a well-developed network of resources for reference, this job could overwhelm any individual's capabilities. As the new NAPSA President, this is what I want to share with the membership. I am very fortunate to be following three extremely talented and capable people in this role. They each had unique talents to offer to the distilling of an effective Pupil Services Director. Anita O'Neal contributed a passion to help students reach

their full academic, emotional and human potential. Dr. Doug Arnold approached everything with a very analytical mind. Identify the problem, the supports and the desired outcome and then follow a sequential course of action to attain your outcome. Vernice Thomas wanted us never to forget that our students are more than just statistics to round out our practice. They are unique individuals who must be considered one by one as we attempt to assist them, providing character education mindful of their backgrounds and personal situations. It will be my attempt to share with you, both in this column and in the membership benefit offerings of NAPSA as an organization, the means and network to aid all of us in delivering



the promise found in NAPSA's Mission Statement. "The National Association of Pupil Services Administrators (NAPSA) will advocate for a superior system of education by influencing public policy, legislation and regulations through scholarly practice, exemplary professional development programs and support services promoting ethical standards of practice for the profession." I thank you for the trust and confidence you have shown by electing me president and look forward to working with everyone to ensure that superior system of education for our students.



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**Welcome
To
NAPSA**

The Conference Experience



NAPSA WELCOMES NEW OFFICERS



Mr. Jeffrey Carpenter, newly elected Trustee, is an experienced leader with 15 years in education. He serves as Executive Director of Student Services for the Alexandria City Public Schools in Alexandria, Va. Prior to relocating to the east coast, Jeff worked in Ohio for 10 years with the Winton Woods City School District as a school psychologist, and then Supervisor of Special Education. Jeff's vision is that offices of pupil/student services lead as partners with families, staff, and the community, in increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of current programs and services, creating new opportunities in support of the academic, career, and social emotional needs of the students so that every student succeeds, from childhood to adulthood.

Mr. James Tatman is our new President-elect. James became a Board Member January, 2015 and now has affirmed a 6-year commitment to NAPSA of 2 years President-elect, 2 years President and 2 years Past President. He has shown his leadership ability and progressiveness in his service to NAPSA and his home state Ohio affiliate, DAPSA. He currently serves as Director of Pupil Services for the Olmsted Falls City Schools. Mr. Tatman previously served as Director of Student Services for Wellington Schools. He has also served as an Intervention Specialist and Transition Coordinator for Avon High School, and has further experience as an Intervention Specialist at Huron and Avon Middle Schools, and North Ridgeville High School.



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