

Chapman University Recognized Nationally for TCamp Intercampus Retreat for Transgender & Gender Questioning College Students

In Spring of 2012, with support from the Department of Student Engagement and Division of Student Affairs, Chapman University was one of five schools to found [T*Camp, an Intercampus Retreat for Transgender and Gender Questioning College Students](#) along with representatives from UC Irvine, UC Riverside, UC San Diego and Pomona College. The first retreat included 51 students from 16 campuses, and it was the first of its kind in the nation. The program was a great success according to student feedback and it continued to grow in applications each year, and eventually inspired a [NorCal TCamp program](#).

T*Camp is an intercampus retreat held each year to explore gender identity and expression and to engage college students in dialogue with peers. The three day retreat is specifically for students who are transgender, genderqueer, or gender questioning (TGQQ). Retreat facilitators include transgender and genderqueer community members, as well as campus LGBT resource professionals.

In fall, 2017 – representatives from UC Riverside and a variety of student participants and staff from the founding and participating schools nominated T*Camp for a NASPA Excellence Award. [NA SPA](#) is a national professional association for Student Affairs administrators in higher education.

The nomination subsequently won the Gold Award in its program category, and went on to be recognized for the Grand Gold Award. The Grand Gold Award goes to the top Student Affairs program in the country that has been nominated that year across [eleven categories](#).

The following is the letter from NASPA recognizing Chapman University for this honor:



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Greetings!

Congratulations on being selected as the **NASPA Excellence Award Grand Gold Honoree** for your institution's program, *T*Camp – InterCampus Retreat for Transgender & Gender-Questioning College Students*, in the category for International, Multicultural, Cultural, Gender, LGBTQ, Spirituality, Disability, and related. Enclosed you will find an award certificate to honor this exciting achievement.

The NASPA Excellence Awards were created to recognize student affairs practitioners who develop transformative, innovative, and data-driven programs at the institutional level. As the leading association for the advancement, health, and sustainability of the student affairs profession, we are pleased to present this award, as sharing your successes contributes to our profession's commitment to engaging promising practices, expands the possibilities of institutional-level programs, and promotes the student affairs profession. Receiving a NASPA Excellence award is a testament to the dedication and commitment of your institution to providing high-quality student affairs programs on your campus.

Congratulations and best wishes for the continued success of your program.

Sincerely,

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