

# NACAS West Newsletter

*The Connections that Count!*

Spring 2015



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## Important Dates & Information

West Regional Conference  
May 31—June 2, 2015

CASP & Conference Scholarships are available—visit the [West](#) and look under Scholarships

Please e-mail Julie Crea at [jcrea@lcsc.edu](mailto:jcrea@lcsc.edu) if you have a suggestion for an article or would like to write one for the next issue. Thank you.

## Join us at the West Conference!



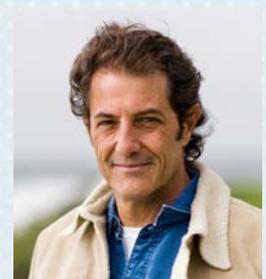
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### 2015 Conference Preview – Opening Keynote

This year's NACAS West Annual Conference is loaded with more educational and networking opportunities than ever before. The schedule includes 12 breakout flash sessions, 3 general sessions, 2 keynote addresses, campus tours, time with business partners, and numerous opportunities to connect with colleagues. The event kicks off with an engaging opening keynote

entitled *Ride the Waves of Change* presented by Shaun Tomson.

Shaun is an entrepreneur, author, actor, environmentalist, speaker, and former World Surfing Champion. His resume includes two \$50-\$100 million clothing brands, the recent #1 Amazon best seller *The Code - The Power of "I Will"*, the award winning documentary



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## Institution Spotlight—U of Colorado Colorado Springs

**Jeff Davis**  
**Executive Director for Auxiliary Operations**  
**University of Colorado Colorado Springs**

Over the last 10+ years the University of Colorado Colorado Springs has been growing at a pace between 3.5% and 6% per year. As we all know the three primary complaints on campuses across the country are the cost of books, food service (both residential and retail) and not enough or too costly parking.

As the campus has grown the demand for intramural and club sport field time has also grown. Three years ago the athletic department added

women's soccer and since then athletics, intramurals, club sports, and through an MUA with a local high school, demand for the one available field has reached near capacity even when operating from 6am – 11pm.

Adding to the challenges, the university is backed by a ridge on the north side and on the south by a 6 lane main city east west roadway. To the west the topography drops off quickly down to



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## Member Spotlight—Jill Wiegert

**Jill Wiegert**  
**Director of Student Union**  
**Fort Lewis College**

In the next chapter of a long career at Fort Lewis College, Jill Wiegert is taking over as Director of the Student Union for Brad Hitti. Brad is retiring and will conclude his career at FLC in May.

Like Brad, Jill is an alum of Fort Lewis College. Her career working at FLC began as a Residence Director. She then moved to Assistant Director of Student Housing & Residence Life followed by Assistant Director of Student Housing and Conference Services. In 2003, she took the job of Facilities Scheduling Coordinator, which led to her current position as Assistant Director of the Student Union and Facilities Scheduling.

"I have spent 2/3 of my life at Fort Lewis College and have always been a cheerleader for our institution," Jill says. "I have been fortunate to have many mentors on this campus that have coached me to be a better listener, team player, teacher, employee, supervisor and person. I enjoy working here in a role where I can give back and hopefully be a mentor for someone else."



Jill has done a great job for Fort Lewis College and was active in the planning and construction of the new Student Union. This past year, she was

honored with the Rising Star Award from the National Association of College Auxiliary Services.



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Conference attendees will learn about and experience many of the auxiliary programs that help make UCSD the 6<sup>th</sup> in the nation for "happiest" freshman (CBSnews.com). Don't miss the opening event at the campuses Birch Aquarium and closing event at their Scripps Seaside Forum.



Post-conference activities provide the opportunity to



learn and network even more. Consider joining the University of San Diego campus tour on Wednesday morning. USD offers a superior liberal arts

education to over 8,000 students of all faiths. Ranked our nation's 11<sup>th</sup> most beautiful campus by Princeton Review, USD welcomes you to enjoy the splendor while touring their top notch auxiliary operations.

If golfing is your preference, consider participating in the post-conference golf tournament at world-class Torrey Pines. This may be our most appealing setting ever for connecting with colleagues.



**Jared Ceja, MBA, CASP**  
**2015 West Conference Chair**  
**Director of Auxiliary Services, Chaffey College**



## West Regional Conference Continued

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film *Bustin' down the Door*, board positions with the Surfrider Foundation and the Santa Barbara Boys & Girls Club, and being named one of the most influential surfers of the century (Surfer Magazine 1999). Shaun has also been inducted into the US, Jewish and South African Sports Halls of Fame and inspired corporations such as General Motors, Cisco, Price Waterhouse and The Gap.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn, grow, and be better equipped to navigate our dynamic auxiliary environments! The 2015 NACAS West Annual Conference runs from 5/31/15 – 6/2/15 with some additional optional programming on 6/3/15. Registration, including most meals, is only \$325 (\$350 starting 5/1/15). We hope to see you in beautiful San Diego!

Register today at [www.nacaswest.org](http://www.nacaswest.org).

## Colorado Springs Continued

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interstate 25.

To meet the increasing parking demand the campus initiated a program plan to add a 4 level parking garage to accommodate 1200+ vehicles. As this plan progressed we looked at the opportunities to add another intramural/athletic field. These two ideas came together as we added an intramural field as level five of the garage and a 6<sup>th</sup> level for spectator seating/viewing. The garage is located where the topography starts to drop down to the west. Level 1 (top parking level) is at grade with the access road. The garage was built along an arroyo so it is open on all but the east side.

The intramural field is one level above parking and the spectator seating a level above the field. The garage/intramural field is located a five minute walk from our campus apartments (303 beds) and the same distance from our new (phase 1 opens fall 2015 – 292 beds) freshmen housing and new

dining hall.

The campus recreation center is also a 5 minute walk to the new field. As the campus has grown



the student body approved a fee increase to expand the recreation center (doubling the size) and to move the student health and student counseling center into the recreation center. Not only will these operations be co-located, but they are developing co-sponsored and co-branded programs ranging from nutrition and dietetics to physical therapy. This expanded operation will open late fall 2015.



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## West Regional Conference Scholarship

The NACAS West Board of Directors has developed a scholarship to help members attend the West Regional Conference. The scholarship is available to current NACAS West members who otherwise might not be able to attend. The purpose of the scholarship is to "make the connections that count" in the West.

Deadline: April 15, 2015

Awards are based on the financial need, membership status, contributions to the field, and potential to give back to the field. Scholarships are awarded to cover the full conference registration fee,

accommodations and transportation only.

If you are selected to receive a scholarship, please know that you will be responsible for any meals not part of the general conference and other expenses for the conference. Please note that accommodations and transportation must be arranged with a NACAS West representative. Two Scholarships will be given for the West Regional Conference. For those interested, please fill out the [application form](#).

View more details about the [NACAS West 2015 Regional Conference](#).

## Apply for a West Scholarship

- Two "full-ride" [scholarships](#) to our 2015 Annual [Conference](#) in May in San Diego
- CASP [fee reimbursement](#) for all eligible West members that successfully complete the certification process



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