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GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES ON STUDENT AFFAIRS AND SERVICES - VOICES FROM THE USA, CANADA AND ASIA PACIFIC

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SPEAKER 1: DR. BRETT PEROZZI

Dr. Brett Perozzi is Vice President for Student Affairs at Salt Lake Community College in Utah, USA. He previously served as Vice President for Student Affairs at Weber State University (WSU), Executive Director of Student Engagement at Arizona State University and has worked at Colorado State, Indiana and Texas Tech Universities. Dr. Perozzi holds a Ph.D. from Indiana University and a Master's degree from the University of Arizona, both in Higher Education Administration; with a bachelor's degree in Education from the State University of New York. He served as a faculty member in the higher education graduate programs at five universities and is the cofounder of the Higher Education Leadership program at WSU. Brett has authored dozens of publications in journals, textbooks, monographs and book chapters. He has published three books, two on the topic of International Student Affairs and Services and one on student employment during college. Dr. Perozzi is an active leader with NASPA - Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education, helping coordinate and shape their global agenda, by establishing a Global Advisory Board, culturally relevant educational programming abroad and advancing intercultural understanding among those doing student affairs work globally. He has been invited to speak and present on higher education topics worldwide and seeks to give back to the field through his speaking, writing and research. Brett is a founding member of the International Association of Student Affairs and Services.



SPEAKER 2: DR. CECILIA M. RESURRECCION

Cecilia "Ces" M. Resurreccion, Phd, RGC, RPsy, is the Center for Student Affairs Executive Director, University of Asia and the Pacific (UA&P). She is a registered Guidance Counselor and a licensed Psychologist. She was the former Vice Dean of the School of Education at UA&P. She has been a mentor, guidance counselor and psychologist for many years. She has conducted numerous seminars, training and academic lectures on resilience, mentoring, mental health, youth development, student well-being and values development. She has finished her PhD in Guidance Education at the University of the Philippines and her MA in Counseling Psychology at the Ateneo de Manila University, Loyola Quezon City. She took another MA in Values Education at the University of Asia and the Pacific. She is a member of the American Psychological Association, the American Counseling Association, the Psychological Association of the Philippines and the Philippine Guidance and Counseling Association. She served as the local chapter president of Alpha Sigma Omega of Chi Sigma lota Counseling Academic and Professional Honor Society International. She has made significant contributions to the field of Youth Resilience, presenting her research at academic conferences in prestigious institutions such as Harvard (USA), Canada, Singapore, Indonesia and the Philippines. Her work has had a global impact, influencing the understanding and practice of resilience in diverse educational settings.



SPEAKER 3: DAVID NEWMAN

David Newman is the Executive Director, Student Experience at the University of Toronto in Toronto, Canada. Previously he has held other roles at U of T, including as Director, Student Life; Director, Centre for Community Partnerships; Director, Office of the Vice-Provost, Students; and as Assistant Director, Student Life. Prior to his time at U of T, David worked for several years at the University of Alberta in various capacities. David hold both a Bachelor of Arts (Anthropology/French) and Master of Education (Adult Education). In addition to his current role at U of T, David is currently serving as the Vice-President for the International Association for Student Affairs and Services (IASAS) and was previously Regional Director for North America, Central America and the Caribbean. David has also held several leadership roles nationally in Canada, including previously serving as the President for the Canadian Association of College and University Student Services (CACUSS).



FACILITATOR - DR. SALOSCHINI PILLAY

Dr. Saloschini Pillay is currently the Manager: Student Support Services in the College of Health Sciences. She holds an Honours degree in Social Work, Masters in Medical Science (Social Work), Doctorate in Public Administration and Development Management, Certificates in the Senior Leadership Development programme [Stellenbosch University] where she was also awarded a bursary to pursue a postgraduate qualification at the Lincoln University International Business School (UK). Dr. Pillay serves on various national and international platforms, serving as the President of the Southern African Association for Counselling and Development in Higher Education and the inaugural President of the Southern African Federation for Student Affairs and Services (SAFSAS). Furthermore, she has contributed to several global initiatives, including the 'Handbook on Student Affairs and Services in Higher Education' and represents Student Affairs South Africa at the International Association of Student Affairs and Services. In 2019, she was nominated to the NASPA Global Divisional Board and in 2025, she was appointed by the South African Council on Higher Education (CHE) to a reference group for monitoring higher education transformation. Dr. Pillay has also received numerous awards, including the Provincial award for HCT services uptake and the Vice-Chancellor's award for Student Support excellence. She also received a global award from Hyland UK for implementing a digital Student Wellness and Academic Transformation (SWAT) system at UKZN. Her work has been extensively recognised for promoting

a holistic approach to student wellness.