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The National Association of Presidential Assistants in Higher Education (NAPAHE) has been an essential network for presidential assistants, chiefs of staff, and board liaisons for over 35 years. NAPAHE both supports the professionals who serve leaders across higher education, and strengthens them as leaders in their own right, to advance the strategic visions of the diverse colleges and universities at which they work.

I'm a long-time member of NAPAHE, and I've found the NAPAHE network and resources invaluable through several professional transitions. This year, I'm excited to engage with NAPAHE in a new way, as NAPAHE and the American Association of Colleges and Universities (AAC&U) collaborate in hosting their annual convenings. The NAPAHE Conference will take place January 18-20, 2023, at the Marriott Marquis Washington, DC. I hope NAPAHE members will also plan to attend the AAC&U Annual Meeting, held January 17-19, 2023, in the same venue.

AAC&U is a global membership organization dedicated to advancing the democratic purposes of higher education by promoting equity, innovation, and excellence in liberal education. AAC&U's Annual Meeting attracts participants with a variety of roles: students, faculty, deans, provosts, presidents, and other staff and administrators from colleges and universities, as well as higher education thought leaders from educational associations and foundations. Like NAPAHE, AAC&U's Annual Meeting engages topics that are timely to all institutions, across geography and institutional type. This year, we invite proposals for sessions related to

- curricular, pedagogical, and digital innovation;
- diversity, equity, and inclusion;
- engaged learning;
- liberal education, workforce preparation, and scientific vitality; and
- mental health and well-being.

We seek to improve teaching and learning for all students in higher education by sharing best practices that work across colleges and universities. The AAC&U Annual Meeting engages the top issues facing higher education as a sector, encourages conversations about what it means to support the success of all students, and shares innovative practices that attendees can take back to their campus contexts.

The NAPAHE Conference provides meaningful content related directly to the roles of those supporting higher education's leaders. Pairing it with the AAC&U Annual Meeting encourages attendees to think about those roles as collaborative members of a leadership team, within a larger higher education ecosystem.

I hope to see you at the 2024 NAPAHE Conference and the AAC&U Annual Meeting. Higher education needs your leadership!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kathryn Enke'.

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