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## 2019 Winner: Tina Fuchs

### Kay Rich Lifetime Achievement Award:

NWACUHO Awards Committee & Board of Directors:

It is a great honor and privilege to nominate Tina Fuchs for the NWACUHO Kay Rich Lifetime Achievement Award. The Kay Rich Lifetime Achievement Award was created by the Association in 2003 and named after Kay Rich, its first recipient in 2010 and expanded to provide lifetime membership to its recipients in 2017. It is meant to recognize a professional for their body of work in student housing, student affairs, and higher education. Tina's impact on countless professionals and her service to the profession are more than deserving of this recognition.

Tina's career in housing and student affairs stretches over 30 years. She started her career in housing as a resident assistant at Pacific University in Forest Grove, OR. After graduating from Pacific, she started her professional career as a resident director at Western Washington University, where she also attended graduate school. The majority of her career has been spent at Western Oregon University where she started as the Assistant Director of Housing & Residence Life in 1989. Over the years, she has served in a number of positions including Director of Residence Life, Director of University Housing, Dean of Students, and finally as the Associate Vice President for Student Affairs & Dean of Students. In her role as the AVP for Student Affairs & Dean of Student, Tina still oversees the day to day operations of University Housing. During her tenure at Western Oregon, she has also served as the acting Vice President for Student Affairs. Her work at Western Oregon has been recognized with being the creation of the Tina Fuchs Legacy Award, which she was the inaugural recipient.

Through the course of her career and with a work portfolio that encompasses a large swath of Student Affairs, Tina has still found many ways to be involved and give back to the profession.

Tina has given an exceptional amount of time and energy to NWACUHO over the years. She attended her first conference in 1987 and jumped right in with her involvement from there. She served on the host committee for the 1990 conference in Portland, OR. It was during this time Tina served her first term on the board, where she was the Newsletter Editor from 1991-1993. Following that service, Tina went on to serve in the presidential cycle from 1993-1996, serving as president for the 1995 annual conference in Newport, OR.

Even after leaving the board, Tina has continued to serve and support our region. Starting in 2015, Tina has served two terms as the NWACUHO regional cabinet member for the ACUHO-I Foundation. In this role, she has helped support fundraising for the ACUHO-I Foundation at NWACUHO events and the ACUHO-I Annual Conference & Exhibition. Over the course of her term, Tina has helped raise thousands

of dollars for the ACUHO-I Foundation. This money has gone to supporting scholarships, research, and presentations for ACUHO-I. She also served as a liaison between the ACUHO-I Foundation and NWACUHO in establishing the NWACUHO Endowment.

In 2016, Tina was recommended for, and volunteered to be part of, the NWACUHO 2017-2021 Master Plan taskforce. As part of this small group of current and past board member, Tina was instrumental in helping create the six focus areas of the Association's master plan. These focus areas will guide the work the Association does over the next five years to move forward and continue to provide the best service to the NWACUHO membership.

Tina continues to attend NWACUHO conferences where she is often called on to assist the association. She has served as a case study judge many times. During the annual conference in Victoria in 2018, she gave one of the inaugural Sprint Sessions.

While the ways she has impacted her intuition, colleagues, and the student affairs field are too numerous to list in one place, many of her colleagues had thoughts they wanted to share which illustrate those contributions and further show why Tina is deserving of this recognition:

*Tina was an advocate for NWACUHO during her time as the ACUHO-I Foundation Representative, and played a helpful role in establishing the Endowment in 2017. Since then, she has tirelessly managed the priorities between NWACUHO members and the ACUHO-I Foundation to ensure both causes are fairly and equitably represented. In addition, her expertise and experience made a significant impact on the 2017-21 Association Master Planning work completed back in 2016. As a Past-President, and senior housing officer in this field, Tina's perspective continues to make an impact in sound decision making and appropriate planning for the Association.* – **Brian Kerrick, Facilities Manager for Maintenance & Operations, University of Washington & NWACUHO Past-President**

*I've worked with Tina for several years during my time with NWACUHO. She has been a tireless champion for our association donating her time, energy, and so many other resources throughout her career, including supporting the involvement of others. But the best thing about Tina is how she can make you feel. I've never left an interaction with Tina where I didn't feel valued as a human being with a smile on my face, and the world needs more people like her in it.* – **Craig Whitton, Student Resolution Officer, Northern Alberta Institute of Technology & NWACUHO Past-President**

*I had the pleasure of working with Tina on the NWACUHO Master Plan updates in 2016. I had known Tina for years, but this was the first time I had spent a significant amount of time working with her on a project. Tina brought a depth of knowledge to our Master Planning conversations that was rich with experience in both the region and profession. Through Tina's guidance and wisdom, we were able to shape the vision of our Master Plan revisions to better serve the region for the next five years.* – **Kathryn Magura, Assistant Director of Operations, Oregon State University & NWACUHO Past-President**

*Tina has been a pillar in the NWACUHO region since I became involved in 2005. During my time as President, she was always available for guidance and advice with a kind word and a smile that is inspiring. Her work on the most recent NWACUHO master plan was thoughtful and demonstrated her ongoing commitment to the region and the experience of professionals in the northwest.* – **Josh Gana, Associate Director for Facilities, University of Washington & NWACUHO Past-President**

The accolades from professionals in our field about Tina could go on for many more pages. As you read these kind words, it becomes clear Tina has a deep love for the people and work we do.

Through her years of service to students, professional colleagues, her institution and NWACUHO, Tina is a deserving nominee for the NWACUHO Kay Rich Lifetime Achievement Award.

Sincerely,  
Erik Elordi  
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Cornish College of the Arts  
NWACUHO Past-President