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## PSC Staff News: Sandy Hicks Receives NAEP Mentor Award

Associate Vice President & Chief Procurement Officer Sandy Hicks was recently honored as Bob Ashby Mentor of the Year by the [National Association of Educational Procurement](http://www.naep.org) (NAEP).

The award recognizes an NAEP member who has been a mentor to another member. This individual has demonstrated both the science and the art of purchasing within the higher education environment. Furthermore, this individual has inspired the member to achieve professional goals and provided assistance in achieving those goals.



In his nomination packet, PSC Director of Strategic Procurement Duane Tucker noted that during his first week on the job, he was seated next to Sandy at a campus outreach event.

“Sandy took the time to give me a full overview of the event, our department, and share her experiences in procurement with me,” he notes. “In the past 7+ years, I have worked with many talented higher education procurement professionals ... but Sandy will always stand out as the person who guided and fostered my career in higher education procurement.” Congratulations, Sandy!

## Commodity Shift

Looking to buy chemicals ... electronic equipment ... laboratory equipment? Purchasing agent Megan deGrood has taken over responsibility for these commodities with the retirement of Stuart Littlefield this month. You can reach Megan at [Megan.deGrood@cu.edu](mailto:Megan.deGrood@cu.edu) or 303.764.3437.

## New Video: Looking up Study Subject Payments

Last week, we told you about the [video on Looking up Payments in the Finance System](#). It shows you how to find out if Non-Employee Reimbursement (NR) and Payment Authorization (PA) forms have been processed and paid. We've had a great response to that how-to video ... so now here's another one:

[Looking up Study Subject Payments](#). This video shows you how to look up SSPs in the Cognos Reporting System.

We get a lot of questions about how to find out the status of payments. Send a note to [FinProHelp@cu.edu](mailto:FinProHelp@cu.edu) and let us know what you think of our video help!

## PSC Presentations at NAEP Annual Meeting

The University of Colorado was well represented at the [NAEP \(National Association of Educational Procurement\)](http://www.naep.org) Annual Meeting in May.

PSC presenters included Sandy Hicks, Charlene Lydick, Kara Finch, and Duane Tucker. Congrats also to PSC first-time presenters Kelly Richter, Kathy Chang, and Kelsey Garvella!

The staff delivered a number of sessions, in many cases collaborating with colleagues from peer institutions and industry. Among the topics they facilitated:

- Adventures with Technology – using technology to drive process improvements, customer satisfaction, and access to better data
- Where Has All the Money Gone? – data and spend analytics
- From Tactical Function to Competitive Advantage – procurement transition at two major institutions
- All Data Big and Small – data impact on procurement departments
- Students Gain Experience; Universities Gain Solutions - extracting value from students
- #HELP – IT is Calling Again – establishing good working relationships with IT
- Supplier Relationship Management Resources – tips for success
- Promoting Procurement – demonstrating the value of professional purchasing
- Best Practices in Supplier Relationship Management - driving better strategic partnerships
- What Does it Take to Be a Chief Procurement Officer? - successful procurement leaders

NAEP's mission is to facilitate the development, exchange and practice of effective and ethical procurement principles and techniques within higher education and associated communities, through continuing education, networking, public information and advocacy.

## Upcoming PSC Events

We'll be on your campus soon with these events:

### No Agenda Forums

- Boulder Campus (UMC room 235) - Thursday, August 4
- UCCS (University Center room 116) - Wednesday, August 10
- Anschutz Medical Campus (RC2 Krugman Conference Hall) - Thursday, August 11
- Denver Campus (Lawrence St Center Terrace Room) - Tuesday, August 16

### Supplier Showcases

- Boulder Campus - Thursday, September 8
- Anschutz Medical Campus - Thursday, September 15
- UCCS - Thursday, September 22

