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[Governors State University](#) Professor Mary D. Bruce was recently named new Steering Committee Chair of Pi Alpha Alpha (PAA), the global honor society for public affairs & administration during the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA) Conference. In her new role, Dr. Bruce will work with over 188 advisors and certify new PAA chapters throughout the country, as well as in Guam and Cairo.

A full professor, Bruce demonstrates an exemplary commitment to developing students through Pi Alpha Alpha. As a founder of the Governors State chapter in 2014, Bruce has shared innovative methods for integrating multi-generational programming, community engagement and critical thinking with other PAA chapters to build successful chapters globally. Bruce has been awarded NASPAA's Chapter Advisor Award of

Excellence in 2016 and GSU's chapter has won the Chapter Award of Excellence in 2016 and 2019.

As committee chair, Bruce is responsible for facilitating committee meetings of the member chapters, reviewing applications for new chapters, providing guidance to chapter advisors, and serving as the spokesperson for the honor society.

Bruce said she is humbled by the opportunity to continue the work done by previous chair West Chester University Professor Amanda Olejarski.

"To lead the committee into the future after Amanda has done such a superior job with guiding PAA advisors around the world is such an honor. I am ready to work together to sustain PAA's growth and development within NASPAA."

NASPAA is the global standard in public service education and the global accreditor of master's degree programs in these fields.