



A note on Dr. Adam Peck

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This past Fall semester, the Journal of Campus Activities Practice and Scholarship, Illinois State University, and the field of higher education lost Dr. Adam Peck in a tragic accident. Dr. Peck served as an Associate Editor at JCAPS since its inception and was instrumental to its birth and success.

While serving for decades as an administrator in student affairs, most recently as Assistant Vice President at Illinois State University, Adam consistently found time over the course of his career to balance his practitioner roles with scholarship-building writing projects. He served as an editor, an author, a reviewer, and a mentor to dozens of aspiring scholar-practitioners in higher education.

To help honor his work and contributions, the first article in this Issue focuses on his scholarship over the course of his career, examining his many contributions to our understanding of student affairs, while analyzing his impact as a writer and mentor. This article, authored by Jan Arminio and Michael Preston, was designed not only as a rigorous phenomenological study of the set of Adam's writings, but as sort of a "last lecture" and goodbye to our colleague, collaborator, and good friend.

And while such tragedies as Dr. Peck's passing are thankfully not common on our campuses, they do occur. Therefore, our second article, from past and current members of the JCAPS Editorial Board and a small team of collaborators led by Dr. Stephanie Russell Krebs, examines the impact of losing team members and colleagues to tragedy, and how divisions of student affairs can respond in effective and caring ways.

The accident that occurred on Monday, September 26, 2022, was heartbreaking, and the impact of Dr. Peck's passing will be felt for years. JCAPS would not be the same journal without Adam's countless contributions and passion for integrating the work and scholarship of higher education. He will be missed.