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Collaboration is a term often identified as essential, but far less frequently practiced. As leadership practitioners and scholars, the act of collaborating with colleagues by way of sharing best practices, resources, and knowledge is a must.

As a knowledge community one of our main reasons for existence is to disseminate knowledge related to student leadership. In order to best serve our constituency, we are participating in a leadership Inter-Association Collaboration initiative.

This initiative began with the purpose to find leadership-related associations and encourage dialogue, information sharing, and collaboration among leaders as opposed to competing to benefit our members. Joshua Hiscock, Coordinator for the National Clearinghouse for Leadership Programs has launched this collaborative initiative.

The members of this Inter-Association Collaborative initiative include:

- Association for Leadership Educators (ALE)
- ACPA's Commission for Student Involvement (CSI)
- International Leadership Association (ILA)
- National Clearinghouse for Leadership Programs (NCLP)
- NASPA's Knowledge Community for Student Leadership Programs (SLP KC)

As we participate in these conversations, we plan to support one another's programs/services, share resources more broadly (internally and externally), engage during conferences, and bring the spirit of collaboration to life!

For the leaders of these associations and for the members we serve, the outcome is sure to be a win-win.

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