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John Younk from the University of Alberta Presented with NACCU's Distinguished Service Award

Phoenix, AZ – April 30, 2014 – John Younk, Associate Director of Operations, Ancillary Services, received the 2014 NACCU Distinguished Service Award during the 21st Annual NACCU Conference in Chicago on April 16, 2014 from award sponsor PERSONA. Angelo Faenza presented the award.

John joined the University of Alberta in 1998 as the Manager of the University's ONEcard Program. During the ten years that followed, John and his team participated in the creation of a program that grew to be the largest of its type in Canada. In 2008, John was assigned the new role of Associate Director, Operations, where he continues to oversee the ONEcard program as well as all Information Services and Systems for Ancillary Services including Residence Services, Parking Services, and Hospitality Services.

John has been an active professional member of the University community, serving as an advisor on the University's Administrative Efficiencies Committee and participating as a member of the University's IT Security Committee, IT Leaders Committee and the IT Advisory Committee. He was awarded the University's Management Course Award in 2013.

John has served NACCU as the Chair of the Membership Committee and Chair of the Awards Committee. He completed two full terms on the NACCU Board of Directors, serving as President during his second term. He presented at the first Canadian NACCU Workshop in Ottawa in 2006 and hosted the second Canadian NACCU workshop in Edmonton in 2007. He has attended almost every NACCU Canadian workshop since, and is serving on the host committee for the 2014 NACCU Canadian Conference, which will be held at the beautiful Banff Springs Hotel in September 2014.

John has been an advocate for building campus-wide enterprise systems and systems integration as a means for effectively delivering service. Those who have worked with John will know that he is passionate about



efficiency, and he will celebrate any initiative that can enhance the teaching and learning experience. In August, 2013, the new InfoLink and ONEcard Service Centre, a one-stop shop, opened to the public providing a unique partnership between the University and the University's Students' Union.

In his spare time John serves on the University's Corporate Challenge Team as a committee member and captain of the University's Mountain Bike Team. For years he has also served his community as both the "ice whisperer" for the local outdoor hockey rink and as coach and orange slicer for the community's U12 soccer team.



Robin Coleman from the Awards Committee and PERSONA's Angelo Faenza listen as John Younk accepts the award by video.

John has a diploma in engineering, a diploma in business, and a Bachelor's degree in Management.

John's family, his wife Pam, son Erik, and dog Barney, have been patient supporters of his tendency to volunteer for everything, and they look forward to seeing a little more of him over the next year!

NACCU congratulates John Younk for being the recipient of the 2014 NACCU Distinguished Service Award.

ABOUT THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

The NACCU Distinguished Service Award, sponsored by PERSONA, is presented to recognize an individual who has made contributions not only to a particular campus, but to the card services industry as a whole — raising the stature of the profession.

The recipient must demonstrate contributions to the industry through a combination of any or all of the following: Participation in the research and development of card-related technologies; development of solutions that have been shared with the industry; membership on advisory boards; NACCU volunteer; other professional association volunteer; product testing; involvement in industry activity that is above and beyond an individual's job description; demonstrated courage of convictions to take a risk — a pioneering spirit; published material; presentations.

About NACCU

As the only association serving the national and international campus card transaction industry, the National Association of Campus Card Users (NACCU) is the one source dedicated to high-quality educational programs, resources, services and tools. NACCU offers members infinite advantages in networking, developing partnerships, leveraging technology, problem solving, insight sharing and professional development.

NACCU membership is open to all colleges, universities, secondary institutions and companies that are involved with the campus card market. The association offers a newsletter (CARDtalk), listserv, website, an annual conference and regional workshops on topics related to campus cards. Learn more at www.naccu.org.

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