

About Roger Ludeman

Throughout his distinguished career, Ludeman was a tireless advocate for student development, professional education, and international collaboration. He was the founding leader of the NASPA International Symposium, one of the earliest and most influential global forums in the field, which brought together student affairs educators from around the world to exchange ideas, best practices, and research that shaped the profession's international dimensions.

After retirement, Ludeman continued to serve and shape the profession. He spent several years in South Africa including two years as a Fulbright Visiting Lecturer and three working on a grant project with the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and traveled to more than 60 countries engaging with students, educators, and institutions across cultural and geographic boundaries.

Perhaps most notably, Ludeman served for 11 years as president and executive director of the International Association of Student Affairs and Services (IASAS), a global professional association dedicated to advancing student affairs and services worldwide. Under his leadership, IASAS grew into an important international network and voice for student affairs theory, practice, and collaboration. In recognition of his extraordinary contributions, IASAS named him president emeritus in 2012.

Ludeman's scholarly contributions included editing major international works on student affairs and services and serving as a consultant and speaker at universities and professional conferences around the world, including in Turkey, the Philippines, and South Africa. He also engaged in community service, supporting causes such as LGBTQIA+ rights and volunteering with local organizations.

Dr. Ludeman held a bachelor's degree in education from the University of South Dakota—Springfield, master's degrees in secondary education and psychology from the University of South Dakota, Vermillion, and both a master's and a doctorate in counselor education and educational psychology from the University of Pittsburgh.

On the personal side, he was married to his wife, Sandy Ludeman, with whom he shared a full family life that included five children and four grandchildren. He and Sandy later made their home in Eugene, Oregon. An avid musician, Roger participated actively in choral music and sang in both the Eugene Concert Choir and the Eugene Symphony Chorus, reflecting his lifelong love of music and community engagement.

In 2025, Ludeman was honored as one of the NASPA Foundation's Pillars of the Profession, the field's hall of fame recognition for sustained and transformative leadership in student affairs. IASAS also announced in 2025 an award in Roger's name for Service to the Association.