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Jenna Hyatt received her B.S. in University Residence Administration at Central Washington University (CWU), her Master's degree in Higher Education from Ball State University and currently is completing her doctorate in Higher Education at the University of North Texas with ABD status. In addition, Jenna completed the Management Development Program at Harvard University.

Jenna spent three years at the University of Arizona within Student Affairs, ten years at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX. within Student Affairs and currently finishing her eighth year at Central Washington University as the Director of Residence Life & New Student Programs. As an undergraduate student, Jenna served as an ACUHO-I Intern at Cornell University.

Jenna teaches at CWU within the graduate master's program for Higher Education. She has recently co-authored a chapter within a six book series for the Association of College and University Housing Officers-International. Most of her work at CWU is focused on the First Year Experience (FYE) and transition of students coupled with retention strategies and university strategic priorities related to student trends.

Jenna Hyatt has served her profession for many years with prominent positions which includes; past chair of the NASPA and ACUHO-I: The Placement Exchange (TPE) chair for Chicago, IL 2010, serving on TPE for over three years. Jenna also served as the ACUHO-I Housing Internship chair for four years and the Southern Placement Exchange and SWACUHO Placement for over four years. Jenna also served as faculty for the National Training Institute at the University of Maryland, College-Park, Chief Housing Officers Institute and as the Women's Issues chair for ACUHO-I.

Jenna Hyatt is married to Gary Hyatt (CWU Alumni) and they have three boys, Tommy (15) William (4 months) and Henry (2003-2008).