



Division of Student Affairs

April 2014

Dear colleagues,

Commencement is quickly approaching and we will bid farewell to another class of successful students. As summer soon follows, I hope you'll find some time to relax and refresh. Fall 2014 is not far off! Here is some news and information that might be of interest to you:

Committee announces Professional Development Conference

The Student Affairs Professional Development Committee is presenting a half-day conference on Wednesday, May 21 from 8:00 AM -12:00 PM. President Ruud will be the keynote speaker and will address the importance of professional development. The conference will offer a total of nine sessions with three, one-hour sessions running concurrently. Registration is now available [here](#)

Update: "Rising to the Next TIER"

Thank you to everyone who came to the Open Forum on April 7 and to all of those who worked so quickly to respond to the Deloitte consultants' request for information. Several meetings and discussions with the consultants have taken place and went well. To see further updates on the "Rising to the Next TIER" process, please visit the Efficiency and Transformation Study [webpage](#).

Retirement reception set for Kathy Green and Christie Kangas

On May 15 from 3 to 4:30 PM, a reception will be held in the Commons Georgian Lounge honoring the retirements of Kathy Green and Christie Kangas. There will be a brief program at 3:30 PM. The reception will provide an opportunity to thank them both for their many years of dedicated service to the UNI community. Please attend if you are able.

Orientation begins May 2

New students are signing up now for orientations on campus this summer. Students new from high school will attend one of these two day sessions: June 9-10, 12-13, 16-17, 19-20, 23-24, 26-27, June 30-July 1, July 7-8, 10-11. New transfer students will attend one of these one day sessions: May 2, June 6, 11, 25. In addition, a final session for both categories of students will be held Friday, August 22. Classes begin Monday, August 25. If you have questions about orientation, contact Ashley Stewart, 273-2467, ashley.stewart@uni.edu.

Student leaders recognized at annual ceremony

The 2014 Student Leadership Awards Ceremony was held on April 15 in the Maucker Union Ballroom. The reception recognized student leaders from across campus

through the Drake Martin Gold Star Awards, the Emerging Leader of the Year Awards, Student Organization of the Year Award, Student Organization Program of Distinction Awards, Outstanding Student Leader of the Year Awards and the Lux Service Awards. Please take a moment to congratulate the students who were recognized and thank the Student Involvement Center staff for their work in organizing a successful program.

Panther Open Houses finish strong

Thanks to all for their support of Panther Open Houses this year. With leadership provided by the Office of Admissions, many departments contributed to the successful expansion to Saturday programs. The net result was an increase in open house participants of almost 8,000, an increase of about 20% over last year. And, the quality of the experience for prospective students and their families was excellent. Thanks to all for their contributions to the cause.

NISG produces first-ever Above and Beyond Awards On Wednesday, April 16 the Northern Iowa Student Government (NISG) and the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning came together to host the first-ever Above and Beyond Awards Reception. The following Student Affairs Division staff were nominated for the Excellence in Advising/Service to Students Award:

- Pam Creger, Student Involvement Center Secretary
- Kristin Woods, Assistant Dean of Students
- Bryant Dowd, Admissions Record Analyst
- Kristin Marchesani, Assistant Director of Admissions/International
- Leslie Williams, Dean of Students

Congratulations to these deserving nominees who represent our division so well.

The winners of the Excellence in Advising/Service to Students Award were Jessica Moon, Director of the University Honors Program; Kim MacLin, Professor of Psychology; and April Chatham-Carpenter, Professor of Communication Studies. The Excellence in Teaching Award was granted to Scott Peters, Associate Professor of Political Science; Jay Lees, Professor of History; and Chris Larimer, Associate Professor of Political Science. Congratulations to NISG and all of the award recipients.

Student employee of the year recognized

On Thursday, April 17, the Office of Career Services Hosted the Student Employee of the Year Luncheon. Over 30 outstanding students were nominated for the Student Employee of the Year Award and they represented a broad range of departments and duties. The following students were selected as finalist:

- Austin Hansen - Athletics
- Sara Rockow - Admissions and Dean of Students Office
- Edward Broderick - CIO's Office and Institutional Research
- Brooke Argotsinger - Center for Teaching and Learning Math

Meghan Opolka with the College of Humanities, Arts, and Sciences was selected as the Student Employee of the Year. She was nominated by Dean Joel Haack for her reliability, quality of work, initiative, professionalism, and the uniqueness of her contributions. Thank you to Career Services for organizing this reception and recognizing our student employees.

Thanks for all you do to help students succeed!

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