



December 2012

Dear colleagues,

As fall Commencement is upon us and the holiday break approaches, I want to thank you for your continued service to the University of Northern Iowa. Our students (and many others) benefit from your skill, knowledge, commitment and hard work. Here are some news updates that might interest you:

#### **Woods promoted to assistant dean of students**

Dean of Students Leslie Williams has announced that Kristin Woods has been promoted to Assistant Dean of Students for New Student Programs. Kristin's work at the university in the areas of first year experience and retention has been unquestionably significant. She has partnered with Academic Affairs to create new retention efforts, support the development of the Cornerstone program, and improve orientation for new students. Congratulations, Kristin.

#### **Three staff members receive Regents Staff Excellence Awards**

Three of the four recipients of this year's UNI Regents Staff Excellence Awards are from the Student Affairs Division: Tim Bakula, associate director of the Office of Student Financial Aid; Rosie Lang, dining unit manager, Rialto dining; and Lyn Redington, director of residence life. These honorees were recognized by President Allen at the P&S Council event earlier this term and will be further recognized by the division at its annual awards program in January. More details on the awards are [here](#). Congratulations to our three colleagues and thanks to them for their very positive representation of our division.

#### **Division luncheon set for January 10, 2013**

Our division has a celebratory tradition of expressing appreciation to staff for their service and accomplishments at an annual recognition luncheon. The next luncheon will be held on January 10, 2013, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Old Central Ballroom of Maucker Union. Dr. Debra Derr, President of North Iowa Area Community College, will speak to staff about the importance of their roles in helping students succeed. Staff will be recognized for their milestone years of service, and recipients of the Sue Follon Exemplary Service Award will be announced at this time. Please mark your calendars for this event.

#### **New admissions systems coordinator selected**

Thomas Reburn will join the Office of Admissions staff on January 3, 2013 as the new Admissions Systems Coordinator. Tom has most recently worked in transfer admissions at Upper Iowa University on their Fayette campus and brings a wealth of admission experience to his new role. Tom will work closely with the admissions and transfer credit areas of the Student Information System and will supervise the undergraduate and graduate admission processing staff. He replaces Joy Thorson who took a new position at the Registrar's Office. Please join me in welcoming Tom.

#### **Commencement welcomes parents, students, and guests.**

Commencement will be held Saturday, December 15, in the McLeod Center. The ceremony will be held at 11:00 a.m. A reception for the new graduates, their parents and guests, and University faculty, staff, and administration will immediately follow in the McLeod Center. Light refreshments will be served and there will be several venues set up for picture taking. For more information regarding commencement click [here](#). Congratulations to all of our graduates and, in particular, those who have worked in or around the Division of Students Affairs!

Thanks for all you do to help students succeed.

Terry Hogan  
Vice President for Student Affairs