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Dear colleagues,

I hope your summer is off to a good start. Here's the latest news about our division:

ISPA & NASPA IV-E host joint Drive-In Conference on “Building a Collaborative”

This joint conference will be held at Drake University on Wednesday, June 13th at 10 am to 3 pm. This is a great networking opportunity, as well as a chance to see how other campuses are building collaborative relationships across campus, with other schools, and in their communities. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

Welcome new Disability Specialist

I want to take a moment to welcome Brittany Warren back to UNI as the new Disability Specialist in Disability Services. Brittany worked in DOR a few years ago, left us, and is now back in a new role. Join me in welcoming Brittany.

New chair for Student Affairs Diversity Team appointed

I am pleased to announce Priscilla Villarreal, Counselor at the Counseling Center, will be taking over as the new chair of the Student Affairs Diversity Team beginning this fall. The Diversity Team was formed to give Student Affairs staff the tools they need to work well with diverse colleagues and to serve a diverse population of students and their families. Priscilla will replace Drake Martin, who was not only instrumental in the formation of this group, but served with distinction as its chair. Thank you, Drake, for your vision and leadership these past years. We look forward to continuing a tradition of creative learning opportunities under Priscilla's leadership.

Blackwell honored as Nonprofit Board Member of the Year

The University of Northern Iowa Nonprofit Leadership Alliance recognized Michael Blackwell, Director of the Center for Multicultural Education, as the Nonprofit Board Member of the Year at its annual luncheon in April. Dr. Blackwell was honored for his service on the board of New City Ministries. For more information, click [here](#).

Petersen featured in national publication

The Society for Foodservice Management (SFM) recently interviewed Carol Petersen, Interim Executive Director of Residence, for their *President's Quarterly* publication. Carol presently serves as the President of the Midwest Region of the National Association of College and University Food Services.

UNI wins national MAP-Works Marketing Award

The University of Northern Iowa has been named recipient of the "2012 MAP-Works Excellence Award - Marketing" by EBI, a higher education consulting firm. The award recognizes UNI's innovative marketing plan and execution, related to engaging first-year students in participating in the MAP-Works program during fall 2011 and spring 2012. Members of the UNI MAP-Works Oversight Team who worked with the university's Residence Life staff to design the plan included Alisha Scaggs, Anthony Smothers, Kristin Moser, Kristin Woods, Kathy Peters, Donna Vinton, Chris Neuhaus, April Chatham-Carpenter and Drake Martin.

Residence life coordinators and graduate assistants who worked with resident assistants to execute most of the marketing plan included Amanda Mesirow, Keniese Evans, Leah Reuber, Brock Severson, Deb McConahie, Jeremy Ward, Allison Lyon, Nick Landmesser, David Schmid, Ashley Hartnett, Adrienne Appler, David Benham and Chavel Alley. The award will be presented at the annual MAP-Works conference in Indianapolis in July 2012. Congratulations to all who made this program such a big success.

SIS Team members honored by President & Mrs. Allen

President and Mrs. Allen opened their home last week to thank key members of the Student Information System Implementation Team for their work on this project. Certificates of Appreciation were handed out to the Project Team and many behind-the-scenes contributors were thanked. For more information on the event, and to see a list of those who were honored, click [here](#).

Frederick appointed to the Leadership Iowa University Board of Trustees

Leadership Iowa University is a program of the Iowa Association of Business and Industry (ABI) Foundation. Its mission is to educate, inspire and develop young leaders as the foundation for Iowa's future economic growth and encourage their on-going involvement in local communities and the state to create a better future for all Iowans. Bob Frederick, director of Career Services, has been appointed as a member of the Board of Trustees.

Thanks for all you do to help students succeed.

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