

DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS



Dear colleagues,

Hope your summer is off to a good start. Please take a moment to catch up on some news of importance to our work:

New Provost, Vice President for University Advancement join UNI family

Provost Jim Wohlpart began working this month and new Vice President for University Advancement Lisa Baronio will start next month. Provost Wohlpart jumped right in, participating in the recent Enrollment Management staff retreat. Please join me in welcoming these new colleagues to UNI!

Students recognized for service, leadership at annual awards event

The 2015 Student Leadership Awards Ceremony was held on April 21 in the Maucker Union Ballroom. The reception recognized student leaders from across campus and for many forms of leadership and service:

- Drake Martin Gold Star Awards (outstanding service by resident assistants)
- Student Employee of the Year Award
- Sue Follon Women in Leadership Scholarship Award
- Diversity Matters Awards
- Emerging Student Organization Leader Awards
- Student Organization of the Year Award
- Student Organization Programs of Distinction Awards
- Dean of Students Citations
- Servant Leadership Awards
- Outstanding Student Leader Award
- Lux Service Awards

The Servant Leadership Award recognizes those who have worked for the common good, putting the needs of others first. Honorees were Fariha Afzal, Haley Hasenstein, Madison Gavin, Austin Hansen, Paul Andersen, Walter Abrego, Brianna Fisher and Alyssa Turcsak.

Joslyn Aldape, Brooke Brown, Corey Cooling, Vanessa Espinoza, Kevin Gartman, and Carl Reitz were presented the Outstanding Student Leadership Award for their demonstrated dedication and leadership through one or more campus activities.

Blake Findley, Kara Poppe, and Russel Karim were awarded the Lux Service Award which is the most prestigious award given to recognize exemplary service to the university. More information on the Lux Service Award recipients is available [here](#).

Also recognized was Student Organization Advisor of the Year Julia Rose of the UNI Veterans Association (who is a former Student Affairs staffer!). Thanks to Ashley Minshall, Steffoni Schmidt, Ryne Burds, Lindsey Aldrich, Allyson Rafanello, Pam Creger and Margaret Corson for their good work in planning the awards selection processes and the ceremony.

Date set for Professional Development Conference

The annual Student Affairs Professional Development Conference will be held on Wednesday, November 18, tentatively from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. in the lower level meeting rooms of Maucker Union. I encourage everyone available to put this date on their calendars, so as to be able to attend come November. Thanks to the

Professional Development Committee for their initial work in planning the conference. I'll send more details as we have them.

Blackwell, Corson announce retirements

Dr. Michael Blackwell, director for Multicultural Education, and Margaret Corson, secretary at the Office of the Dean of Students, concluded their service to UNI today. Blackwell, who also held an adjunct appointment in the Department of Philosophy and World Religions, oversaw the Center for Multicultural Education and was responsible for producing an exceptional series of major campus speakers over the years. He has a full agenda of writing planned, so will continue to be active professionally. Thanks, Michael, for your wit, passion and intellect as applied to our work at UNI and best wishes for success and satisfaction in your retirement endeavors.

Margaret Corson has been the face and voice of the Office of the Dean of Student and the Vice President for Student Affairs since 1992. She was a warm and compassionate host who greeted and assisted thousands of student, parents and visitors, many of whom were facing some type of difficulty. Thanks, Margaret, for your caring service to students and your professional service to all. Best wishes for successful transition to the next phase!

New affinity group gatherings established

Our Student Affairs Professional Development Committee has announced the formation of several Affinity Groups. An Affinity Group is a group formed around a shared interest or common goal, to which individuals formally or informally belong. An affinity group can last as long as the group is active or until a specific activity is done. Keep an eye out for new Affinity Groups that you may be interested in joining on our web site: <http://www.uni.edu/studentaffairs/professionaldevelopment>. If you are interested in joining any of these groups, please contact the person(s) listed for that group. If you are interested in forming an Affinity Group, please provide the requested information here: <http://goo.gl/forms/At1l34F4Yx>

For more information, feel free to contact committee co-chairs Tim Klatt (timothy.klatt@uni.edu) or Carol Fletcher (carol.fletcher@uni.edu).

New Professionals

Contacts: Ashley Minshall and Britt Hudson
email: ashley.minshall@uni.edu or britt.hudson@uni.edu
Phone numbers: 319-273-6849 or 319-273-2552

Description: For those in their profession 1-5 years, this is a great way to meet other new professionals at UNI in all areas of campus in a more informal, social atmosphere.

Time Commitment: Starting mid-July and meeting through fall semester or as long as there is interest.

Leadership Book Club Contact: Mike Weiglein
email (preferred method): michael.weiglein@uni.edu
Phone Number: 319-273-2784

Description: Mike Weiglein, Certified Coach, Teacher and Speaker of the John Maxwell Team will lead a book discussion on leadership. As a group, you will determine what leadership book you want to discuss and a timeline that works best.

Time Commitment: Proposing starting in October - December. One day per week.

Working Mothers Contact: Jenny Connolly
email: jenny.connolly@uni.edu
Phone number: 319-273-2281

Description: Being a working mother definitely has its challenges and its rewards. Find practical support as well as inspiration, motivation and fun with other working mothers.

Time Commitment: Starting fall semester as a brown bag lunch gathering and meeting through fall semester or as long as there is interest.

Summer new student orientation underway

New students are beginning to participate in orientation on campus this summer. Students new from high school will attend one of these two day sessions: June 8-9, 11-12, 15, 16, 18-19, 22-23, 25-26, 29-30 and July 6-7, 9-10. New transfer students will attend one of these one day sessions: June 5, 17, or 24. In addition, a final session for both categories of students will be held Friday, August 21. Classes begin Monday, August 24. If you have questions about orientation, contact Ashley Stewart, 273-2467, ashley.stewart@uni.edu.

Volunteers sought for booth at Iowa State Fair

The Iowa State Fair is fast approaching and P&S staff from the Division of Student Affairs are once again being called upon to volunteer to assist with this important university outreach activity. Sign up to serve as a welcoming face and ambassador to fairgoers, prospective and current students, families and alumni. Volunteers are needed for four-hour shifts, Thursday, August 13th, through Sunday, August 23rd. You will receive a free t-shirt and admission to the fair for the day. Travel expenses are covered by Student Affairs when appropriate. Contact Ryan Puhmann at Admissions with questions. Thanks in advance for your consideration and participation.

Panther Open Houses finished strong

Thanks to all for your support of Panther Open Houses this year. With leadership provided by the Office of Admissions, many departments contributed to the successful hosting of an expanded and improved set of campus visit experiences including weekday open houses, Saturday open houses and UNI Up Close. In total, 8,411 guests attended these events from June 2014- April 2015. And, the quality of the experience for prospective students and their families was excellent. Thanks for your contributions to the cause. Happy summer to all and thanks for all you do to help students succeed. Terry Hogan
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