



Division of Student Affairs

Dear colleagues,

Please take a moment to catch up on some news of importance to our work:

Student Affairs Professional Development Conference set for November 19

The Student Affairs Professional Development Committee is pleased to offer our fall conference “Maximizing Effectiveness” on Wednesday, November 19 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Maucker Union. Lyn Redington, Director of Residence Life, will begin at 8 a.m. with a keynote address entitled “Keys to Success.” We will offer three concurrent sessions by a variety of UNI faculty and staff from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. To learn more or to register, please visit the Professional Development [webpage](#). I encourage anyone available to attend the conference; our continued professional growth is critical to our ability to help students succeed. Thank you to the Professional Development Committee for its great work in organizing the conference. Thank you to the Professional Development Committee for its great work in organizing the conference.

UNI joins nationwide ‘It’s On Us’ campaign to stop sexual assault

UNI has joined the nationwide “It’s On Us” campaign. UNI’s “It’s On Us” video debuted on Monday, October 20 and can be found [here](#). If you have not done so, I encourage you to take the pledge against sexual assault at the above link. Thank you to Student Wellness Services, Dean of Students Office and University Relations for involving UNI in this national program and creating the video and pledge event for the campus community.

Campus responds to hateful and hurtful social media posts

To demonstrate support for students and others who were victimized by the racist, sexist, homophobic and other offensive comments anonymously posted in the social media site, several entities on campus are hosting events in the upcoming days.

Faculty and staff from the College of Education and the Women and Gender Studies program will be sponsoring a Day of Solidarity. They invite all who wish to stand up against the oppressive language and actions to wear black on November 6. I encourage anyone available to attend a gathering at the water fountain outside Maucker Union on Thursday, November 6 at 12 p.m. For more information, feel free to visit the [webpage](#) or contact Stephanie Logan, Kerri Clopton or Catherin MacGillivray.

The UNI- National Coalition Building Institute will sponsor a “listening table” on Thursday, November 6 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Friday, November 7 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Rod Library. Participants will be able to discuss troubling social media posts and benefit from supportive, non-interrupting and non-judgmental listeners.

Additionally, the Northern Iowa Student Government (NISG) and Residence Hall

Association will be working together to create “Flip the Page on Anonymity, a visual signed response to the anonymous posts in the social media. Details will be announced. NISG is also sponsoring a poster campaign in response to the anonymous posts.

The Center for Multicultural Education is working to create a video in which students will have the opportunity to share their stories and describe how the hateful posts have impacted them as a student on campus. The video campaign, called “We Can Do Better”, will begin soon. If you have any questions, contact Jackelin Rengel at jackelin.rangel@uni.edu or Kenneth Reid at kenneth.reid@uni.edu.

Please show your support and participate in these activities as you are able. Thanks to all who have contributed to their creation.

Course on Student Affairs Profession offered

Lyn Redington, Director of Residence Life, and Ashley Hartnett, Residence Life Coordinator for Hagemann Hall, are co-teaching a new course this term. The course is designed to introduce undergraduate students to the student affairs profession. Seven students in the course attended the ISPA Conference at Iowa State University in Ames on October 27 and 28. Thank you to Dr. Redington and Ms. Hartnett for their efforts aimed at developing future student affairs professionals.

Thanks for all you do to help students succeed.

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