



Division of Student Affairs

Dear colleagues,

Thanks for all for a great effort at the opening of the semester – excellent service and welcoming smiles dominated! Here's some news that might be of interest to you:

Fifth Annual Student Affairs Preview Day scheduled

The Department of Educational Leadership and Postsecondary Education and the Division of Student Affairs are proud to announce the fifth annual Student Affairs Preview Day will be September 19, 2014.

Preview Day is open to any student interested in learning about UNI's Postsecondary Education: Student Affairs master's degree program. The half-day event will include information about the application process, curriculum, assistantships and funding opportunities, and graduate student life. The day will conclude with lunch and an interactive panel of current faculty, staff, and students.

Please refer any student to: www.uni.edu/deanofstudents/content/fall-preview-day-registration. The registration deadline is September 15. For questions, contact Mark Rowe-Barth at Mark.Rowe-Barth@uni.edu.

Two workshops set for September

The Student Affairs Professional Development Committee is offering two learning opportunities in September. Nick Rafanello, Assistant Director of Residence Life, will be presenting "Exploring Student Engagement" on Friday, September 12, 2014 from 9 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. in the Center for Multicultural Education. Joan Thompson, Health Educator and Victim Services Advocate, and Mark Rowe-Barth, Associate Director of Student Wellness, will be presenting "Violence Prevention and Support: What's Your Role?" on Friday, September 26, 2014 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in room 109A in the Center for Multicultural Education.

I encourage anyone available to register for these and other presentations by visiting the committee's [website](#). Thank you to the presenters for sharing their expertise with us.

Professional Development Committee seeking proposals for conference

The Student Affairs Professional Development Committee is pleased to offer a fall conference, "Maximizing Effectiveness," to be held on Wednesday, November 19, 2014 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. I encourage anyone interested to submit proposals for the committee to consider. To do so, submit your proposals electronically [here](#) by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, September 23, 2014.

Homecoming activities offer opportunities for campus offices

UNI's Homecoming will be held from September 15-21. The Homecoming Committee will be sponsoring several new activities for this year's celebration, themed "Student by Day, Panther by Night," in which offices in the Student Affairs division could take part. Some of these new activities include the return of the Homecoming Parade and a Homecoming decorating competition for campus offices. Several of our departments will be "floating" in the parade and we will have an overall Division of Student Affairs float led by the Dean of Students Office. If interested, contact Leslie Williams at leslie.williams@uni.edu. To register for the decorating competition or for additional information, visit <http://www.uni.edu/homecoming/>. For a complete list of activities, visit the Homecoming [schedule](#).

Family Weekend to be held on October 17-19, 2014

On October 17-19, families of UNI students will come to campus to get a snapshot of their students' new homes. Each of the academic colleges will be sponsoring tours, picnics and interactive presentations for the students' and families. Additional activities include the Family Feast Tailgate at the dining centers, the Tony Award-winning musical "Camelot," and UNI football versus South Dakota State. For a full and complete schedule or further information, visit <http://www.uni.edu/familyweekend/>. Additionally, you may contact Kristin Woods at kristin.woods@uni.edu for questions.

Welcome new Assistant Director for Residence Life

Please join me in welcoming our new Assistant Director of Residence Life, Erica Eischen. She joins us after spending several years at North Dakota State University as a residence hall director. Erica, originally from Burlington, Illinois, earned her university degrees from Northern Illinois University and Winona State University. Erica brings a great deal of experience working with student conduct systems, student leadership and students in crisis.

UNI-NCBI launches "Controversial Issues"

In recognition of its 5th year on the UNI Campus, UNI-National Coalition Building Institute (NCBI) is launching a new, shorter workshop entitled "Controversial Issues" on October 28, 2014 from 1-5 p.m. The workshop will apply NCBI principles to develop leadership skills to constructively navigate potentially divisive, tough situations and conflicts. I would encourage anyone available to participate. One need not have attended previous NCBI workshops to participate in this one. Register for "Controversial Issues" and other NCBI activities at <http://ncbiworkshop.eventbrite.com/>. For additional information, visit www.uni.edu/provost/diversity.

Welcome new Residence Life Coordinators

Please join me in welcoming Coree Burton, Keniese Evans, Ellie Hail, Nick Mulholland, Kiley Schmidt and Kim Soumar as UNI's newest Residence Life Coordinators.

Coree Burton is the RLC in Shull Hall. Coree joins us from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, where Coree served as a Resident Director for the past eight years. Most recently, Coree completed his Master's degree in student affairs from the University of

Wisconsin-LaCrosse. Prior to UW-L, Coree completed his undergraduate degree in broadcast and cinematic arts from Central Michigan University.

Keniese Evans is the RLC in Dancer Hall. Keniese returns to UNI after serving as an Area Director at the University of St. Thomas in Minnesota for the past two years. Prior to St. Thomas, Keniese served as a Graduate Residence Education Coordinator in Dancer and Bender halls while completing her Master's degree in student affairs from UNI. Prior to completing her Master's degree, Keniese completed her undergraduate degree in psychology at UNI.

Ellie Hail is the RLC in Rider Hall. Ellie continues their employment with UNI after completing their Master's degree in student affairs and serving as a Graduate Residence Life Coordinator for the DOR. Ellie completed their undergraduate degree at UNI in communications.

Nick Mulholland is the RLC in Bender Hall. Nick joins us from the University of Iowa where he completed his Master's degree in student affairs and worked as an Assistant Hall Coordinator. Prior to Iowa, Nick completed his undergraduate degree in business at the University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire.

Kiley Schmidt is the RLC in ROTH. Kiley returns to UNI, after spending three years teaching at the high school level, to complete her Master's degree in student affairs. Kiley served as an RA in Rider Hall during her undergraduate time at UNI while completing her undergraduate degree in education.

Kim Soumar is the RLC in Lawther Hall. Kim joins us most recently from the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse where she completed her Master's degree in student affairs and worked as an Assistant Hall Director. Prior to UW-L, Kim completed her undergraduate degree in communications at the University of Illinois.

Opportunities available for student involvement

Over the course of the next several weeks, there are numerous opportunities for students to get involved. Please encourage students you come in contact with to attend these events:

September 10: Volunteer Fair - 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Maucker Union Courtyard
September 15-21: Homecoming Activities
September 17: International Opportunities Fair - 11 a.m., Maucker Ballroom
September 25: Career Fair - 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., McLeod

Thanks for all you do to help students succeed.

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