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Welcome to Spring Quarter!
This season represents new growth and optimism for the continuation of our year together. As I outlined in our last newsletter, it is important to move forward and collaborate toward achieving our mission and vision for Student Affairs. In February, select staff from multiple departments in our division assembled for the first Quarterly Administrator’s meeting. Since that time, this group committed to meeting monthly for round-table discussions devoted to enhancement and improvement within each department. You are encouraged to provide input to your representatives within your department which will serve as important topics for discussion during the coming months. Other communication efforts have been developed, such as this quarterly newsletter and my lunchtime discussion with more than thirty Student Affairs staff on March 20th. We are taking the first steps toward creating community and learning opportunities for exempt and non-exempt staff. This design will be segmented into two components: professional development and community building/enhancement. This second option will include events such as a recognition/award ceremony, orientation and division-wide events to bring us together as a division.

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Your department should be easy to locate on this diagram. There are still a couple of departments which currently hold open positions. Every effort is being made to secure the best possible choice for leadership in these locations. We have hired facilitators and in late May, we will begin the strategic planning process and determine where we are going, what our purpose is and what we value as a division. We will use the Northwestern strategic plan as the foundation for our mission.
Department Highlights

In January the Center for Awareness, Response and Education (CARE) was joined by NU’s first Coordinator of Sexual Violence Response Services & Advocacy, Eva Ball, MSW. Eva has been a leader in Chicago’s pro-consent and anti-sexual violence movements for several years and is excited to bring her expertise to Northwestern University. Eva serves as an advocate for students who have experienced sexual assault, intimate partner violence and/or stalking.

Contact Eva: e-ball@northwestern.edu or by phone: 847-491-2054 or CARE (northwestern.edu/CARE) to set up a training for your office on Northwestern’s new sexual violence response services.

On Monday, March 19 Eva Ball and Laura Stuart of the newly formed Center for Awareness, Response and Education (CARE) presented at Northwestern’s 5th annual Best Practices Forum. Their presentation, “Creating Change: Coalition Building on Campus and in the Community” discussed the process of building the Campus Coalition on Sexual Violence, applying for (and receiving) a Department of Justice grant to improve NU’s response to sexual violence and establishing CARE. Ball and Stuart explored how to apply three basic principles: finding the opportunity in crisis situations, using existing standards and building engaged partnerships to create sustainable change in any department on campus. If you are interested in learning more about CARE please contact e-ball@northwestern.edu or l-stuart@northwestern.edu. Both Eva and Laura are available to provide trainings to staff, faculty or student groups.

Happenings in University Career Services

• UCS continues to make strides in social media.
  In February, UCS’ new YouTube channel (youtube.com/northwesternucs) received accolades in the Education Advisory Board’s Student Affairs Technology Update, listed as an exemplary career service social media site. In January, UCS also launched its new Pinterest site (pinterest.com/northwesternucs), a virtual pin-board featuring visual images of all things related to a student’s career development — from top grad schools to examples of professional dress. Most recently, UCS revamped its blog with a new URL, name and design. Visit our Career Developments blog at northwesternucs.wordpress.com.
  • The Hire Big10 Plus Consortium’s International Virtual Career Fair has been chosen as a finalist for the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) 2012 Innovation Excellence Award. Jeff Jenkins, Senior Assistant Director of UCS, is a member of the executive board and helped write the proposal being considered for the award.
  • Brett Boettcher, EdD, Associate Director of UCS, Jeff Jenkins, MS, Senior Assistant Director of UCS, & Babette Sanders, PT, DPT, MS, Associate Professor in Physical Therapy and Human Movement Sciences, are presenting “Collaborative, Cross-Disciplinary Approach to DPT Student Career Development” at the American Physical Therapy Association Annual Conference in Tampa, Fla., from June 6-9.
  • UCS thanks graduate students Catherine Basl, Effie Fronimos, Mandi Wittmus and Morgan Aycox for serving as interns for the 2011-2012 academic year. As part of the Graduate Student Internship Program, UCS sponsors supervised internships for graduate students in counseling and higher education, where they provide career counseling services to Northwestern undergraduates.
  • Rachel Garson, Assistant Director for the Kellogg Certificate Program for Undergraduates, and her husband, welcomed a baby boy, Bennett Joshua, on January 27. Congratulations, Rachel!

Milestones & Transitions

• A special event was held on Saturday, April 14th in Parkes Hall to honor Tim Stevens. Tim has served as Chaplain for Northwestern University for over 25 years. Congratulations Tim!

• The Division of Student Affairs is pleased to announce Regan Lindsey’s new role as Administrative Assistant serving three offices: Budget and Finance, Special Events and Information Technology. Regan began her journey here at Northwestern in 2010 in the Dean of Students Office. Welcome to a new frontier Regan!

Spring Calendar of Events

June 5, 12-1:00 PM
Big 10 Room

Getting Social: Best Practices and Policies for Using Social Media in Student Affairs
Featured Speaker: Jim Roberts, Student Affairs Information Technology
Happenings in Health Services

Searle Hall receives LEED-Gold certification!

As of March 9, 2012, Searle Hall has been officially awarded Gold Certification under LEED NCv2.2, from the Green Building Certification Institute. The GBCI recognizes excellence in green building practice and performance globally through its third party certification services and professional credentials in supporting market transformation. Prior status for the Health Service was designated as Silver. Congratulations!

Residential Services Updates

At the 2012 NASPA Conference, Virginia Koch was presented with the NASPA Region IV-E Research and Assessment Grant. A new initiative of the NASPA IV-E Assessment, Evaluation and Research Knowledge Committee, the grant provides funding for research and assessment in student affairs which furthers an understanding of student development and student learning. Virginia received the grant to support research she is conducting with Loyola University Chicago where she is a Ph. D. Candidate. Her dissertation topic is “An Exploration of Current Practices in Curricular Design of Resident Assistant Training Programs.”

Angela Layne, Area Coordinator in University Residential Life, wrote the article “Reframe Your Mind, Reframe Your Life”, which was featured as the weekly post for NASPA’s Women in Student Affairs blog on March 21, 2012. To view the article go to: http://wisacu.wordpress.com/2012/03/21/reframe-your-mind-reframe-your-life-by-angela-briant-layne.

SAIT Happenings

Student Affairs Web Developer, Chris Walker, Alison May, Assistant Director for Services for Students with Disabilities, and student Tommy Carroll presented at Northwestern’s 5th annual Best Practices Forum. Their presentation focused on how to improve web accessibility, especially for students with disabilities on campus. The presentation was very well received and the methods discussed are now being utilized throughout all of the Student Affairs Departments as well as other Northwestern Departments, who are increasingly taking accessibility into account when working on their web presence.

Jill Brazel, Photographer & Web Coordinator was recently honored with the Evanston Mayor’s Award for The Arts. This award is presented annually to an Evanston individual for contributions to the community through excellence in the arts. Jill served on the Evanston Arts Council for six years and served as chair of the council for three years. During her tenure, she established Art Under Glass, the displays of artwork placed in vacant Evanston storefronts to brighten up the streetscape. A professional photographer, she often volunteers to cover events or create graphics for local nonprofit organizations.

SAIT would like to welcome Chris Robinson to the team. Chris recently transferred from Norris, where he has been an IT Consultant since 2009.

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dance marathon 2012

Congratulations to the Staff and Students who participated in the success of the 2012 Dance Marathon!
NUDM raised $1,107,670 in cash and in-kind donations at its annual 30-hour dance-a-thon in March, the highest amount in the organization’s history!

Now in its 38th year, Northwestern University Dance Marathon (NUDM) is one of the largest student-run philanthropies in the nation. Since it was founded in 1975, Northwestern students have raised more than $13 million for more than thirty different beneficiaries.

For more information go to:
http://www.nudm.org/