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WELCOME to the start of another academic year. I hope all of you are looking forward to doing great things this year.

Staff Updates: A warm welcome to the following new staff: Marzzieh (Marz) Larsen, Administrative Associate in the VPSA office, Gentry Williams, Testing Assistant, Davis Learning Center, Melissa Hall, CCEL Executive Director, and Genesis Juarez Cruz, College Access Specialist with TRiO Talent Search. Career Services also has four new staff members: Katie Swainston, Information Specialist; Sami Mikesell, Employer and Events Specialist; Aaron Roberts, Career Counselor, and Amelia Williams, Career Counselor, who moved from Disability Services.

We are sad to say farewell to Melanie Martinez, Access & Diversity, as she and her husband embarks on an adventure to Japan. Melanie’s last day is Sept. 7.

Congratulations to Dianna Abel whose role is expanding as the Executive Director of Counseling, Health and Wellness. Dianna will oversee CPSC, Health Services and Student Wellness.

A big thanks to everyone involved in this year’s GetSET! Program & Peer Mentor Training. Over 170 students attended the morning session and 45 mentors the afternoon training. A special thanks to Noel Wilkinson and Jennifer Grandi who took the lead.

Don’t miss one of the highlights of the year. Wildcat Block Party 2016, “It’s a Jungle Out There!” is Friday, September 2. Thanks to the SIL & Union team for all their hard work on the event. The Giant Foam Bash will be that evening at University Village.

This Friday, September 2 is also College Colors Day. As part of the celebrations, the bookstore will have a special $10 WSU t-shirt available starting today. There are a limited number, but you can also try your hand at winning one playing plinko at the Block Party.

Our first fall Division Meeting is September 7 from 10:00–11:45 am in Shepherd Union Ballroom A. We will hear from the Energy and Sustainability Office as well as the Associate Dean of the College of Science to learn more about Tracy Hall. See you there!

The WSU Dream 125 Campaign raised a total of $164,392,217! This six-year campaign exceeded the $125M goal by $40M and almost half of the 16,640 individual donors were first-time donors to WSU. Student Affairs raised $9M and we had the third highest number of individual donors, behind Alumni Relations and Athletics. Thanks to everyone who played a part in the campaign!

Our 2016 Student Services Expo will be held on September 21 from 9:00 am – 12:30 pm in the Shepherd Union Atrium.
One way to support our students is to be an Ally. It’s easy to sign up through the WSU Faculty/Staff Gay-Straight Alliance at http://organizations.weber.edu/fsgsa/

The Utah NASPA conference is scheduled on September 30 at the University of Utah. The committee is hard at work to plan a line-up of presentations that will enrich you personally and professionally. The deadline for submitting a program proposal is September 1. Contact Mike Moon or Savanna Grotz for info or visit https://www.naspa.org/events/utah-naspa-conference.

Rebecca Tierney, Director of the TRIO Talent Search program and President of Utah ASPIRE (a state TRIO organization), will be receiving an award at the Council for Opportunity in Education national conference on September 2 in San Diego. This is for her work in submitting and implementing a grant proposal that highlights the success of TRIO work in the state of Utah. Congratulations, Becky!

Amelia Williams is currently serving as Chair of WSU’s Staff Advisory Committee (SAC). SAC represents exempt and non-exempt employees to the University administration/ community and the Board of Trustees. For more information or to have YOUR voice heard, visit http://www.weber.edu/sac, attend a meeting or contact a committee member. And a big thank you to Jenni Unguren who served as SAC Chair last year!

The WSU bus/shuttle stop that was by the library has been relocated to the area between the Kimball Arts and Performing Arts buildings due to library construction.

Diversity Update: We are back into the swing of things and the students are eager to learn, engage and find a sense of belonging. Our spaces are just that and more for our students. Remember to be mindful of inclusive language and connecting students with areas to help them explore and learn about the many intersecting identities that make up our student body. For information about upcoming diversity events, visit the Diversity and Inclusive Programs website or contact Teresa Martinez.

Tech Trivia: Did you know Student Affairs now has an Instagram account? You can follow us @weberstatestudentaffairs on Instagram today!

As always, please send Alicia any Division E-Update ideas for the future.

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