November 4 E-Update

Happy Fall everyone! Since the next Division E-Update won’t go out until after Thanksgiving, I’d like to begin this month’s update by letting you all know how thankful I truly am for the opportunity to work in such an outstanding division. Each of you make invaluable contributions in your own unique roles, and as a result, the division, university, community, and most of all, our students are in a better place. Thank you all.

Staff Updates: Welcome the following new staff: Alex Allred, Administrative Assistant, Davis Learning Center; Leo Pyne, Sodexo Retail & Concessions Manager; Heather Cimino, Clubs and Organizations Coordinator in SIL, and Becky Cloud, Shepherd Union Maintenance. In addition, CPSC has two new staff members: Anita Lieske, Administrative Specialist, and Xin Zhao, Counseling Psychologist. Laurie Rader, moved from GEAR UP to Access and Diversity as an Administrative Assistant. We wish Jill Schenck, Talent Search, all the best as begins her new position as a counselor at Roy High.

Our next Student Affairs Division Meeting, “Managing Conflict While Utilizing Your Strengths,” is November 8 from 1-3 pm in Ballroom A. Come discuss how strengths can be used in conflict management, how each of the four domains approach conflict and work together, and how to use your own talents in conflict management.

Take time during year’s Veteran’s Day to thank veterans for their service and selfless contributions. Open this article for more information on upcoming events on November 10 & 11 or contact Charlie Chandler.

As part of International Education Week 2016, Cliff Nowell is planning a symposium on November 17 focused on best practices for educating and serving international students. The program begins at noon in SU 312 with a lunch discussion with international students and continues with afternoon break-out sessions. One track focuses on student services and support and another track focuses on academics. The following Student Affairs staff are presenting during the symposium: Mary Machira, Alex Muller, Brett Perozzi, & Teri Bladen. More info will be sent soon.

Congratulations to the Women’s Center on receiving a grant for sexual violence prevention among the LGBT population. In a recent Standard Examiner article, Stephanie McClure indicated that the LGBT community face particular needs and dynamics in relationships, not just with intimate partners but with all relationships - especially in the cultural context within the state. Congratulations to Stephanie and Paige!

In spring of 2016, we administered both the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) and the Noel Levitz Satisfaction Survey. If you’d like to look at the data and dig a little deeper into the survey results, check them out at this link.
SPARC (Sustainability Practices and Research Center) has a great monthly newsletter with ways to increase your office’s “greenness” and sustainability. The VP for Student Affairs office has taken the first steps into becoming green. It’s so easy that we hope the whole division will follow suit and work hard to become green certified. Sign up [here](#) to get the latest news.

Waldo’s Fun Facts: Last year over 6,700 students put in almost 140,000 service hours (equal to 16 years!) for a value of $3.3 million!

Did You Know: "Wellness" is a broad term encompassing 8 domains: physical, social, emotional, intellectual, financial, occupational, environmental and spiritual. Weber State students have access to a wealth of on-campus resources to help them get and stay well -- many of which are within Student Affairs! Unfortunately, many students (and staff!) don't know all that Weber State has to offer. The Student Wellness office can help your students locate the resources they need and reward them for doing so through our Wellness Rewards program. For more info, visit [Student Wellness](#).

*Higher Ed Matters.* This week’s [newsletter](#) from the Commissioner of Higher Education contains some interesting articles that you may be interested in reading. One highlights that tuition and fees at Utah public institutions remain the lowest in the country as is the average student loan debt.

Diversity Update: November is Native American Heritage Month and the Native Symposium. The 11th Annual Native Symposium, "Reconciliation after Appropriation: Healing Conversations with Indigenous People" will focus on forgiveness and ways to build relationships and trust. For more information on all three days of this program, please visit this [website](#).

Tech Trivia: Have you ever wondered how to protect yourself while using the internet? With a couple of simple browser plug-ins, you can greatly reduce your chances of malware and other infections. Call the STAs x8628 to have them show you how. They will explain what browser extensions are, how these can help, and how to get them installed so that you can browse more safely.

As always, please send Alicia or me any Division E-Update ideas for the future. Thank you!