April E-Update

Staff Updates: Welcome to Aimee Smith, Administrative Specialist in Academic Support Centers & Programs and Marissa Smith, Access & 1st Year Transition Specialist. Jonathan Selden also went from hourly to a salaried position as Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner in CPSC.

Unfortunately, two staff members left the division: Amanda Geilman, State GEAR UP, took a position in the CEC (Community Education Center) and Colleen Sheehan, CME, retired. We wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

Congratulations to Jennifer Grandi who is retiring from WSU on May 24 after 29 years in a variety of areas including Veterans Upward Bound, Student Support Services, Nontraditional Student Center, and most recently as Assistant Dean of Students at the Davis Campus. Details about farewell receptions (May 23 at Davis and May 24 in Ogden) will be sent soon.

Congratulations to this month’s Employee of the Month -- Stephen Morphet, Social Science Testing Center Coordinator. Steve is a dedicated, upbeat staff member who shows up to work early, works late and always finds ways to encourage both student workers and those coming to take a test. He is always smiling and finding ways to make the testing center inviting and a good environment for testing.

Congratulations to Angela McLean, Disability Services, who was recognized at the WSU Athletics Banquet with the inaugural 2016-17 Wildcat Collaboration Award. Angie was honored for her significant contributions to the academic success of student athletes. She works diligently in reaching out to Athletics staff and student athletes to improve communication and services for athletes with disabilities.

Congratulations to Rebecca Tierney who received a grant from Comcast Mountain West Region. The grant will allow for PSA time and production for TRIO Talent Search.

At the recent NASPA conference, Brett Perozzi was recognized as a 2017 Pillar of the Profession. This year’s class raised more than $53,000 that will come back to the profession as scholarships, grants and awards. Congratulations, Brett!

The following WSU staff and faculty were selected to serve on the first Ogden Diversity Commission: Adrienne Andrews, Enrique Romo, Betty Sawyer, and Azenette Garza. Congratulations!

Student Success is everyone’s responsibility! As most of you know, some exciting things are happening at WSU to refocus our efforts to retain, graduate, and foster student success. Thank you to those who are participating in some of these conversations and initiatives. Our next dialogue will take place the afternoon of May 3 following our SA Conference. President Chuck Wight has asked us all to have a “fanatical focus on student success.”
Amelia Williams, Chair of the WSU Staff Advisory Committee (SAC), wants to remind everyone that SAC serves as your representative and advocate for the needs of all staff to the university administration, Board of Trustees, and university community. SAC is in the process of filling openings for one exempt and one non-exempt staff member to represent the Student Affairs/Information Technology divisions for 2017-2020. Please take a moment to review the candidates’ information and click here to vote by Wednesday, April 12. To view the current representatives, contact SAC with questions/concerns, see what the group is working on, or attend a meeting, visit weber.edu/sac and “Like us” on their Facebook page "Weber State Staff Advisory Committee."

Weber State University has been designated as a Voter Friendly Campus 2017-2018 by NASPA and Campus Vote Project. WSU is one of 83 inaugural campuses to receive this designation.

Diversity Update: The 2017 theme for National Women’s History Month, "Honoring Trailblazing Women in Labor and Business," recognizes women who successfully challenge the role of women in both business and the paid labor force. Women have always worked, but often their work has been undervalued and/or unpaid. How are we creating an environment of support where any gender can succeed in any field they choose? How are we pushing the boundaries to create equality, equity, and liberation in our academic and workplace environments? One key event is Take Back the Night Rally & March on April 14, 7:00pm – 9:30pm at the Ogden Amphitheater. To take a fun Women's History month quiz, check out the National Women’s History Project Website.

Tech Trivia: Check out the Student Affairs Social Media Directory. If you do not see your department accounts listed, contact Dani McKean.

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