November 20 E-Update

Dear Student Affairs Staff,

**Staff Updates:** We would like to extend a big welcome to the following new staff: Bryan Hamblin, Career Services Counselor; Jayson Stokes, LGBT Resource Center Coordinator; Michelle Burnett, SU Scheduling Coordinator; Natalie Hollabaugh, EAO Academic Outreach Support Specialist; Janneca McClellan, VPSA Administrative Associate; Wendy Barker, Catering Coordinator, and Jenny Frame, CCEL Community Partner Coordinator. Congratulations to Linda Tobias, who has been promoted to Director of Upward Bound.

Veterans Day at Weber State University was held on November 10, 2014. This year included Veterans Recognition events on both the Ogden and Davis campus. Randy Wilson, VUB Director, and Dan Czech, VUB Enrollment Advisor, both received awards “for demonstration of outstanding professional qualities and willingness to go above & beyond standard expectations to enhance the quality of WSU student veterans’ and military members’ educational experience.” Congratulations to you both!

Congratulations also goes to Adrienne Andrews who has been appointed by Governor Herbert to serve on Utah's Martin Luther King Human Rights Commission. Way to go Adrienne!

As part of it's role as a Lead Institution for NASPA’s Civic Learning and Democratic Engagement initiative, CCEL contributed to a blog about civic learning outcomes. And speaking of engagement, CCEL is sponsoring an International Community Engaged Learning Program in Thailand in May 2015. 20 current WSU students and 6 WSU alumni or staff will be selected as participants for this trip. For more information go to https://orgsync.com/74544/forms/124365. Completed applications are due no later than midnight on December 15, 2014.

Weber State received a glowing Preliminary Review from our Northwest Accreditation Team who visited the campus October 27-29. In case you missed it, read the team's commendations here!

Weber State was recently ranked among the top 10 cheapest universities by U.S. News & World Report. Weber was also listed as one of the top in quality ranking and cost. And we're located in a
great place. I thought you’d be interested in this video that the Ogden-Weber Convention and Visitors Bureau just put out about Ogden: https://www.facebook.com/video.php?v=10152340093331580

Reminder: **Job description updates** are due the end of December.

**Academic Support Centers and Programs** received some good news recently regarding the **Science Learning Center**. Initially, this center wasn’t programmed into the new Tracy Hall Science Center, but we recently received funding to incorporate the learning center into the project. It will include a testing center, computer lab, and tutoring/SI space.

The **End-of-Semester Division Luncheon**, will be held on Dec. 17 from 11:30-1:00 p.m. in the ballrooms. Let’s get together, celebrate and give back. Please stay tuned for more information soon.

**Diversity Fact:** According to the WSU 2013 Campus Climate Survey, 86% of students believe that interacting with individuals of diverse backgrounds will help them after college. This is a great opportunity to encourage your students to take advantage of the many diversity events and networking opportunities going on throughout the semester. Not sure what events are coming up? Visit the Student Affairs website at: http://www.weber.edu/studentaffairs/.

**Tech Trivia:** Are there social media accounts representing your department that you are not aware of? Sometimes students or staff create accounts for your department without telling anyone. This is a potential risk to your department and WSU. Make social media policies clear to staff. Attend the division meeting on Nov. 21 at 9 a.m. in Union 404 to learn more about "What You Don't Know You Need to Know about Social Media." Follow Student Affairs Technology on Facebook to get helpful tips and win prizes! https://www.facebook.com/WSUSAT.

As always, please send Janneca or me your suggestions or ideas for future Division E-Updates. Have a very **Happy Thanksgiving** and a wonderful Holiday Break. I am thankful for for all you do for the students and our university community. What a great team you are!

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