March 2 E-Update

Dear Student Affairs Staff,

Staff Updates: We have quite a few new staff members to welcome: Two new staff in Upward Bound are Sam Sessions, Basic Skills Specialist, and Adam Bachison, Math/Science/Technology Specialist. New staff in State GEAR UP are Laurie Rader, Administrative Specialist, and Nikki Kuculyn, Data Specialist. Welcome to Sarah Mackay, Lab Supervisor for the Union Computer Lab, and Brenda Burrell, the new Student Specialist/African American Advisor in the Multicultural Student Center. In other staff updates, Ken Grasso has changed his name to Janes Merlin Dreamweaver. We would also like to wish Sarah Cornell, State GEAR UP, the best as she departs WSU to move to Japan. We are excited to congratulate Morteza Emami on his new Wildcat, a little baby girl.

Congratulations to Brett Perozzi who was recently named as the recipient for the Robert H. Shaffer Alumni Award from Indiana University for exemplifying outstanding service to the student affairs profession. Brett will be presented the award at the upcoming National NASPA conference.

Congratulations to the great Center for Community Engaged Learning (CCEL) team for being honored with the “Keys to Our Communities Award” at the Community Partnership Celebration on February 18. This is a significant, well-deserved honor.

FAFSA Frenzy is here! Encourage your students to complete their FAFSA’s soon. On March 28 free one-on-one assistance will be available at the Ogden and Davis campuses to help students and their parents in completing the FAFSA application. See www.weber.edu/fafshelp for more information. Please encourage students you know to complete FAFSA.
Remember to regularly check Training Tracker for relevant training opportunities available to you. These trainings are a good way to improve your skills and learn more about services different programs have to offer.

Updates from our Enrollment Services Panel: Please encourage students to regularly check their mail.weber.edu addresses. Due to FERPA, the university must use this email when communicating about official university business. Students can set up automatic forwarding from their student account to an email account they check more often.

Janneca has designed a new way to inform division staff of relevant upcoming events and activities. SA Weekly Announcements will be sent every Monday morning. If you have items to include please submit these through the following link: http://goo.gl/forms/2F1M0H8nvX.

Division Awards Ceremony. This year’s end-of-semester celebration will be held on Tuesday, April 21 from 11:30 – 1:00 p.m. in Hurst Center. Thanks to all of you who took the time to nominate your colleagues for our division awards!

Diversity Fact: As Weber State University Wildcat’s, we know that diversity and inclusion matter to this institution from both a mission orientation as well as through active engagement of cultural competency. This means for us, that not only is diversity recruitment for students and staff the right thing do, it is also the smart thing to do. Recruiting a diverse staff is a critical component of institutional sustainability as well as for our division. It enables us to understand and meet the needs of people from different perspectives, creating an environment that supports positive relationships and communications. By making diversity in recruitment deliberate, we can bring in employees who might not otherwise consider Weber, yet who can enrich and broaden our community.

Tech Trivia: When adding events to your Google calendar, give as much detail as possible including what students need to do next to participate in the event. If you have a page on your website with more info (which you should), add a link in the Google event to that page. Contact Dani (x8036) if you need any assistance or have any questions. Follow Student Affairs Technology on Facebook to get helpful tips and win prizes! https://www.facebook.com/WSUSAT.

Thank you for everything you do for the division, university, and most of all our students. As always, please send Janneca or me your suggestions or ideas for future Division E-Updates.
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