Division E-Update

**Staff Updates:** Congratulations to **Lulu Latu** who is our new multicultural retention counselor in the Center for Multicultural Excellence. **Alex Muller** is a new advisor in the Goddard School of Business and Economics. **Alex Allred** is the new administrative specialist for Academic Support Centers & Programs. We wish **Scott Thompson** all the best in retirement! His position will be replaced by **Jim Maughan** who transferred from Facilities Management Landscaping to be the new Student Affairs Maintenance and Facilities Coordinator.

The current Vice President for Administrative Services, **Norm Tarbox**, will begin serving as Interim WSU President on May 1, 2018. **Chuck Wight**, WSU President, will begin as President of Salisbury University on July 1, 2018. And as you probably know, **Brett Perozzi** began as Vice President for Student Affairs on March 1. © Congrats to all!

**Charles Chandler**, Director of Veterans Services, along with other National Association of Veterans Program Administrators (NAVPA), addressed members of the House and Senate Veterans Affairs Committee in Washington DC, February 27th, 2018. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss education issues effecting veteran students.

More than 1,300 junior high and high school students attended the **Latinos in Action** (LIA) Youth Conference hosted by Weber State on March 6, 2018. The conference brought together students from 22 schools throughout Northern Utah for a day of workshops, cultural activities and leadership training. Weber State University hosts the conference every year so students can learn what higher education is about.

On Wednesday, March 28, the **Student Affairs Student Employment Committee and Career Services** collaborated to host our first job fair dedicated to providing access for students to hourly and work-study employment positions at WSU. We were joined by 18 departments and programs representing several divisions across WSU. Department representatives were excited for the high level of interest students showed for on-campus employment options while students were appreciative that so many on-campus employment options were brought together into one place.

Two staff members were recently published!
- **Wayne Miller**, Director of Veterans Upward Bound, authored “Essential Practices for Student Veterans in the California Community College System.” This was published December 2017 as a chapter in *What’s Next for Student Veterans? Moving from Transition to Academic Success*, a publication by the University of South Carolina.
- **Enrique Romo**, Executive Director for Access & Diversity, was the lead author, with Dr. Taryn Ozuna Allen and Dr. Melissa A. Martinez of “It Was Kind of a Dream Come True:” Undocumented College Students' Testimonios of Cultural Wealth in the College Choice Process,” published by *The Journal of Hispanic Higher Education* online in January 2018.

**TRIO Talent Search**, in partnership with Nurture the Creative Mind, was awarded $10,000 by the Utah Educational Savings Plan (UESP) for a structured scholarship program in Ogden where students in the 10th and 11th grades volunteer and receive mentoring. This will fund 20 students in the program over the next year.

**Tech Trivia**: If you would like to create a new social media account for your department, please find resources and a request form on the SAT website.

**Diversity Trivia**: Hey Wildcat team, March was Women's HERstory month and this Diversity Trivia is a shout out to all my fellow women/femme identifying comic book nerds! Marvel's Black Panther was a HUGE success at the box office since its opening last month. Some may argue that the women in the film were the true stars showcased as strong and courageous characters willing to fight for their country. But Princess Shuri (Black Panther's Sister) is not the only genius in the Marvel world. Lunella Lafayette is a 9-year-old African American girl who has been named "Smartest Hero" in the Marvel Comic books. Lunella is the main character in the "Moon Girl and Devil Dinosaur" comics. Part of what makes Lunella so smart is the fact that she carries an “inhuman gene,” and she also is a skillful engineer. Please follow this link to learn more about the Moon Girl genius.