November 2 E-Update

Happy November!

Staff Updates: Welcome to the following new staff: Joe Limas, College Outreach Initiatives Coordinator; Jessica Gieck, Administrative Specialist, Davis Student Involvement & Leadership; Chad Saunders, Talent Search Advisor; and Alicia Ambrose, Administrative Associate in the VPSA office.

Tara Peris has been serving as the interim Director of Student Involvement and Leadership since June 1, 2015. I’m pleased to announce that she has accepted an official appointment to that position through the end of the academic year. We have chosen to keep this as a temporary appointment through June in order to allow time for the new Union Director, Molly Ward, to get a sense of the organization. We look forward to continuing to work with Tara in her SIL leadership role!

Unfortunately, we have two staff departures: Kim Fale took a position as an Academic Advisor with the School of Education at UVU, and Karen Doutre will be retiring from Career Services on November 12. We wish them all the best in their future endeavors!

Veterans Upward Bound is running its annual Shoeboxes for Veterans community service activity through December 10. Follow this link for more information about this event that helps homeless veterans and veteran in nursing homes. It would be helpful if you can provide your own shoe box sized container.

Enrollment Update: Fall 2015 student numbers are in. Total enrollment is 25,955, but if concurrent students are excluded, that number is 18,572, of which 60% are enrolled full-time. The ethnic breakdown is 9.8% Hispanic, 2.2% Asian/Pacific Islander, 2.2% Two or More Races, 1.7% African American, 0.6% Native American, 16.6% Unknown, and 64.7% Caucasian. For more fun information, visit Fast Facts or the Executive Summary at http://www.weber.edu/IR/ffacts.html.

WSU Accolades: (1) Weber State was recognized as a US News & World Report Best College in the Regional Universities Rankings; (2) Weber State was awarded Best In State Online College by AC Online; and (3) WSU’s Board of Trustees approved a new Master’s degree in Respiratory Therapy, one of only 10 programs in the United States.

Campaign Update: The Dream 125 Campaign has officially passed its goal of raising 125 million dollars to advance initiatives at the University! The Student Affairs division is currently at 76% of our $11 million goal with about $2.5 million more to go. The campus and community will be celebrating the success of Dream 125 with several events on April 12-13. More details to follow. Thanks to all of you who have made a contribution during the campaign. Special recognition and appreciation goes to Woodie for her generosity in creating a $100,000 endowment bequest – the Wood-Slaughter Shepherd Union Employee Scholarship. This permanent scholarship endowment will be awarded annually to student employees in the Shepherd Union.
Lindquist Lecture: As a Spring 2015 Lindquist Award recipient, Mike Moon will be giving a lecture entitled Roots for Community Engagement – Smarter, Stronger, Deeper on Wednesday November 4, 1:30-2:30 pm in the Stewart Library Hetzel-Hoellein Rm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Veteran’s Day is right around the corner on Wednesday, Nov. 11. Here’s a link with events for the day: http://www.weber.edu/vetaffairs/veteransday.html.

Diversity Update: Did you know November is Native American Heritage Month? Celebrate this month by attending the Native Symposium on November 4, 10 and 19 and also walk through The Bridge to view some Native regional information on tribes throughout North America. For more information regarding the Symposium or to RSVP for the luncheon on November 10th, visit www.weber.edu/diversity.

Tech Trivia: In an effort to streamline and enhance our marketing efforts, Dani McKean, SA Technology, has developed a strategic and comprehensive communication plan. This is a great way to make sure all events are advertised across campus and in a deliberate manner using different methods including digital and print. Dani and Lindsay Holland, Graphic Designer, can also help with print design. For large events and projects, please contact Dani 1-2 months’ prior to ensure enough lead time to complete the material. Please visit the following link to advertise an event: http://sat.weber.edu/advertise.php or contact Dani directly for more information.

As always, please send Alicia Ambrose any Division E-Update ideas for the future. Have a great November!

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