Staff Updates: Welcome to the following new staff: Wesley Walsman, Science Learning Center Coordinator, Kim Ealy, Employment Advisor in Career Services, Devon Trujillo, Administrative Specialist in the Counseling and Psychological Services Center, John South, Advisor and Financial Services Specialist in Student Support Services, Jeannette Smith, Testing Assistant.

We are sad to see Dan Czech, Veterans Upward Bound, leave WSU but are excited for his new position at the Davis Technology College.

Congratulations to Andrea Curtis and Teresa Martinez for being recipients of the Fall Semester Super Staff Awards presented by the WSU Staff Advisory Committee. Both awards are well-deserved, and we are definitely glad that these two Super Staffers are in Student Affairs!

Congratulations to Noel Wilkinson on the birth of his new baby Amberlynn who entered the world on October 24, 2015. And speaking of babies, Mike Moon has a new adopted son, Beckam, who was born on December 16.

WSU Ski Day is this Saturday, January 9 at Powder Mountain. Lift tickets are $36 with a valid Wildcard. Add a ski or snowboard rental package for an additional $10 at the Outdoor Program. Another WSU Ski Day is on Saturday, January 23 at Snowbasin. Lift tickets are $74 with a valid
Wildcard. Add a ski or snowboard rental package for an additional $10 at the Outdoor Program. Call 801-625-6373 to reserve your rental package.

The 2016 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is now available. FAFSA has undergone some significant changes and will experience a big change this fall; instead of waiting to file the FAFSA in January 2017, students can start filing in October 2016. FAFSA Boot Camps will provide training on how to complete the FAFSA. Trainings will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. followed by lunch. January 15 at WSU-Davis, January 21 at Ogden High School, and January 22 or 29 at WSU-Ogden. Email Sumiko Martinez (smartinez@utahsbr.edu) to register. FAFSA Completion Workshops are where students and community members can get professionally trained help completing their FAFSA for FREE. WSU Ogden dates are Feb. 27, Mar. 26, and Apr. 23 between 9-3 at the Union Building computer Lab. WSU Davis dates are Feb. 27, Mar. 19, and Apr. 30 from 9-3 in Building D2 Room 101.

NASPA recently summarized the challenges and opportunities facing student affairs in 2016. Given that so many of the issues are relevant to Weber State, I thought you’d be interested in the article: http://www.naspa.org/about/blog/naspa-right-now-january-thoughts-and-predictions-for-2016.

Staff Development Grant applications are due January 29. Be sure to attend training prior to applying (via Training Tracker.) For more information, please visit: http://weber.edu/staffdevelopment.

Congratulations to the following areas for their successful holiday service projects: Veteran’s Upward Bound distributed a record of 597 wrapped shoe boxes filled with socks, gloves, hats, thermal clothing and other needed items to homeless veterans shelters and veterans nursing homes along the Wasatch Front. The Women’s Center sponsored 33 families for Sub for Santa. Two local churches, four WSU departments, one class, one Greek organization and four private individuals helped sponsor this year. CCEL’s Angel Tree project helped 300 youth in our community this year. Thanks to all of you who helped with these projects!

January Division Meeting: Our first spring staff development program, "Helping Students Navigate WSU," is scheduled for January 28 at 2:00 p.m. in Ballroom A. Don’t miss this excellent session with Jessica Oyler and Bruce Bowen.

Diversity Update: It’s that time of year to update your Six-Column Model. Have you been making progress toward achieving your diversity goal set for the year? If not, the Diversity Task Force
Committee has committed to meeting with each of your departments to help you stay aligned with your goal(s) and help encourage you to make meaningful progress toward achieving it. For any questions or to find out who will be working with your area, please contact Teresa Martinez at teresaholt@weber.edu.

Tech Trivia: Please remember to call STA Tech Support for your technology needs this spring semester. The techs can help you with moving, purchasing and setting up new computers. They can install software and set up network connectivity and printers. They can even do some one-on-one training on software such as Office and Adobe CC. STA Tech Support: 8628.

I hope your New Year and spring semester and are off to a wonderful start. Thank you for everything you do. As always, please send Alicia any Division E-Update ideas for the future!

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