June 30 E-Update

Staff Updates: After 25 years of service at Weber State University, Lynnae Dopp and Monika Rodie are retiring. Congratulations also go to Monika for recently being awarded Honorary Lifetime Membership in the Associate of College Unions International (ACUI) for exceptional service to the association. Monika has been a lifelong contributor to the college union ideal, has held countless volunteer leadership positions and has two ACUI regional scholarships in her name. We will miss Lynnae and Monika but hope they enjoy their new lives in retirement!

Three new staff have joined the division: Emmy Richards, Campus Recreation Fitness Coordinator, Kristie Godfrey, Shepherd Union Associate Director, and Morgan Kerr, Office Manager in Housing and Residence Life.

Congratulations to Jackie Edwards on celebrating 50 years at Weber State University! We are glad to have her knowledge and expertise in everything Weber. To honor her for her accomplishments, the Awards Committee has chosen Jackie as the Employee of the Month. Thanks to Jackie for all her contributions!

We are pleased to announce that Tara Peris has been officially named the Director of Student Involvement & Leadership. Tara brings a wealth of knowledge, enthusiasm and love for Weber State to the position, and we are thrilled she is in continuing in the role.

The Utah NASPA conference will be September 30 at the University of Utah. The committee is hard at work to bring you a line-up of presentations that will enrich you personally and professionally. The deadline for submitting a program proposal is September 1. Mike Moon and Savanna Grotz are on the planning committee so contact them for info or visit https://www.naspa.org/events/utah-naspa-conference
Division committees for 2016-17 have been formed, and you will be receiving notifications over the next few days. If you are new to the division or didn't receive the original committee survey, please follow up with Jessica Oyler about your potential interest in serving.

WSU was recognized at the OrgSync Conference this year as the campus with the Best Research Initiative! This award is given to the campus that best demonstrates the ability to use OrgSync data to help the campus achieve strategic goals and answer broad questions. Weber’s submitted project was based on data analysis conducted in concert with Brenda Kowalewski, Jenny Frame, and Heather Chapman that shows higher retention rates for community engaged students compared to those not engaged in the community. Weber will receive a monetary award to go towards continuing research on campus.

Participate in the Clear the Air Challenge! July is a month long competition that encourages employees to reduce vehicle emissions, improve air quality, and reduce traffic congestion in Utah by driving less and driving smarter. You can car pool, ride your bike, walk, use public transportation, or make fewer trips. There are prizes (Visa gift cards, wellness swag bags) and a trophy for the division that reduced the most CO2. Last year, Student Affairs came in 2nd place, so let’s see if we can make it first place this year! To find out details of how to register and log your trips, visit http://www.weber.edu/studentwellness/cleartheairchallenge.html. When adding the team/network name, enter “Weber State Student Affairs Division.” If you need help signing up or logging trips, Student Wellness is hosting an open lab on Wednesday, July 6 from noon to 1:00 pm in the Social Sciences Computer Lab classroom (SS 05) or you can email/ call Beverly Brewer at 801-626-6539 or beverlybrewer@weber.edu.

The Wright Paper, the president’s newsletter for donors, has great information about several projects happening at Weber State.

Diversity Update: As we celebrated Memorial Day last month, did you know Memorial Day was started by former slaves on May, 1, 1865 in Charleston, SC to honor 257 Union Soldiers who had been buried in a mass grave in a Confederate prison camp. They dug up the bodies and worked for 2 weeks to give them a proper burial as gratitude for fighting for their freedom. They then held a parade of 10,000 people led by 2,800 Black children where they marched, sang and celebrated.Read the full article.

Congratulations to Betty Sawyer for her leadership role with a successful Juneteenth Celebration at WSU on June 17-18, 2016. President Wight provided opening remarks and Governor Gary Herbert signed a ceremonial proclamation. Juneteenth is the oldest celebration marking the end of slavery in the United States. Utah became the 44th state to honor Juneteenth as a statewide holiday observance held on the third Saturday in June.
Tech Trivia: Good news: Weber State has renewed the Adobe Creative Cloud software for another year. To download applications, go to the Microsoft Software Center, which you access from your computer’s Start Menu. Search for and then open “Software Center” and you will see all the applications available to install.

If you have any trouble, contact the STAs (x8628) or anyone in SAT. As a friendly reminder: if you haven’t entered your office desktop computers, laptops or tablets in our inventory form, please enter them here: http://goo.gl/forms/d2xyoQjXcL

In our next E-Update, you can expect to see our division 2015-16 annual report and 2016-17 priorities. Thank you for everything you do. As always, please send Alicia any Division E-Update ideas for the future. Happy 4th of July!!

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