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IN THE KNOW

Newsletter of EIU's Division of Student Affairs

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The month ahead, October, is shaping up to be full and fun! Careers in Student Affairs Month (CSAM) is a month-long initiative dedicated to the celebration of careers in student affairs. In recognition of CSAM, we will highlight Student Affairs services and programs at [Departmental Open Houses](#) throughout the month. Thank you to all involved with the planning of these events! As I talk with students, I look forward to sharing the impact of this career choice for me and the joy I have serving students daily. It is also a perfect time to nominate your colleagues for a [Student Affairs Award](#) by the October 7 deadline.

I hope you will join me to [Bring the Beat Back](#) and show your EIU school spirit and pride by participating in EIU Homecoming activities, including the staff Blue-B-Que on October 11. This is an opportunity to show our appreciation for our staff and faculty, share a free meal together, and win a prize. Don't miss out!

Kudos to University Housing & Dining Services, with a special shout out to Chris Coffey, Associate Director of Housing and Dining for Panther Dining, for successfully onboarding a new dining option for students this semester. Please join us for the ribbon cutting for the recently opened ACE Sushi in the Food Court on Wednesday, October 12 at 9:00 a.m. Let me know if you ever want to meet up for a boba/bubble tea!

New this year! During [EIU Family Weekend](#), buses will be available to take individuals to [L&A Family Farms for the Haunted Corn Maze](#). Please join me on Friday evening, October 28, to see the cool EIU branded field! Let's Go Panthers!

Namaste,

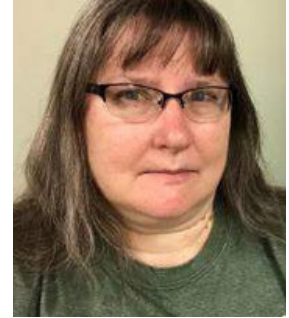


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GET TO KNOW...

Welcome Back Bonita Flynn, she/her/hers

Bonita Flynn is happy to be back in a place she loves, Eastern, and specifically the Panther Print & Copy Center. Due to the budget impasse, Bonita spent six years working outside of higher education before returning to EIU as an Account Tech II in the Procurement Office. When the lead position for our Panther Print & Copy Center opened up, it was only natural that Bonita would fill that need. She feels higher education is where "people treat each other with respect and care while working together to achieve a common goal." Bonita graduated from Lake Land College with one of the first Associate Degrees in Applied Sciences, Print Management. While she has held many jobs in the print industry, she insists that working in higher education is the most fulfilling. "It is nice to be back at EIU, and now back in the PPCC. I am EIU!" Please join us in welcoming Bonita.



Noah Danner, he/him/his



Noah Danner is one of our new University Police Department Officers that recently graduated from the Police Academy. Noah feels like UPD was the perfect fit for what he wants out of a career in law enforcement. "I enjoy working with college students who are still learning and getting a grasp on everything life has to offer (the good and the bad)." Noah and his wife Catie Witt-Danner, Complex Director University Housing & Dining Services, have a beagle named Mason that they spoil and treat like a son. Please join us in welcoming Noah.

Michael Lusk, he/him/his

Originally from the Chicago area, Michael Lusk has joined the University Police Department as Lieutenant. Michael feels "EIU is such a friendly place and big city amenities are nearby." Having served in law enforcement for a long time, he likes "being able to focus on issues impacting the University community and not being anchored to a police radio going from call to call." Michael loves the aesthetic of nature and enjoys hiking and photography. His family includes an incredible wife, and awesome son, and an absolutely precious granddaughter, along with two dogs. If you ever need hot sauce, rumor is he keeps two bottles in his glove box. Please join us in welcoming Michael.



Diana Taylor, she/her/hers



Diana Taylor has joined Career Services as a Graduate Placement Officer. "I love the feeling you get when the students are back on campus. There is an electric feeling you get being on campus." Diana has previously worked at EIU in Information Technology Services as a Senior Business Manager, and is excited to be a part of a college campus again. Diana enjoys volunteering, crafting, and watching her kids in their sports. A fun fact about Diana is that her preferred way of cooking is with her Crock Pot, or not at all. Please join us in welcoming Diana.

DID YOU KNOW...



Ribbon Cutting Event

Wednesday, October 12

9:00 AM

University Food Court

Enjoy a free sample of made fresh daily rolls.



Click on our logo to fill out a photo release form.

CONGRATULATIONS

Angie Campbell, Student Insurance

The American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) Fellowship Committee recently recognized Angie Campbell. The fellowship program is a program of earned recognition for AHIMA members who made significant and sustained contributions to the profession. Thank you to Georgia Ryan, Health & Counseling Services, for submitting the good news.

Question of the Month

In honor of Careers in Student Affairs month- What made you decide to work in Student Affairs?

We are looking for photos of Student Affairs pets for an upcoming edition of *In the Know*.

Care to share? vpsa@eiu.edu



Nominations Due October 7, 4:30 PM

Click Here for [Nomination Form](#)

Recipients of the following awards will receive \$250 towards an approved professional development opportunity: Newcomer of the Year Award, Rising Star Award, and Unsung Hero Award.



Congratulations on your
Presidential Distinguished Service Award.



EIU After Hours
First Thursday of every Month
Faculty/Staff Social
4:30 at the
Brick House Bar & Grill
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Do you have an item for the newsletter? [Fill out the submission form here!](#)



VISION

The Division of Student Affairs is committed to being forward thinking and providing transformative life experiences that foster student learning and development, empowering individuals to reach their optimal potential.

MISSION

The Division of Student Affairs welcomes and celebrates our students' commonalities and differences, focusing on development, active citizenship, experiential learning, engagement, leadership, and preparation for a diverse, global society. Collaborating across campus, we ensure student success and retention and are dedicated to cultivating a sense of community on both our campus and beyond. We are committed to the health and well-being of our students and encourage them to lead balanced lives. We advocate for an inclusive environment where students feel safe and secure.

EIU DIVERSITY & INCLUSION STATEMENT

Eastern Illinois University is committed to fostering a learning community where all members feel welcomed and valued. The university provides equality of opportunity in all areas of campus life and we strive to recognize and appreciate the unique value of our students, faculty, and staff. Every member of campus has the right to learn and work in an environment free of discrimination and harassment, and beyond that, our goal is for all members of our community to develop a strong sense of belonging to Eastern Illinois University.

The Division of Student Affairs embraces and respects diversity in all forms and upholds these values through our programs and services.