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IN THE KNOW

Newsletter of EIU's Division of Student Affairs

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As we bring 2022 to a close, I want to thank each one of you for your contributions to our division. We celebrated our staff's contributions to student success at the second annual Student Affairs Celebration and Awards Ceremony on November 16th. This year we added a category, the Blue Star Worker award, recognizing our BSW's, Cooks, and Food Sanitation Laborers who enhance our students on campus living and dining experiences. A special congrats to our inaugural winners in this category, Amy Saunders and Michael Zuber. We have included the names and photos of award recipients from the annual event in this issue of *In the Know* for your enjoyment.

As we look ahead to 2023, we prepare for a presidential leadership change and continued engagement with our Division of Student Affairs and University strategic plans. I encourage you to stay up to date and involved with both the Presidential search process at <https://www.eiu.edu/presidentsearch/> and the university strategic planning process at <https://www.eiu.edu/strategicplan/index.php>.

Since the pandemic, mental health awareness and support has been elevated. One important change in the delivery of mental health care on campus has been the shift to a stepped care model in the Counseling Clinic. This innovative approach ensures that every student contacting the Counseling Clinic is provided an initial screening to determine an individualized plan and has eliminated wait lists. A shout out to Jessica Colbert, Associate Director of Counseling, and to her team, Lindsay Wilson, Brad Coffey, Bernadette Mangialardi, Corey Cunningham, Michelle Humel, Julie Walters, LeeAnn Dial, and graduate students, Devangi Pant, Kelsey Boll, Amina Feder, and Emily Becker, for their commitment to ensuring EIU students have access to counseling services.

I wish you an enjoyable and relaxing holiday break with family and friends and a safe new year. Cheers!



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GET TO KNOW...



2022 Student Affairs Award Recipients

Friends of Student Affairs Award
Christy Kilgore- Marketing & Communications

Graduate Assistant of the Year Award
Brittany Buzzutto- Campus Recreation
Jacob Mueller- Fraternity & Sorority Life

Newcomer of the Year Award
Beccah Maley- University Housing & Dining Services

Rising Star Award
Chris Coffey- University Housing & Dining Services

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Advocate Award
Dr. Tanya Willard- New Student & Family Programs

Outstanding Support Staff Member Award
Anne Lewis- Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs
Roger Osthoff- Health & Counseling Services

Blue Star Award
Amy Saunders- University Housing & Dining Services
Michael Zuber- University Housing & Dining Services

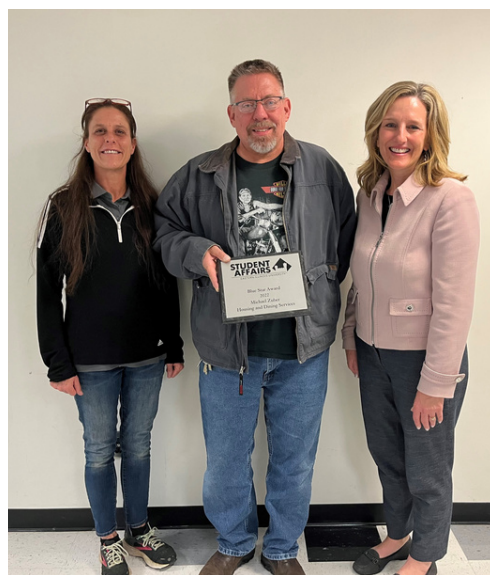
Unsung Hero Award
Colleen Peterlich- MLK Jr. University Union
Julia Awalt- University Housing & Dining Services

Student Affairs Employee of the Year
Sarah Daugherty- Campus Recreation

Legacy of Student Affairs Award
Dan Icenogle- EIU Panther Shuttle



Student Affairs Awards Celebration 11-16-22



Christy Wingler, Michael Zuber, and Anne Flaherty

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CONGRATULATIONS!

**Roger Osthoff and
thank you for your
service to our Medical
Clinic Lab. Best wishes
for your next
adventure!**



DID YOU KNOW...



Annabelle Heddell

Annabelle studied Community Health as a student at EIU and now serves as the Assistant Director of the Illinois Higher Education Center (IHEC). "Being able to network with people throughout the state and work together to improve prevention efforts for public health" is what Annabelle enjoys most about her new position. Annabelle enjoys reading, cooking and baking, going to the gym, holistic health, and creating art. You may or may not know that she has created an art piece that won two awards. Please join us in welcoming Annabelle.



Catie Witt-Danner and Jeremy Alexander were both presented with awards during the GLACUHO conference in November.

Alexander transitioned into his role as President-Elect and received a top ten program award. Witt-Danner was recognized with the Outstanding Professional Award for the State of Illinois. Both Witt-Danner and Alexander along with Téa Wheat and Beccah Maley all presented program sessions. EIU was recognized by the GLACUHO Past President Quiana Stone with the President's Institution Award and GLACUHO presented the first Mary Smith Women's Issues Award during the conference. Smith was a former EIU Assistant Director of Housing and beloved mentor to many students beginning careers in Student Affairs.



In Memory of
Alan Pike- University
Housing & Dining
Services

Ed Warpenburg-
University Housing &
Dining Services
(annuitant)

DID YOU KNOW...

Pets of Student Affairs 2022



Thank you to
Anne Flaherty,
Madalyn
Schoonover,
Nathan Wehr,
Catie Witt-Danner,
Anne Lewis. and
DJ Fox for
submitting
your pet photo.

Madalyn Schoonover

Madalyn is an EIU 2020 graduate having earned a degree in Public Relations. Having worked in several retail environments, Madalyn is enjoying the creative freedom the University Union Bookstore provides and is excited to rely on her past retail experiences. Madalyn lives with her partner and dog Aria (who is featured above). Please join us in welcoming Madalyn as the Bookstore's new Retail Assistant Manager.



Rusty Elliott

Rusty joined University Housing & Dining Services as a Building Service Worker in Andrews Hall. Rusty who also goes by "Rudy" was motivated to join the EIU team to make a change as well as follow his father who retired from EIU. Rusty enjoys racing. Please join us in welcoming Rusty.



Destiny Carter

Destiny joins University Housing & Dining Services as a Culinary Worker in Taylor Dining. A self described mother who likes to sing, Destiny joined EIU looking for a new and better opportunity to provide for her family. Please join us in welcoming Destiny.



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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.

ANTIRACISM STATEMENT

EIU stands in solidarity with all Black, Brown, Indigenous, and racialized members of our communities who are fighting for a more just and equitable society. We resolve to purposefully identify, discuss, and challenge issues of race, color, oppression, white privilege, and power, as well as the impact(s) they have on our community, its systems, and its people.

Racism is dehumanizing to everyone.

We strive to build a community in which all belong, while challenging ourselves to understand and correct inequities we discover. We must examine racism embedded in the very fabric of our society and demand action for positive change from systems of power.