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IN THE KNOW

Newsletter of EIU's Division of Student Affairs

VPSA VOICE

**"It is when we are in transition that we are most completely alive."
– William Bridges**

The end of the spring semester is always a time of transition when we say goodbye to our graduates. Some years, we experience more transitions than others. On May 22, we officially transitioned the management of the Student Medical Clinic to Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center. Thank you to all the EIU Medical Clinic staff for their assistance and a special shout out to Dr. Eric Davidson who managed many of the transition issues over the past year. I look forward to our students continuing to receive excellent care from our providers and nurses.

On May 20, attendees at the President's Gala celebrated EIU's 12th President, David M. Glassman, as he prepares for his retirement on June 30. After months of preparation, this event was held at the Martin Luther King, Jr. University Union Grand Ballroom and included a delicious meal impressively prepared and served to guests. The gala was an enormous undertaking by the Panther Catering team under the leadership of Kristin Hupp, Chris Coffey, and Mark Hudson. Kudos to Michael Croslow, Karla Drum, and all the food court staff who provided excellent service. Thank you also to the MLK, Jr. University Union staff for hosting and serving attendees. Bravo to all!

The second annual Student Affairs Retreat, Get Centered, was held at the impressive Doudna Fine Arts Center on May 16. Some participants experienced the Doudna from high in the air on the catwalk during a building tour, while the winners of EIU trivia were treated to a view of Charleston from the Old Main Castle roof! I am thankful to all involved with the planning and to those who served as presenters and volunteers. Please enjoy the enclosed pictures that captured part of the retreat experience.

See you at the Student Affairs Summer Solstice Social!

Namaste,



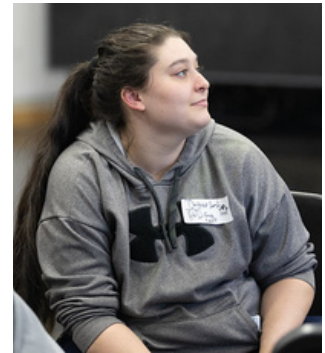
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Jeremy Alexander, University Housing & Dining Services



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GET CENTERED
Student Affairs Retreat
May 16, 2023



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Diana Taylor, Career Services, Jenny Sipes, VP&A Office, Michelle Baer, Health & Counseling Services, and Maggie Burkhead, Inclusion and Academic Engagement



Glenna Gobert, Heidi Derrick, Rachael Roman, Allison Prater, Chris Coffey, and Chris Wojtysiak, all from University Housing & Dining Services



Gary Uteg, University Housing & Dining Services

Ceci Brinker, Office of Leadership & Engagement



NOW YOU KNOW...



DJ Fox, MLK Jr., University Union, Brian Gough, University Housing & Dining Services, Bob Martin, MLK Jr., University Union, and Melissa Thomeczek, University Housing & Dining Services



David Titus, University Housing & Dining Services



Chris Wojtysiak, University Housing & Dining Services



Jenny Sipes and Anne Lewis, Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs

DID YOU KNOW...

CONGRATULATIONS

Lindsay Partlow, University Housing & Dining Services, was awarded the Campus Advocate Award from the EIU Center for Gender and Sexual Diversity Advisory Committee.



Jeremy Alexander assumed the role of President of the Great Lakes Association of College & University Housing Officers (GLACUHO) last summer. He was elected to the President-Elect role the previous summer and would have assumed the position of President at the Annual Conference in November. Jeremy will now serve 1.5 years as President, presiding over two Annual Conferences.



On May 12, Jessica Cobert, Associate Director, Counseling Clinic, and her husband, Ray, welcomed twins, Ryan Andrew (4 lb 10 oz) and Michael Allen (5 lb 12 oz).



Sarah Daugherty, Campus Recreation, Mark Hudson, University Housing & Dining Services, and Kevin Linker, Campus Recreation, all helped with the Spring 2023 Commencement.



Christine Spence pins her husband, Officer Wade Spence, during the UPD Oath of Office Ceremony held May 1.

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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.