

JULY 2021

IN THE KNOW

Newsletter of EIU's Division of Student Affairs

A Busy Summer for New Student & Family Programs

Summer 2021 New Student Orientation can be checked off the to-do list for the New Student & Family Programs Office. Being able to offer the choice of an in-person Orientation as well as a virtual Orientation was super exciting for our Orientation Leaders as well as Tanya Willard, Director NSFP, and Beth Dunahee, Assistant Director, NSFP.

Willard explained that several of the Orientation Leaders were rising sophomores who themselves were not able to experience an in-person Orientation last year and she was exceptionally proud of the way they handled themselves answering questions all day, even during a tornado warning. Whether in-person or virtual, each half day Orientation was a mixture of fun and facts. New to Orientation this year was a Family Expert Panel made up of faculty and staff parents of EIU students. Each panel session answered a multitude of questions about what it is really like from an EIU parents' perspective. Families wrapped up the day by writing their student a Family Fan Mail letter to be delivered by NSFP six weeks into the semester.

When asked about the shorter schedule, Willard explained that programming was not being deleted, NSFP was getting smarter about how to present all the information. Students take a campus tour, meet with advisors, register for classes, get their Panther Card, download Panther Life, and learn about life at EIU from our student experts, the Orientation Leaders. "One of the reasons I love Orientation is that it involves so many areas across campus, and it always amazes me how eager EIU folks are to be a part of this."

Looking forward, Willard would like to incorporate a tour of an EIU classroom into the Orientation schedule. "Having an Orientation Leader deliver a presentation in one of our classrooms would give students a real feel for what it is like to be in a college classroom."

Ahead for NSFP is a departmental move to 1302 McAfee and kicking off the fall semester with Welcome Weekend and then Family Weekend September 17-19.



NOW YOU KNOW?

Welcome to Student Affairs



Welcome Libby Warner-Boyer to the Ticket Office. Libby, an EIU Spring 2021 Business Administration graduate, comes to Student Affairs from the Admissions Office. After working on campus for the last 13 years, Libby brings experience from Housing & Dining and the University Police Department to her new role.

Getting to see so many new faces and students milling around in the MLK Jr., University Union combined with the every day challenges and fast paced environment, have proven to be enjoyable for Libby. While a student at EIU, Libby appreciated getting to see the student's perspective when interacting with faculty.

When Libby isn't gardening, working in her yard, landscaping, or doing a DIY home project, she enjoys traveling to Florida with her family. Welcome Libby!

Brad Sandefer's plans are to build relationships with residents and provide the guidance students need during their college journey as he begins his position as Complex Director in Thomas/Andrews Hall. Brad studied Business Administration with a specialization in Marketing at Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville and earned a Master of Science here at EIU. "I loved everything about EIU and want to be able to give back to future panthers the way EIU helped me!"

Brad enjoys playing golf and following the St. Louis Cardinals and Chicago Bears. Welcome Brad!



Our Panther Life App was used 600,000 times last year. Use this link to add your upcoming events and important dates to Panther Life and the EIU Calendar.

<https://www.eiu.edu/apps/calendar/login.php>



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2201 Blair Hall
NSFP
1302 McAfee

DO YOU KNOW...

Employee Appreciation Picnic

Thursday, August 12th

11:30-1:30 North Quad

*Save the
Date*

Community Picnic

Friday, August 20th

Noon-2:00 South Quad

This week I celebrated my EIU one-year anniversary with a lemon shake-up at the Coles County Fair.

Wow! I'm grateful for the opportunities I've had to work with a fantastic Student Affairs team and EIU colleagues, inspiring students and alumni, and learning about EIU's culture of "Bleeding Blue". Plans are underway for a more normal fall and I am thrilled for students to return to campus. Most new students will move into the halls on Aug. 18-19 which will officially kick off Welcome Weekend. Please note this issue of "In The Know" includes many opportunities to participate in the various welcome events, including Convocation and First Night. Let's help our students see the wonderful EIU spirit from the moment they arrive on campus!

For me, summer has a way of sneaking by very quickly. There is still time to utilize your earned vacation leave and to practice some self-care before the busy fall semester begins. Please join your university colleagues in community at the President's Employee Appreciation Picnic on Thursday, Aug. 12th from 11:30 - 1:30 in the North quad behind Old Main.

A teaser for next month's issue... I will share details about the new Student Affairs Awards Program developed by the SA Recognition and Professional Development Committee.

Namaste,

Anne G. Flaherty



Dr. Flaherty enjoying a lemon shake-up at the Coles County Fair

Ways to Be Involved Welcome Weekend

Thursday, August 19

-Information Booth Volunteers Needed 8:00 AM-4:30 PM

Friday, August 20

-Information Booth Volunteers Needed 8:00 AM-4:30 PM

-New Student Photo Volunteers Needed 9:00 AM-10:00 AM

-Community Picnic Noon-2:00 PM South Quad

Sunday, August 22

-Convocation 7:30 PM-8:00 PM Library Quad

-First Night 8:00PM O'Brien Stadium

For information on how to volunteer, contact NSFP.

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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.

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.