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Newsletter of EIU's Division of Student Affairs

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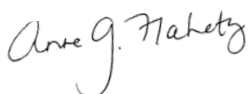
April was a full month of student banquets and year end recognitions! After two years of few in-person gatherings, it has been very fun to engage with students and Registered Student Organizations as they celebrated their accomplishments from this year. In April, we also celebrated Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month and recognized Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Next week, we will come together for a Division of Student Affairs retreat, "Reflect, Reconnect, and Renew" on Wednesday, May 11. I look forward to listening and learning from our student affairs colleague, Prakash Mathew, author of the book *We Are Called To Do The Right Thing*. We will also have opportunities to participate in a variety of break out sessions. For more retreat details please go to [Student Affairs Retreat](#).

While this is the time of year we celebrate our students, we also celebrated EIU employees, and specifically Student Affairs employees, who are retiring at the end of this academic year. We are grateful to each and every one of our retirees for their many years of service and dedication to EIU! I enjoyed having the opportunity to spend time with those who attended the retirement dinner on April 21 at Tarble Arts Center.

The celebrations continue through this weekend as we look forward to all the newest graduates crossing the stage on Saturday in Lantz Arena! I know that each and every one of you contributed in some unique way to the success of each graduate. I am grateful for your service and dedication to our students! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Namaste,



GET TO KNOW...

✓ Reflect ✓ Reconnect ✓ Renew

May 11, 2022



Student Affairs Retreat

9:00-9:30 **Check-In** Grand Ballroom

9:30-10:00 **Welcome**

VPSA Flaherty and President Glassman

EIU Enrollment Update – Josh Norman

10:00-11:00 **Keynote Speaker: Prakash Mathew,**
“Credible Leadership During Times of Change”

11:15-12:15 **Breakout Session 1**

12:15-1:30 Lunch including

VPSA Voice: **Summary of Community**

Assessment Survey Results, Charting the
Future of Student Affairs, and EIU Big Picture

Headshots – Optional (Location TBD)

1:45-2:45 **Breakout Session 2**

3:00-4:00 **Breakout Session 3**

4:00-4:15 **Wrap-Up & Give-Aways**

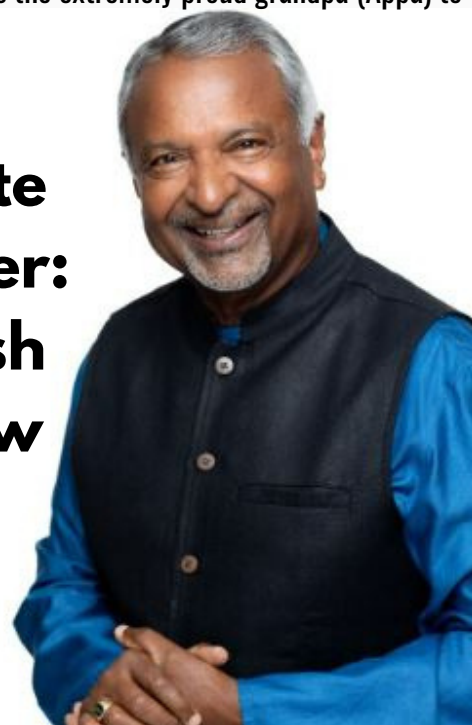
4:30 **Optional Social** – Dirty's

Prakash Mathew served as the Vice President for Student Affairs at North Dakota State University (NDSU) from 2006-2014. He retired after 38 years of service in Student Affairs. Thirty-four of those years were spent at NDSU; four years were spent at Mankato State University. Mathew held positions including Hall Director, Director of Residence Life, Associate Dean and Dean of Student Life, and Vice President for Student Affairs.

Prakash Mathew has provided leadership in the Student Affairs profession at the state, regional, and national levels. He served NASPA (National Association of Student Affairs Administrators) and the Student Affairs profession as a member of the NASPA Foundation, the National Board of Directors, and as a regional Vice President. He also served on the Executive Committee for the Council of Student Affairs for APLU (Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities).

Prakash is married to his wife, Jane, and is the proud parent of two sons, Trevor (daughter in-law Emily) and Christopher. He is the extremely proud grandpa (Appa) to Isabelle and Zara.

Keynote Speaker: Prakash Mathew



DID YOU KNOW...

Question of the Month

Last month's question: What do you never leave the house without other than your phone, keys, or wallet?

Sarah Daugherty- Sunglasses and my coffee cup

Marisol Gamboa- Coffee!

Catie Witt- Hydro Flask

Paul Weber- Never (almost never) leave the house without coffee.

This month's question: What is your favorite "jam music" when riding in your car?

Care to share? vpsa@eiu.edu

Thank You, Jody Stone

This July, Jody Stone will step down from his role as Staff Senate President, having served on the Executive Board for the last six years. "Six years is a good run. It is time for someone else with fresh ideas and energy," said Stone.



According to Stone, representing staff is not easy. Wrapping the "voices from each contingency" into one voice takes a lot of listening and searching for middle ground. "It is important to have good people at the table discussing ways of improvement." This position is in some ways similar to Stone's Senior Associate Director, University Housing & Dining role. Making sure our EIU students are successful begins with helping our staff be successful and well. Stone says he is "constantly listening for feedback for improvement to help make sure EIU is a great place to work."

During his tenure on Staff Senate, Stone worked hard to offer assessment and concerns to EIU Administration, as well as suggestions to help improve staff morale. Having worked closely with the Civil Service Council and EIU Administration to implement EIU's first gift day, Stone feels this was his greatest accomplishment as President. "I truly felt administration listened to our concerns."

**Well Done,
Emma Noble.**
Recipient of the
Eta Sigma Gamma
Honor Award from
the EIU Department
of Public Health &
Nutrition

Congratulations!

Jon Crask, Dr. Flaherty, and Art Lauderback shown at the Retirees Dinner held this April. Renee Kerz was unable to attend.



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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.