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IN THE KNOW

Newsletter of EIU's Division of Student Affairs

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This issue of *In the Know* marks the one-year anniversary of this publication of our Student Affairs newsletter. I am grateful to my assistant Anne Lewis for the time and energy she puts into this monthly communication for all of our division. We want to hear your ideas about the content and we welcome your contributions. Please send directly to Anne Lewis at alewis@eiu.edu.

A shout out to our Student Affairs graduate assistants who aptly represented EIU through poster presentations at the ACPA (Student Educators International) conference earlier this month: Robyn Bauer, Devin DeBoth, and Brandy Mathews all from University Housing & Dining; Brooke Gibson, Student Accountability & Support; and our friends in Academic Affairs, Alexandra Dudley, Yesenia Muruato, and Ashley Jezik. Anna Fishbein, Civic Engagement & Volunteerism, presented "*The Influence of Social Media and College Student Choice*" alongside Dr. Jon Coleman.

In celebration of Women's History Month (March) the Office of Civic Engagement & Volunteerism and Fraternity & Sorority Life co-sponsored the annual *Women Up conference* this past Sunday, March 27. EIU women leaders Dr. Catherine Polydore and Dr. Shawn Peoples, joined Catie Witt-Danner, University Housing & Dining and Bobbi Kingery, Career Services, and myself serving as panelists for the conference's closing panel.

In support of world peace, I end with the words of Anne Frank, "How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."

Namaste. 



Student Insurance

In anticipation of upcoming Health Information Professionals Week, April 17-23, let's talk about EIU's Student Insurance. A department under Health and Counseling Services, Student Insurance is led by Assistant Director, Angie Campbell, MSHI, RHIA. Keri Marti, CBCS and Amanda Repp make up the rest of the Student Insurance team, a self-insured no-network insurance company, funded solely by student fees.

According to Assistant Director Campbell, "Our team writes the plan; administers the plan; receives and processes all the claims; pays or denies the claims; and creates an explanation of benefits to send to students and providers. We work daily with all types of healthcare providers, students, attorneys, parents, and other insurance companies. We are a business." Part of this business includes helping our students by teaching them how to navigate the insurance system and work with insurance companies beyond their years at EIU.

Campbell has dedicated her professional career to serving in various capacities of health information professional affiliations. Serving in the role of president of the Illinois Health Management Association; peer reviewer for the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education; and Eastern's Civil Service Council president since 2008, are just a few of the numerous titles Campbell currently holds. "I have provided subject matter expertise in my field and I am one of the people that people come to with questions."

Not only do students turn to the Student Insurance Office for help, employees of Eastern do as well. "We have employees that call our office for help with their own insurance issues knowing we know who to call and which questions to ask, because this is what we do every day", says Campbell.



Angie Campbell



Keri Marti



Amanda Repp

DID YOU KNOW...

EIU Campus Food Pantry needs:
Spaghetti O's
Individual Fruit Cups: Apple Sauce,
Peaches, and Pears
Chicken Noodle Soup
Peanut Butter
Canned Corn

Follow up from April 2021...
No cricket spitting took place at the Pest Control Conference this year. Art Lauderback, who is planning on retiring from EIU this April, could not redeem or relinquish his title due to pandemic restrictions on spitting.



New UPD Officers

Jeong Park
Nick Oakley
Noah Danner



Question of the Month

Last month's question: Did you declare a New Year's resolution, and have you been able to keep it?

From Eric Davidson- Drinking 70 ounces of water a day - Yep
Taking Swim Lessons – Still doing, have only missed 2 weeks, one due to being sick, the other being in WI
Reading one book a week – hit the mark in January, am 1 book behind for February

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

Care to share? vpsa@eiu.edu



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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.