



MAY 2022

IN THE KNOW

Newsletter of EIU's Division of Student Affairs

VP SA VOICE

It was wonderful to see 122 of you at the Student Affairs retreat! A special shout out to the Student Affairs Recognition & Professional Development Committee for their planning of the event and to those who led breakout sessions. Feedback from both the retreat survey and the Student Affairs community survey provided many suggestions for future educational, social, and wellness-related events for our staff. Please watch for emails and within the newsletter for opportunities this summer, including lunch-time walks that I will be leading.

As I shared at the retreat, I encourage you to use your earned vacation time this summer. For most, summer is a better time to be away from campus. I look forward to hiking with my family in the national parks in southern Utah. I plan to be as “unplugged” as possible and taking in some of Mother Nature’s most beautiful creations.

May you have a restful and enjoyable summer.

May you have quality time with family and friends.

May is Mental Health Awareness month.

May you give extra attention to your mental well-being.

Hope you had a happy and safe **Memorial Day!**

Namaste,



**Lunch-Time
VP SA Walks**
Coming soon to a
sidewalk near you.

NOW YOU KNOW...



Officer Cook awarded Police Officer of the Year
by Charleston Police Department



Eunhwa Hoh, Officer Anthony Hoh, Bethany Hellman, Jon Smith,
and Stacy Smith



Officer Rodney Redfern and
Officer Jeong Park



Sergeant Andrea Beals and
Chloe Hellman



Reuben Gamboa and
Chief Marisol Gamboa



UPD celebrated National Police Week May 11-17

GET TO KNOW...



Christopher Wojtysiak, Beccah Maley, Prakash Mathew, Phoebe Kukura, Ceci Brinker, and Madison Palmer



Karla Drum, Kristin Hupp, and Chris Wojtysiak, all from University Housing & Dining Services



Beth Dunahee, New Student & Family Programs



Student Affairs Retreat 2022



James Brummer, Charlie Jenkins, Brandon Skinner, Marla Cooper, and Chrystal Wingler, all from University Housing & Dining Services



Nathan Wehr and Jacob Mueller, Fraternity & Sorority Life

DID YOU KNOW...



Bobbi Kingery, John Marr, and Kelli Walters,
all from Career Services.



Bernadette Mangialardi and
Lindsay Wilson, both from the
Counseling Clinic.

*Student
Affairs
Retreat
2022*



Congratulations on your retirement
from the Pharmacy Paula Bolen!
(pictured with Jessica Taylor)

Adventure EIU

Adventure EIU is back for anyone within the Student Affairs Division! Join us for this free outdoor challenge that will take you across campus as you solve clues, complete challenges and puzzles, and work to get to the finish line as a team!

Adventure EIU will be on Friday, June 24th from 9:30am-11:30am. You can register as a full team of 4, OR you can register as a free agent and be placed on a team with 3 new friends destined to be your besties. First team to finish will get internet fame and adoration. We even have Adventure EIU shirts! Register to join us today!

[Sign up here.](#)



IN THE KNOW...



Charlie Jenkins

University Housing & Dining Services
Custodial Supervisor

Having worked at EIU for more than 17 years, Charlie appreciated getting to know a majority of the staff and faculty, as well as many students on campus. In retirement, Charlie plans to focus on his family's Gymnastics/Ninja Warrior training gym (Phoenix Elite) and remodel his newly purchased home. Charlie is thankful for the opportunity to earn his teaching certificate in Physical Education and Health Studies while working at EIU. Charlie most recently served on the Student Affairs Professional Development & Recognition Committee. Thank you for your dedication to EIU and Student Affairs!



Cathy Engelkes

MLK, Jr. University Union
Deputy Director

Cathy Engelkes has been the caretaker of the MLK, Jr. University Union as long as most fellow employees can remember. Always present behind the scenes making sure each event runs smoothly, Cathy's 45 years of service to EIU include ticket sales for numerous concerts (Chicago and Beach Boys tie for her favorites), building and landscaping renovations, responsibility for day-to-day Union business operations, and countless space requests for meetings, weddings, dances, and parties. She leaves a true Student Affairs legacy. Cathy plans to travel a little and relax. She shared, "I have loved this job and I will miss it very much." Thank you for your dedication to EIU and Student Affairs!

Question of the Month

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

Catie Witt- I am either listening to true crime, rocking out to MGK, or singing my heart out to Taylor Swift!

Jenny Sipes- The radio is always tuned to 88.1, WBGL ("Faith, Hope, Family"). No matter what is happening in the world, in the office, or at home, this music speaks to my heart and gives me peace.

Anne Lewis- QUEEN, anything QUEEN. A nod to riding my school bus with Eric Davidson.

This month's question: In your opinoin, what is the perfect summer temperature?

Care to share? vpsa@eiu.edu

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Do you have an item for the newsletter? [Fill out the submission form here!](#)



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.