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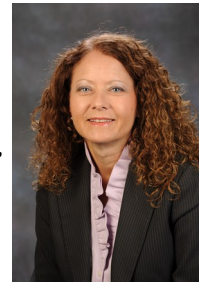
VP Welcome

Dear Bears:

Welcome to Missouri State University! Whether you are a first year student or a returning student, Student Affairs is thrilled to support a positive learning environment on campus where you can grow and development through your experiences as a BEAR. As you may know, I am a proud Missouri State University alum! And, I am so pleased to return to the campus to work with and for all of the MSU BEARS. There are many exciting things happening here on campus and this newsletter highlights some of the initiatives underway. With student success as our common goal, Student Affairs is always excited to put our student development expertise, ideas, and resources to work.

Please reach out to me or any member of the Student Affairs Council to share your thoughts and ideas regarding new initiatives, possible collaborations, opportunities to improve current programs or services, or suggestions to enhance our offerings to students. After all, we want to remain effective in helping students to *Follow their Passion and Find their Place* here at Missouri State University.

Dr. Dee Siscoe



Student Affairs Professional Development Opportunities

September 24, 2-3pm,

Do You know Your Nine?: Title IX and the Violence Against Women Act

Presenter: Kim Sahr, Coordinator of Student Conduct

October 24th, 3-4 pm:

Higher Learning Commission QIP Progress Update: How is Student Affairs doing and what still needs to be done?

Presenters: Dr. Keri Franklin

November 6, 3-4 pm:

Understanding GradTracks

Presenter: Jack Hunter, Director of Career Center

December 2, 2-3pm:

Student Affairs 3rd Annual Holiday Cookie Decorating Party

All sessions are located in PSU Ballroom East



CAMPUS RECREATION

Student/Employee Swimming Lessons are available for payment via non-credit fee waiver. Classes begin Monday, September 16 and run Monday evenings for 6 weeks at the rate of \$40 per participant. Both beginner and intermediate classes are offered. For more details, visit Campus Recreation's website at <http://www.missouristate.edu/recreation/Aquatics> or register on My Learning Connection.

Get certified in adult, child, or infant CPR/AED or first aid in one of Campus Recreation's upcoming certification classes. Morning, mid-day, and weekend classes are available. The next class is Tuesday, September 10. For more details, visit Campus Recreation's website at , <http://www.missouristate.edu/recreation/Wellness/> or register on My Learning Connection.

Welcome to International Student Services!

As the new Director of International Services I had the opportunity to be as "new" as the 300 incoming international students we welcomed to Missouri State University (MSU) at the International Student Orientation on August 16. I literally got off a plane the night before along with many international students arriving just in time for orientation. Fortunately, the fantastic International Services staff made sure everything was in order for the big day. This included galvanizing an army of student volunteers to serve as table leaders and conduct a student-led panel, informative presentations covering everything from technical immigration issues to health and safety, and providing refreshments for everyone to enjoy. All I had to do was say, "welcome." As a division of International Programs, we are looking forward to a busy semester of assisting international students pursue their academic goals at MSU while making them feel at home in Springfield. The new international students this semester increase our total international student enrollment to 1,446. We are located at the Jim D. Morris Center downtown, but also provide advising assistance and outreach at our satellite office in the Plaster Student Union. Please join us for an open house on October 4 at our main office downtown; an opportunity to mingle with IS staff, international students from around the globe, and the MSU community at large. Look forward to meeting everyone.

Patrick Parnell

Fraternity and Sorority Life: Growing by Leaps and Bounds

What a beginning to the Fall semester for Fraternity and Sorority Life. More than 700 women registered for Formal Sorority Recruitment that occurred on August 22 to August 25, 2013. The weekend went extremely well, and ultimately matched 482 women to a new home. What a successful recruitment, and we look forward to what these amazing women will bring to the FSL community. Fraternity Recruitment is in full

swing and we are looking forward to all the new members who will be joining the IFC and FSL community. Sigma Sigma Sigma is on campus and looking forward to recruitment! Their recruitment begins Sept 15. Any questions, please contact Andrea Weber, Assistant Director for Fraternity and Sorority Life.



You Belong Welcomes Weekend gives students a chance to Picture Themselves at Missouri State, August 16-18, 2013

Each year, new students and families are welcomed with open arms to Missouri State and this year was no exception. Weekend events began with an outstanding move in provided by Residence Life, Housing and Dining Services. After moving students in, nearly 300 family members attended welcome sessions led by Joe Morris and Erica Garnett from SOAR. After family members departed, the fun was on for the students. Playfair is the official kick off activity



for new students to meet with other new students in the ultimate icebreaker experience. After Playfair, the 1500+ students took the first

You Belong photo and departed for the North Mall for snow cones and a free movie. The next morning, any family members who planned to stay for the weekend were treated to an Aloha Brunch at the dining centers. A special thank you goes to Dining Services for coordinating a dining experience that was delicious and enough food to feed 2896 students, families and siblings during a three hour time block. After brunch, students could catch a ride to Wal-Mart on the Oops! I forgot...shuttle. Around 300 students chose to take the special route for their various needed items.

When students returned, they met up with 3000 of their closest friends at the Fan Fest prior to Bear Bash. Students could enjoy free food, free events, meet some athletes and hear a special welcome from Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Dee Siscoe. After counting down to doors opening at 9:00 p.m. with head Football Coach Terry Allen, the students entered the Plaster Student Union and enjoyed crafts, snacks, two hypnotist performances, two magic shows, various games, a Texas Hold 'Em tournament, a community service activity and much more. After getting some rest from Bear Bash, students attended a once in a lifetime Convocation program at the JQH Arena featuring the honorary doctorate recipient and MSU Alumni John Goodman. Immediately following Convocation the students were cheered on through the Bear Path walk back to the PSU in order to meet with various student organizations at New



Student Festival. When students were ready for dinner or an activity, they headed to the Belong-B-Que or to the John Goodman Film Festival. Another great year on the books and it would not have been possible without the partnerships in Student Affairs. Looking forward to planning next year!

LOOK! Many Exciting Things in the Missouri State Career Center!

The Career Center assists students at all stages of their career development, and this semester we are offering several exciting events. We hope you will encourage students to participate.

Date	Event
August–September	Legislative Internship Recruiting
September 9, 10, & 11	Résumé Madness
September 18	Mock Interview Day
September 24	Networking Etiquette Dinner
September 25	Fall Career Fair
November 7 & 8	Career Exploration Panel Presentations

Following are descriptions of the events:

Legislative Internship Program

This internship enables students to serve on the staff of a state legislator in Jefferson City, MO. The program is open to students in all majors who have completed at least one semester at Missouri State University, have completed at least 45 credit hours, have a 2.5 or higher GPA, and are willing to live in Jefferson City during the spring semester.

Résumé Madness

Résumé Madness is held each semester at various locations around campus. Students bring a hard copy of their résumé and visit with a member of the Career Center staff to receive a quick review and tips.

Mock Interview Day

Mock Interview Day gives students an opportunity to go through a practice interview session with an area employer or Career Center staff member. Students sign up for a time slot that works with their schedule on the day of the interviews. Participating students are required to submit a résumé to the Career Center prior to the event.

Networking Etiquette Dinner

Held in the JQH Arena PrimeOvertime Club, the Networking Etiquette Dinner is an opportunity for students and alumni to network with employer sponsors while learning proper etiquette for a business meal.

Fall Career Fair

Fall Career Fair 2013 is open to all students, of all majors looking for part– and full–time positions as well as internship opportunities. The event is open to all industries, including business, government, healthcare, human services, law enforcement, and non-profit organizations, as well as Graduate and Professional School programs.

Career Exploration Panel Presentations

The Exploring Careers Panel Presentations are for students, alumni, faculty, and staff to learn more about careers in various fields.

Additional Services

In addition to these events, all students have free access to JobTracks, where they can view and apply for full-time jobs, part-time positions, internships, and volunteer opportunities. Students also may schedule interviews with employers who are visiting campus, manage their résumés and other job search documents, and register for career events through JobTracks.

Students who would like to have their résumés and cover letters reviewed may come to one of our walk-in hours. The fall 2013 hours are—

Monday–Thursday

10 am–4 pm

Carrington 309

Students who would like to make an appointment with the Career Resources Specialist in their academic field may call the Career Center at 417.836.5636.

Connect with us on LinkedIn, Facebook, and Twitter. Visit our Website at <http://careercenter.missouristate.edu> for additional information.

Welcome from Student Financial Aid

During the first week of classes, nearly 1,700 students visited the Office of Student Financial Aid, and we answered over 1,500 phone calls that week. Needless to say, the cookies and lemonade sponsored by various Student Affairs offices each day of the week were appreciated as students waited in line. As we helped our students with financial aid, they helped themselves to 80 dozen cookies and 48 gallons of lemonade!

And our hard work paid off! On Monday, August 26, we made our first financial aid disbursement, applying the funds to student account balances. Below is a summary of the totals to date:

<u>Aid Type</u>	<u>Total Dollars Paid</u>
Federal Student Loans	\$26,600,501
Federal Grants	\$8,747,348
Institutional Scholarships/Waivers	\$12,991,540
Contracts/3rd Party Scholarships	\$1,618,102
TOTAL AID PAID	\$49,947,491

We've made thousands of our students very happy, but we can't rest on our laurels. Now we're 'cleaning up' the problems for those students whose aid didn't disburse for some reason, and for those students who didn't complete the process. We'll stay busy with them for the rest of the semester!

Missouri State University
“Salute to America” football game
Saturday, September 21st

Office of Veteran Student Services is honored to host all MSU student veterans, and Veteran Faculty and Staff to be their guests at the Salute to America football game against Central Arkansas. Missouri State University wishes to honor and recognize the service and sacrifice made by our students, faculty and staff.

Events include:

Veteran Tent and Tailgate in BearFest Village.

Football Game – Free tickets to all Student Veterans, Active Duty military and Staff/Faculty Veterans

Post-game fireworks set to patriotic music at 9 p.m. following the game

Recognition – During the game, we will have a special recognition of all veterans in attendance.



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