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Welcome to the 2012 – 2013 academic year!

Just as we have had record setting temperatures this summer the upcoming year promises to raise the bar for many operations within the Division of Student Affairs. In this newsletter we will highlight some of the new construction, facility and program upgrades. More important, however, is the recognition of the 2012 Division of Student Affairs (DOSA) Award recipients, along with formally welcoming individuals who are now part of our student-centered staff. I can confidently state that all staff members within the Division, new and returning, will assume leadership in providing “The Missouri State Experience” for student, faculty and staff colleagues.

The beginning of a new academic year is always a time of promise and excitement. A student once told me during the opening weekend Bear Bash that he hadn’t yet missed a class and felt like he had all “A” grades! Easy to say before the first day of class! Our job is to provide the services, opportunities, educational programs and personal support so all students can continue beyond that opening weekend excitement and accomplish “success.” I have always said that success is defined in one word: Graduate! Everything we do, from providing a clean building to challenging someone to consider new ideas or a different world perspective, is to help our students fulfill that definition of success.

Go Bears!

Earle F. Doman Ph.D.
Vice President for Student Affairs



2012 State of Division

The 2011– 2012 school year came and went in a blink of an eye. It is now time to recognize all the hard work of our faculty, staff, and graduate assistants within and outside of the Division of Student Affairs. Many programs have been developed, new ideas have been discussed, and many long awaited projects are being finished. The Division of Student Affairs have kept busy, but then again that is nothing new in our field of work.

The 3rd Annual State of Division was held August 8, 2012 in the Plaster Student Union.

Dr. Earle Doman addressed the Student Affairs division with excitement and enthusiasm for the upcoming school year. Dr. Doman reminded all in attendance that we are here to serve the students, and we are to provide them the best service we can, while helping them succeed in every possible way. Excitement was shared about the many construction projects going on around campus including the new Panda Express, Red Mango, and Center for Leadership and Volunteerism within the Plaster Student Union; as well as the renovations of Garst Dining

Center, Hammons and Hutchens Residence Halls, and the new and highly anticipated Bill R. Foster and Family Recreation Center.

Lastly, Dr. Doman recognized programs, faculty, staff, and graduate assistants who have gone above and beyond to make Missouri State University a welcoming, and better place for students to call “Home”.

Many great things are happening on the Missouri State campus, and the Division of Student Affairs has another exciting year ahead.

2012 Division of Student Affairs Award Winners

During this year's State of Division Address, Dr. Earle Doman recognized the 2011– 2012 DOSA Award nominees and winners. Award categories and Winners include:

- Promotion of Cultural Competence
Cyndi Barnett and Katheryn Staeger-Wilson
- * Promotion of Community Engagement
Patrick Grayshaw
- * Promotion of Ethical Leadership
Dr. Marissa Weaver
- * Innovation by a Team
Transfer Credit reevaluation/pre-approval online system
- * Outstanding New Program
Standardized Summer Student Training and Student Orientation Manual
- * Outstanding Non- Exempt Staff Member
Marsha Hope
- * Outstanding Exempt Staff Member
Dr. Denise Baumann
- * Outstanding New Staff Member
Patrick Grayshaw
- * Outstanding Graduate Assistant
Todd Euglow
- Vice President Special Award
Angie Strider
- Vice President Special Award
Charna Knepper

cant was most deserving of the award. This year's nominee's stood out in their own amazing ways, and we would like to congratulate them on a job well done in the 2011-2012 school year.

As we take a look at our awards winners for this year, we see people with determination, dedication, and perseverance to make Missouri State University the best place it can be for all students.

It all starts with those who live out the university's Public Affairs Mission through their work as a student affairs professions. Through Promotion of Cultural Competence, Cyndi Barnett and Katheryn Staeger-Wilson worked to create and develop many ways for all disabled and non-disabled students to be able to utilize the features within the Foster Recreation Center. As we look on, through his tremendous work with volunteer programs and working with the Springfield and surrounding communities, Patrick Grayshaw received the Promotion of Community Engagement Award. Lastly, there is one more award that helps demon-

strate our Public Affairs mission, and that is the Promotion of Ethical Leadership.



This award was presented to Dr. Marissa Weaver for her dedication to the leadership programs, especially the new program of the Distinction of Public Affairs. With this program, Dr. Weaver has helped students learn the values of leadership and go beyond what they thought they could be capable of.

The next six awards were presented to either a team or an individual who excelled in the developments of new programs, their job, and with the students. Innovation by a Team is an award that was presented to a team who helped develop an online system for transfer credit to be reevaluated or pre-approved when coming in from other insti-

group nominations or individual nominations. The DOSA Awards committee had a tough road ahead of them, reading through the nominations, and deciding which applicant was most deserving of the award. This year's nominee's stood out in their own amazing ways, and we would like to congratulate them on a job well done in the 2011-2012 school year.

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When nominations started to pour in for the 2011-2012 DOSA Awards, over 45 people were nominated in some way by group nominations or individual nominations. The DOSA Awards committee had a tough road ahead of them, reading through the nominations, and deciding which appli-

Another great team worked together to create a manual for Summer Student Training and Student Orientation for the Residence Life area and received the Outstanding New Program Award. The next winner was recognized for her outstanding work in Admissions as the "heart and soul" of the office. Marsha Hope received the award for Outstanding Non-Exempt Staff Member. The next award recipient is known for her developmental ways in helping solve problems and teaching her students. Dr. Denise Baumann is the recipient of the Outstanding Exempt Staff Member Award. There have been many new faces in the last year, but there is one who sticks out for his dedication to helping those around the Springfield community, and encouraging students to do the same. Patrick Grayshaw is the recipient of the Outstanding New Staff Member award. Lastly, where would many full time staff members be without their Graduate Assistants to help out a just a little bit throughout the year. Todd Euglow has gone above and beyond the standards of a normal" graduate assistant posi-

tion as he has served on various committees, attended various conferences, and much more. Todd Euglow is the recipient of the Outstanding Graduate Assistant Award.

At the end of the awards ceremony, Dr. Doman took some time to recognize two individuals who have gone above and beyond their call of their job. The first individual recognized was Charna Knepper. Charna is an outstanding member of the Taylor Health and Wellness Staff. Charna

has led Taylor Health and Wellness Center to two perfect Clinical Office Laboratory Accreditation inspections. This is an accreditation is given to less than 3% of medical laboratories nationally. Charna went above the call to help make Taylor Health and Wellness Center one of the best in the country. Lastly, recognized for her outstanding work with students, faculty and staff, Angie Strider has made a large impact on the Missouri State Campus. Angie puts everything she has into what she does, es-

pecially with the students. She is known as a positive, outgoing, and thriving individual who has a passion for what she does, and is an essential part to the Residence Life, Housing and Dining Services staff.

Thank you to all who were nominated for your hard work and dedication to what you do. Congratulations to ALL our award recipients and we look forward to a great 2012-2013 school year!

Grand Opening of the Foster Recreation Center

After many years of brainstorming, planning, student focus groups, testing equipment, and developing a layout, the new Foster Recreation Center broke ground in 2010. From then, this state-of-the-art and LEED –certified facility has been a highly anticipated facility by all students, faculty,



staff, administrators, alumni, and Springfield community members.

This buzz all around campus is the overwhelming excitement of this new addition to campus. The FRC includes an Aquatics center, Basketball Courts, Climbing Wall and Boulder, Fitness Center, Jogging Track, and Multi-Purpose Activity Courts. Also, with a membership to the center, there are options for personal training and fitness assessments, along with message therapy.

We are excited to say that the building will be having its Grand Opening the first week of classes, August 20-24, 2012. The staff of the recreation center is excited to be offering daily activities to get everyone excited.

These activities include fitness contests, SAC sponsoring a “Dive-In-Movie” in the pool, a Sports night with a 3-point shooting contest, and a night to test out your skills on the Rockwall.

Take some time and check out this exciting addition to Missouri State and even bring your friends!

The fall hours for the FRC are:

Monday– Thursday: 6am-11pm

Friday: 6am-9pm

Saturday: 9am-9pm

Sunday: Noon-11pm

Building Up: New Campus Additions and Renovations

Construction seems to be nothing new to the atmosphere of Missouri State. Over the last few years, additions and renovations have been occurring all across the campus including the residential hall rooms have been renovated and updated, and new vendors have been added to the food court within the Plaster Student Union among many other great happenings.

This summer has been no different to the additions we are seeing on campus. The Plaster Student Union will be seeing the finishing touches to the “new” vendors as the long awaited opening of Panda Express

and Red Mango happen during the first week of classes. Also in the Plaster Student Union, Campus Recreation is fully moved into their new space within the Foster Recreation Center, and the renovations for Center for Leadership and Volunteerism have begun. This is a highly anticipated change as the office for Citizenship and Service Learning and the Leadership and Volunteer Programs from within the Office of Student Engagement join forces to create an addition to what is offered for students throughout the Missouri State campus.

Residence Life, Housing and Dining Services have been busy finishing out the residential halls, along with the Garst and Blair-Shannon Dining Centers. This two places will provide more seating for students while they take time during their busy days to eat lunch and dinner. The new additions and updates to the dining centers provide a uplifting atmosphere and we are excited to be opening them soon.

New Friends in Student Affairs

As the 2012-2013 school year begins, there are new faces with in the Division of Student Affairs. Our new additions can be found within Residence Life, Housing, and Dining Services, Campus Recreation, and the Office of Career Services.

Within Residence Life, Housing, and Dining Services, we would like to give a warm welcome to the following. Robert Adkison, Administrative Assistant I within the Residence Life Business area; Amanda Cashman "Cash", Hall Director of Blair-Shannon Residence Hall. Amanda received her MS in College Student Personnel from Western Illinois State University and attended Minnesota State University-Moorehead for her undergraduate degree. Courtney Brewer, Assistant Hall Director of Wells Residence Hall and she received a degree in Psychology from Arkansas Tech University. Next we have Jacob Mendez, Assistant Hall Director of Woods Residence Hall; Jacob attended Pittsburg State University and received a BA in History. Following Jacob, we have Zachery Holder,

Assistant Hall Director of Sunvilla and he received a degree in Film from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Lastly Brandi Matthews joins the Residence Life, Housing, and Dining Services team as the new Assistant Director of Education and Development. Brandi received a master's degree in Counseling from Missouri State University, and before that attended Ball State University for her undergraduate work.

Next, within Campus Recreation, we are happy to have Galan Martin join the staff as the Associate Director for Campus Recreation. Galan has been across the country working within other institutions, particularly in Campus Recreation. Along with Galan, joining Campus Recreation is Don Jensen, Lead Custodian, and Addie Douglas, Custodial Staff.

Within the Office of Career Services, we are happy to introduce Dominiece Hoelyfield, Career Resource Specialist. Dominiece graduated with a MS in Student Af-

fairs from Illinois State University and previously attended Southern Illinois University

for her undergraduate degree.

Lastly, as our division continues to grow, we are excited to have Justin Johns, MSW, join the staff within the Counseling and Testing Center as a Mental Health Clinician-Substance Abuse Assessment Specialist. Justin is a recent graduate of the Missouri State MSW program and will be working along with the Dean of Student Office to provide educational opportunities on the topics of alcohol, drugs, and prevention.

We are excited to welcome our new friends and look forward to great things they will be doing for Missouri State University.



Admission Special Tour Day July 27, 2012

The Office of Admissions hosted a special day for prospective students that included tours of the campus, and a special presentation to learn additional fun facts about the campus.

The Summer Visit Day went fantastic. We had 246 students attend one of the two sessions on Friday, July 27, with an additional 321 guests. In addition to the prospective students from Missouri, we had

students from Arkansas, California, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Texas. Of the 246 students, most were about to begin their senior year of high school this fall, but we did have a few rising juniors and some transfer students.

The day began with an Admissions presentation, followed by a tour and ended with an opportunity for students to interact with faculty from the six colleges and the

School of Agriculture, plus the Financial Aid, Honors College, Multicultural Student Services and Study Away. And, as a special treat for surviving the 100+ degree day, we also had ice cream treats for our guests. We look forward to seeing these prospective students become Missouri State Bears in the 2013 and 2014 school years!

Welcome Weekend Events 2012

It is that time of year when students are returning for another year, and we have first year students excited for what is to come as a Bear at Missouri State University!

The Office of Student Engagement has been working feverishly to organize the best weekend for students to get out and meet new people before classes begin. The first big event for students start Friday as "Playfair" held on the Recreation Fields. This event is two hours of ice breakers, and fun games. This event then leads into a free movie on the Bear Paw. Beginning Saturday, students can say goodbye to their families at the "Aloha Brunch". This event is great for parents and students to enjoy one last meal together before they leave. As the day moves forward, excitement builds as the Plaster Student Union is transformed into a night carnival known as Bear Bash. This event is a highlight for many students each year, as many gather together to enjoy fun games and festivities of a new school year. As Sunday roles around, all are welcome to join in at the New Student

Convocation to get everyone in the mind-set for a new academic year. After the conclusion of New Student Convocation, the OSE will host a New Student Festival for all students to attend and learn more about how to get involved with the various organizations we have on our campus.

Welcome Weekend is an exciting time in preparation for the start of a new and great year!



Friday, Aug. 17, 2012

8 am: Residence Hall Move-In (Residence Halls)
3 and 4 pm: Parent and Family Welcome and Informational (Plaster Student Union Theater)
5-8 pm: Dinner on Campus or at Specific Downtown Restaurants
8 pm: Playfair (Recreation Fields)
10 pm: Outdoor Games (North Mall)
10 pm: Free Outdoor Movie The Hunger Games (North Mall)

Saturday, Aug. 18, 2012

9 am-9 pm: Foster Recreation Center Tours (Foster Recreation Center)
11 am-1 pm: Parent/Student Aloha Brunch and Goodbyes (Campus Dining Centers)
12-4 pm: Bear Paw, Oops I forgot ... (Bear Paw)
6:30-8:30 pm: TRANSFERmation (Carrington Auditorium)
7:30 pm-1 am: Bear Bash (Plaster Student Union)

Sunday, Aug. 19, 2012

12:30 pm: Fraternity & Sorority Life 101 (Hammons Student Center)
2 pm: New Student Convocation (JQH Arena)
3-4:30 pm: New Student Festival (Plaster Student Union)
4-6:00 pm: Commuter Meet and Greet (Plaster Student Union Room 400)
4:30-6:30 pm: Belong-B-Q (Tent behind Freudenberger Residence Hall)

Missouri State University Going Tobacco Free

Beginning August 15, 2012, Missouri State will become a primarily Smoke Free and Tobacco Free campus. We are excited to promote healthier lifestyles for all students, faculty, and staff. There will no longer be designated areas for smoking and tobacco use during the normal school day.

Students are highly encouraged to approach any student who is not following the tobacco policy, and to nicely ap-

proach the subject informing them of the new policy and what it entails. Taylor Health and Wellness Center is offering additional information on tobacco use, and a tobacco sensation program for those interested in quitting.



When there are events being held inside Plaster Stadium, JQH Arena, Juanita K. Hammons Performance Hall, Hammons Student Center, smoking is allowed in front of these venues, or within a private vehicle located on university parking lots.

The Division of Student Affairs is looking forward to this change, and we hope many others are as well.

From the Outside Looking In: Student Affairs from the eyes of a Graduate Assistant

“Don’t aim for success if you want it; just do what you love and believe in, and it will come naturally.”- David Frost

My passion and love for Student Affairs begin in my Sophomore year, here at Missouri State University, when I started working for the Office of Student Engagement. Not only did I work for that office, but I also served in various capacities within organizations advised by the OSE. I fell in love with serving my campus community, working to live out the Public Affairs Mission, and striving to make a difference, even if it was small. My life has been forever touched by two amazing mentors’, Jeremy Schenk and Andrea Weber, who pushed me to always do what was ethical and always look to the positive side of any situation. Those two even shared with me that “Once you start in Student Affairs, you will get sucked in, and you won’t look back”, and wow, they were completely right! Within the past three years, my passion and love has only grown to a mere “obsession” and lead me to the desire to make Student Affairs my profession.

I recently graduated in May, and started my new position within the Office of Student Affairs. I am extremely privileged to work with an awesome team, and to learn more of the administrative side of the university. Within the last two months, I have had the opportunity to take my first graduate level class, work full time of 20 hours a week, sit in informative and educational meetings, and get registered for my first conference as an aspiring Student Affairs Professional. Needless to say, I am overwhelmingly excited for the Fall 2012 semester to begin.

I chose the David Frost quote “Don’t aim for success if you want it; just do what you love and believe in, and it will come naturally.”, for a few reasons. As a masters student starting out in the Student Affairs profession, I have always set high expectations for myself and aim to achieve what some might believe to be the impossible. I have the amazing privilege to work with many of the adminis-

trators and staff members on our campus and see that each one of them have a passion for what they do. It is inspiring to see so many professionals truly love what they do, and honestly, it seems like it comes naturally to them. I have heard many times that students do not attend college with the outcome of wanting to become part of Student Affairs. Those who work within Student Affairs show the love for what they do and stand up for what they believe in, and in turn inspire students to do the same. Many professionals probably would not have thought of Student Affairs as a profession until someone they looked up to introduced them to this amazingly crazy world. Not only am I excited for what this profession has to offer for me, but I am excited to hopefully one day be that mentor to someone in the way my mentors were for me.

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