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Faculty, Staff Asked to Share Global Experiences

NIU’s Division of International Programs is conducting an online survey to keep updated about NIU faculty and staff and their global experiences.

The survey is an expansion of the one completed in 2009: Results from that questionnaire have proven helpful when International Programs staff are asked for recommendations of people knowledgeable about a particular country or language. Familiarity with university experts will help NIU become an even more globally focused institution.

Most respondents will need about five minutes to finish and submit their answers. Because International Program staff might contact respondents to learn more about their global expertise, the survey is not anonymous.

Division staff are hoping to close the survey Monday, April 4.

For more information, e-mail sclayton@niu.edu or call (815) 753-9526.

President’s Corner

Congratulations Operating Staff! A little less than three years ago we embarked on a journey to endow our Dependent Scholarship. That meant that in three years time we had to collect $25,000 so that our scholarship would be perpetually funded. As of February 28, 2011 that goal had been reached and surpassed! I want to personally thank the committee whose tireless efforts made this possible: Committee Chair, Clair Williams, Jelmir Atkins, Sara Clayton, Cathy Cradduck, Joseph Koch, and Sara Lamberty.

We will continue to collect funds and have 50/50 drawings to increase our funds. Our hope is to increase the number of scholarships and/or the dollar amount we can award. We will be announcing our 2011 winners in our next newsletter. For more information on how to apply for the Dependent Scholarship, pictures of our past winners, and how you can donate please visit our website at www.niu.edu/osc/index.shtml.

Speaking of the Operating Staff Council website…Please check out our website’s newest addition. We just added a link labeled State Pension and Budget Update. It is an excellent up-to-date way to keep informed of budget and pension reform legislation. With information changing daily, you should check back often. There is also a section called Rumors & Questions. This is a great place to anonymously ask those questions that you might have, but are afraid to ask.

Also, please contact your legislator about any or all of these important issues that are posted. They are representing us and the only way they can do that is by hearing from their constituents. Here are a few tips to keep in mind when contacting them:

When writing to area legislators the inside and outside address should be:

The Honorable first name last name

The salutation should be:

Dear Senator last name, or Dear Representative last name,

DO NOT use NIU stationary, envelopes, e-mail, telephones or computers to make your contacts with your legislators.

DO USE your own personal notepaper or stationary, stamps and envelopes, phone at home and your own computer at home. If calling your legislators, please wait until you are off campus to make the call so it doesn’t register as an incoming call from a campus building. To check on what your legislators address is please go to the Illinois General Assembly Home Page at www.ilga.gov/.

Now is the time for you to get involved here at NIU also. Help us with the important issues! You should have received a letter via campus mail from the Operating Staff Council which was a call for candidates. There are six vacancies to be filled this year. Each vacancy is for a three year term. The Operating Staff Council’s by-laws state that the Council’s role is to promote the general welfare of Operating Staff employees through action in a communicative and advisory capacity to the NIU administration as well as any other applicable group, agency, or individual. We function as a source of direction, information, and two-way communication for the Operating Staff at NIU.

To be eligible to run for a position on the Council you must be a Civil Service employee in a status position. You must have your supervisor’s approval. The time commitment is approximately five hours per month, which includes the monthly meeting and sub-committee participation. The Council meets the first Thursday of
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every month in the Holmes Student Center Clara Sperling Sky Room from 9:00 a.m. until approximately noon.
Please fill out the Candidate Data Sheet you received via campus mail. You may also obtain the form from our website at www.niu.edu/osc/election.htm. Please send your form, with supervisor approval to: Sara Clayton, International Programs, Williston Hall 406, by 4:30 p.m. on or before Monday, April 4, 2011.
Please remember that Operating Staff Council is here for you. Bring your concerns to me, another member of the Council, or attend our monthly meetings.
Jay Monteiro, President
Operating Staff Council 2010–2011

Rockford Chariots to Play Wheelchair Basketball March 31 on Convo Center’s Victor E. Court
NIU’s Presidential Commission on Persons with Disabilities will host the Rockford Chariots, a wheelchair basketball team, for an exhibition game Thursday, March 31, on the Victor E. Court of the NIU Convocation Center.
Doors open at 5:30 p.m. The game begins at 6:30 p.m. Admission and parking are free.
This fun, community-based event will help provide an opportunity to recognize and conquer attitudinal barriers through awareness of some of the ways that persons with disabilities have chosen to confront their disabilities in affirmative ways.
The event also builds on the fervent belief that humanity will become a unified force that is powerful, beautiful, diverse and contagious by coming together to promote and celebrate an accessible environment that is enriched by the full participation of all persons.
Also scheduled that evening are live entertainment, a sing-and-sign performance of the national anthem, chances to win prizes and a free-throw competition.
For more information, contact Michael Kavulic at (815) 753-7407 or via e-mail at mkavulic@niu.edu.

Empty Bowls Project will Support Hope Haven
The 13th annual “Empty Bowls” project is scheduled for Wednesday, March 30. Reservations are recommended for either of the two seatings at 4:30 and 6 p.m. in the Chandelier Room, 143 Adams Hall.
The menu includes chicken noodle soup, broccoli-cheddar soup, minestrone soup and chunky pizza soup, a tomato-based concoction with cheese, pepperoni and mushrooms. Guests also can munch on a variety of breads. Beverages include coffee, iced tea and water.
A donation of $15 buys homemade soup and bread, a beverage and, while supplies last, a ceramic bowl hand-crafted by an NIU art student. A donation of $10 buys food and drink only. Both seatings feature raffles with prizes that include gift baskets and gift certificates to local shops and restaurants.
Additional donations are welcome. All proceeds benefit Hope Haven in DeKalb.
“As our winters are getting colder, more unfortunate people within our own community are not able to find a place to stay warm. Hope Haven is a place that not only welcomes whoever knocks on their door but feeds them as well,” said Jessica Hicks of Wauconda, president of the NIU Student Dietetic Association.
“Currently, Hope Haven is having a hard time making room for everyone. In order to provide as much as they can, Hope Haven is trying to raise money to make room for 30 more beds. Help us help our community.”
Members of the Student Dietetic Association from the School of Family, Consumer and Nutrition Sciences (who do the cooking) and the NIU Ceramics Club from the School of Art (who make the bowls) organize the event, an international project that originated in Michigan.
For reservations or more information, call Julie Halatek at (815) 753-1260 or visit www.chhs.niu.edu/chandelier.

Faculty, Staff Can Join Rec Center Mid-Semester
Have you been procrastinating about getting started on a fitness or exercise program? Do you want or need assistance in setting fitness goals and getting started? Do you want to learn how good nutrition can enhance your fitness goals?
Take advantage of Recreation Services mid-semester faculty-staff membership for $50. Among the benefits:
• Access to more than 100 hours per week of open recreation (drop-in) time at the Student Recreation Center, the Chick Evans Field House and the Gabel and Anderson hall pools.
• One free consultation with a certified personal trainer.
• One free consultation with a graduate student nutrition intern.
• Free access to all group fitness classes.
Online registration is available with a credit card. To pay with cash, check, credit card or payroll deduction, register at the kiosk at Student Recreation Services. Kiosk payments will be paid at the membership window.
For more information, call (815) 753-0231.
EMPLOYMENT

Changes

December 2010

Welcome New Employees
Angela Bollinger, Space Administrator II—Finance and Facilities
Sandra Olson, Office Manager—Building Services

Changes
Beatrice Bocklund to Assistant Comptroller—Controller
Kathy Gibbs to Program Administrative Assistant—Alumni Services
Angelica Gutierrez-Vargas to Assistant Equal Opportunity Officer—Human Resource Services
Sarah Ransom to Office Support Specialist—Scholarship Office
Barbara Seldal to Assistant Comptroller—Controller

Name Changes
Janet Brown to Janet Casey, Cook—Holmes Student Center

Retirements
Carol Capes, Cook—Housing & Dining
Lyle Dalen, Building Service Worker—Building Services
Patricia Gosse, Accountant II—Controller
Gary Ziegler, Assistant Chief Broadcasting Engineer—Media Services

January 2011

Welcome New Employees
Joseph Haney, Clerk—Family, Consumer and Nutrition
Kevin Inman, Stationary Fireman Helper—Physical Plant
Christine Monteiro, Internal Auditor II—Internal Audit
Lindsey Myers, Office Support Associate—Student Academic Success
Nathaniel Rada, Accountant I—Campus Parking
Jennifer Schumaker, Office Support Specialist—Office of Support and Advocacy
Anthony Sosin, IT Support Associate—NIUTEL-Telecommunication Services

Changes
Shaun Allshouse to Graphic Designer Associate—University Press
Louise Beukelman to Office Manager—Regional Development Institute
Bridgett Davis to Human Resource Representative—Human Resource Services
Judy Flores-Sender to Human Resource Representative—Human Resource Services
Stacy Jackson to Program Administrative Assistant—College of Health and Human Sciences
Leon Halatek to Internal Auditor II—Internal Audit
Julie Mahoney-Kryzek to Office Manager—College of Law
Jessica Tyrrell to Purchasing Officer I—Procurement
Bonnie Webb to Cashier IV—Bursar
Avery Nelson to Payroll Specialist II—Human Resource Services
Deirdre Young to IT Technical Associate—Registration and Records

Change in Department
Cathy Craddock, Administrative Assistant to Administration and University Outreach
Joseph Thomas, IT Technical Associate to University Libraries

Name Changes
Crystal Edsall to Crystal Foster, Office Support Associate—Theatre and Dance
Jennifer Schumaker to Jennifer Jeffries, Office Support Specialist—Office of Support and Advocacy
Ruth Murphy to Ruth Plaza, Assistant Chief Accountant—Controller
Sara Kiefer to Sara Richter, Library Assistant—University Libraries
Debra Reynolds to Debra Sander, Library Assistant—University Libraries

Retirements
Bryce Bankston, Building Service Worker—Building Services
Susan Chaplin, Program Administrative Assistant—Kinesiology and Physical Education
Jill Cutts, Account Technician II—Health Services
Judith Glover, Clerk—Public Safety
Fredrick Kelly, Senior Applications Analyst—Information Services
Linda Larsen, Central Stores Manager II—Materials Management
Judith Lawrence, Clerk—Registration and Records
John Tobias, Electronics Engineer—Chemistry and Biochemistry
Rita Withrow, Program Administrative Assistant—International Programs

Service Awards

December 2010

5 Years
Camyle Tate—Information Services

10 Years
Charles Boehning—Holmes Center Custodial
Ann Nelson—Counseling & Student Development

20 Years
Debbie Cullison—Information Services
25 Years
Karen Grubb—Communication
Sue Saari—Vice Provost

January 2011
5 Years
Clifford Benson—Physical Plant
Lesli Buie—Admissions
Allan Cagle—Heating Plant
Sharon Campbell—University Libraries
Lisa Carroll—Health Services
Anthony Del Fiacco—Media Services
Diane Drake—Northern Public Radio
Sharon Farley—Human Resource Services
Christine Gould—Information Security and Operations
Naomi Graham—Housing & Dining
Maranda Graybeal—Alumni Services
Monica Jinks—College of Law
Theresa La Rocco—Division of Research and Graduate Studies
Patricia Maxwell—Econ Illinois
Brian Pringnitz—Housing & Dining
James Quick—Housing & Dining
Michelle Reed—Public Safety
Sandar Wynn—University Libraries

10 Years
Bridgett Davis—Human Resource Services
Takako Day—Human Resource Services
Rosamond Esary—NIU TEL—Telecommunication Services
Denise Frakes—Holmes Center Bookstore
Timothy Gray—Building Services
Jennifer Gregory—Allied Health and Communicative Disorders
Thomas Malohn—Building Services
Theresa Maynard—Procurement Services
Henry Ritzert—Information Security and Operations
Jerry Rose—Building Services
Cathy Schneider—Career Services
Peter Sopko—Building Services
Alex Sroczynski—Building Services
Kathleen Wildenradt—Liberal Arts and Sciences External Programming

15 Years
Dawn Awe—Housing & Dining
Warren Lubbers—Materials Management
Daniel Shipman—Building Services

30 Years
Joyce Chaney—Student Affairs and Enrollment Management
Suman Krishan—Housing & Dining
Thomas Miller—Procurement Services

35 Years
Linda Holdeman—Information Services

February 2011
5 Years
Earl Beck—Holmes Student Center
Melissa Folowell-Vargas—Student Involvement and Leadership Development
Brandon Funkhouser—Materials Management
Emilia Gamino—Housing & Dining
W. David Hegberg—Parking Services
Cynthia Karasewski—Health Services

10 Years
Denotra Davis—Customer Support Services
Kenneth Erickson—Information Services
Patricia Lee—Recreation Services
Cynthia McCord—Media Services
Paula Mitchell—Building Services
Sherry Patterson—University Libraries
Mary Schlagel—Environmental Health and Safety

15 Years
Sharon Banks-Wilkins—VP University Relations
Angela Bergstrand—Housing & Dining
Louise Calderone—Psychology
Kelly Williams—Lorado Taft

20 Years
Charles Clark—Transportation
Suzette Oller—Information Technology Services
Stanley Todd—Building Services

25 Years
Jennifer Anderson—Kinesiology and Physical Education
Linrae Nwivitt—Division of Research and Graduate Studies
Willford Reed—University Press
Margaret Russell—College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Cynthia Wallin—Holmes Student Center

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