Student Affairs Student Success Conference

The first ever Student Success Conference was….well…a major success. More than 200 Student Affairs Educators attended the half-day conference focusing on student success. The theme for the conference was "Get in the Game" and all in attendance had a chance to wear their favorite sports team jersey or apparel. The day started with a hot breakfast in Destination 360 followed by an opening session in Hendrix Theatre looking at some of the major data sets that are impacting our students and more specifically the challenges we all face in the coming years.

After the opening session was the first of two of breakout sessions. Student Affairs Educators led all 14 of the breakout sessions either individually or in small group formats. The sessions were well-attended and early feedback showed a very positive experience.

After the sessions, Dr. Hardy wrapped up the conference talking about how the division will remain focused on student success in the coming years. She added that the division is really going to be intentional with integrating the four key phrases of student success into everything we do. The phrases are Connect, Invest, Motivate and Finish Strong.

During the conference, SA Educators were able to nominate colleagues for the Student Affairs Hall of Fame. The nominees could be anyone who is an advocate for students to help them succeed or serves as a mentor/motivator, an unsung hero, or lends a hand or shoulder without being asked to do so. Dr. Hardy read a handful of the 79 nominations as a part of her closing remarks and applauded all those who do their part to help our students succeed. All the nominee cards are currently posted on a bulletin board in the Mendenhall Student Center.

A special thanks to all those who planned this Student Success Conference including the planning committee and subcommittees, graphic design and marketing pieces, packet and bag stuffing team and everyone who served as referee, facilitator, coach, and presenter. Now it’s time to start planning the second annual conference.

Happy Holidays from Student Affairs

On behalf of the Division of Student Affairs Executive Council, Leadership Team and every department and staff member, we wish everyone a very safe and happy holiday season. Please take a minute and click on the image to the right to watch the Student Affairs Holiday Video Card. Special thanks go out to Kevin Treadway, the new Video Manager in SA Marketing and Communications, for this great production that focuses on our student success in 2013. We look forward to 2014 being even better!

Nancy Mize Wins Honorary Alumni Award

Congratulations go out to Nancy Mize, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Campus Recreation and Wellness. On December 14, Nance received the Honorary Alumni Award during the College of Health and Human Performance (HHP) graduation ceremony. She will have a plaque with a photo added to the Wall of Fame located on the purple hallway in the academic wing of Minges.

The Honorary Alumni Award is a prestigious award that honors individuals who are not graduates of HHP but have made significant impact to the mission of the College through their professional contributions and leadership.
ECU Orientation

2013 Summary

8,999 Attendees in 8 Sessions
4,314 Students
4,685 Family Members

Students’ most favorable impressions:
1. Informative
2. Meeting new people
3. The OA's friends staff/school spirit
4. The hypnotist

Interesting Notes from Student Self-Assessments
93% use or own a Smartphone as their primary mobile phone

66.5% said ECU was their first choice
28% said ECU was their second choice
(94.5% pick ECU as 1st or 2nd choice)

2014 Orientation Dates

Transfer Orientation
May 21-22
June 9-10

New Student Orientation
(now 10 sessions)
Session 1  June 16-17
Session 2  June 18-19
Session 3  June 23-24
Session 4  June 25-26
Session 5  June 30-July 1
Session 6  July 2-3
Session 7  July 7-8
Session 8  July 9-10
Session 9  July 14-15
Session 10  July 16-17

New Faces in Student Affairs

Ledonia Wright Cultural Center

In November, Student Involvement and Leadership welcomed Dr. Melissa Haithcox-Dennis as the new Director for the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center. Dr. Haithcox-Dennis, also known to her students and colleagues as Dr. H-D, earned a BS in Biology from North Carolina Central University, a M.A. in Health Education from Montclair State University, and a Ph.D. in Health Education from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale with an emphasis in social support and community organizing. Over the past fifteen years she has worked in non-profits and in the university setting as a professor and student affairs professional.

Parent and Family Programs

On December 16th, the Office of Parent and Family Programs welcomed Lauren Byers as the new Assistant Director of Parent and Family Programs. Lauren is a native of Buffalo, New York and comes to this position after serving for two years in the ECU Office of Undergraduate Admissions. During her time at ECU she has helped numerous students and families through the college search, application and decision process. Prior to ECU, Lauren worked with parents and students through the application, registration and orientation processes at Thiel College in Greenville, Pennsylvania. She earned her undergraduate degree in Economics from Allegheny College, and is completing her Master of Arts in Adult Education at East Carolina University.

University News and Information

New Tax Law for 2014 - Action Required

On December 6th, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration Rick Niswander sent out a memo alerting ECU Faculty and Staff of the new North Carolina House Bill 998, which becomes effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2014. There have been multiple communications with the same message coming from the Susan Chapman with Student Affairs Administration as well as from each of our department reps.

There are changes that impact the number of allowances permitted and taxes withheld. Therefore, every ECU faculty/staff must take action before the January 5th deadline. Prior to January 5, 2014, you can go to One Stop and Banner Self Service to complete the online form. After the deadline, all persons not completing the form will automatically be put into the “Single with zero allowances” category.

Please refer to the emails sent on December 6th, 9th and 10th for more information and contact your departmental representative with any questions.

ECU names new V-C for Advancement

On December 5th, Chancellor Ballard announced Christopher M. Dyba of Tulane University as the new vice chancellor of university advancement at East Carolina University. Dyba brings an impressive record of proven leadership at three major universities, including Tulane, where he oversees a team of 50 advancement officers. He has also overseen and conducted fundraising in broad and diverse areas at Auburn and Duke, including business, arts and sciences, divinity and the annual fund.

That experience makes him an excellent choice to lead East Carolina’s overall operations for the division of University Advancement, which includes development, major gifts, the annual fund and the ECU Alumni Association. He will begin his role March 24.

Student Conduct Process Revised through PRR

On November 11th, the Policy, Rules, and Regulations (PRR) committee completed the revisions for Regulation 11.30.01, which addresses the Student Conduct Process. The major section that was revised dealt with clarifying the route for appeals of student conduct proceedings. Questions about this revision or the regulation may be directed to the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities at (252) 328-6824 or by emailing Associate Director Jason Sininger at siningerj@ecu.edu. The revised regulation can be found by clicking here.
Intergenerational Community Center receives Service Award

The Lucille W. Gorham Inter-Generational Community Center has received the 2013 Links Community Service Award. IGCC’s director, Deborah Moody and University Program Associate, Shawan M. Sutton accepted the 2013 Links Community Service Award on November 16th. The Links, Incorporated is an international, not-for-profit corporation, established in 1946.

The membership consists of 12,000 professional women of color in 274 chapters located in 42 states, the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of the Bahamas. It is one of the nation’s oldest and largest volunteer service organizations of women who are committed to enriching, sustaining and ensuring the culture of economic survival of African Americans and other persons of African ancestry. The outstanding programming of The Links, Incorporated has five facets, which include, Services to Youth, The Arts, National Trends & Services, International Trends & Services and Health and Human Services. Moody and Sutton attended the White Rose Luncheon at the Gateway Convention Centre in Rocky Mount to accept the award.

Divisional Successes

Student Health ringing in the holidays
During the holiday season of giving and service, staff from Student Health Services gave their time to volunteer at Sam’s Club in Greenville. On December 17th, Bobbie Perkins, Jeanette Sugg, Donna George, Tara Smith, Latricia Hodges and Jennifer Rook rang bells and collected donations for the Salvation Army.

Student Transitions Presenting at NODA

Hank Bowen, from the Office of Student Transitions, presented at the NODA Annual Conference in San Antonio in November. NODA, formerly the National Orientation Directors Association, is now known as NODA - The Association for Orientation, Transition, and Retention in Higher Education. Hank’s session was entitled “Student Mentors: Guiding Peers into the Future” where he shared how our Pirate-to-Pirate Mentoring Program grew from a small organization with four mentors to a staff-coordinated program with 150 mentors. He shared information on how we recruit mentors and mentees, select and train mentors, and plan program events.

Four RA’s receive URCA Awards

Chadwick Day, James Parker, Dakota Johnson, Adheem Tahira, who are all resident advisors with Campus Living, all received Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity Awards in Fall 2013 from the ECU Office of Undergraduate Research in the Division of Research and Graduate Studies.