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Dear colleagues,

Please take a moment to catch up on some news of importance to our work:

Student Affairs staff recognized with Sue Follon Exemplary Service Award

Established in 1992, the Sue Follon Exemplary Service Award is intended to recognize individuals who emulate the former division vice president. The criteria employed to determine the recipients of the award are: committed to students and the mission of Student Affairs, exceeds expectations, has made continued and sustained contributions to students and/or staff, exhibits a positive influence in the work place, and demonstrates excellence in the performance of responsibilities.

Please join me in congratulating this year's recipients who were recognized at our annual staff gathering: Jenny Connolly, Assistant Director of Admissions; Kristin Woods, Assistant Dean of Students; Tammi Dean, Clerk, Financial Aid and Scholarships; Andrea Krafka, Clerk, Financial Aid and Scholarships; and Pam MacKay, Record Analyst, Office of the Registrar. Congratulations and thank you for successfully emulating Dr. Follon's work and commitment.

Campus colleagues recognized with "Helping Students Succeed" Award

The Helping Students Succeed Award acknowledges key partners in other divisions of the University who have contributed to the success of students through collaboration with Student Affairs. Please join me in thanking and congratulating this year's outstanding honorees: Jan Hanish, Assistant Vice President of Administration and Financial Services; Deirdre Heistad, Director of the Liberal Arts Core; Inez Murtha, Director of the Academic Learning Center; and Jean Neibauer, Director of Academic Advising.

Soesbe, Woods recognized with Board of Regents Staff Excellence Award

The Board of Regents Staff Excellence Award recognizes Professional and Scientific staff from the Regents institutions who have made outstanding professional contributions during their careers. Award recipients are recognized not only the university, but also by the Board of Regents, State of Iowa. Please join me in congratulating two of our colleagues in Student Affairs who were among the three UNI awardees: Heather Soesbe, Associate Director of Financial Aid and Scholarships and Kristin Woods, Assistant Dean of Students. Congratulations, Heather and Kristin, and thank you for the incredible dedication to students, the division and our university that resulted in your being recognized with this award.

Council of Student Leaders created

A new Council of Student Leaders has been created on campus and has begun meeting this semester. Developed by the Office of the Dean of Students, the council is comprised of 31 leaders from across campus, each of whom represents a specific constituency. The council complements the continuing, formal student governance structure that is NISG and seeks to broaden and strengthen the network of engaged student leaders on campus.

The official purposes of the Council for Student Leaders are to provide an avenue for routine advice and counsel to the Vice President for Student Affairs and the Dean of Students on matters of student concern, to serve as a vehicle for relationship building between and among a diverse array of student leaders, and to provide professional and leadership development of its members. For further information, contact Dean of Students Leslie Williams, visit the Council of Student Leaders [website](#), or email coordinator Kenneth Reid at kenneth.reid@uni.edu.

Student appointees sought for Northern Iowan Board of Directors

The Northern Iowan Board of Directors is looking for student appointees to serve the remainder of this year as well as the next academic year. Student board members will represent the student body at all board meetings and oversee the operations of the NI. If you know of students who would be interested, please have them contact Blake Findley at findleyb@uni.edu for an application.

Opportunities for student involvement

Please encourage students to consider these events:

March 7, 12 pm: Dance Marathon, Maucker Union

March 9, 9 am to 1 pm: "Controversial Issues" Workshop, CME

March 9 – 11, 7:30 pm: Leadership Conference: Give, Serve, Lead, CME

March 11 at 9 a.m. to 6 pm: Graduation Fair, Maucker Union Ballroom

Thanks for all you do to help students succeed.

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