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Dear colleagues,

Spring term is underway, students are back on campus and the snow is flying! Here are some news updates that might interest you:

### **Sue Follon Exemplary Service Awards presented**

The Sue Follon Exemplary Service Awards were presented to four Student Affairs employees at the annual Division recognition luncheon on January 10. Award recipients are nominated by their peers and exemplify high ideals for job performance and service to students. Each recipient has had a positive influence on students and co-workers. The award is named for Dr. Sue Follon, who served as vice president of the Division from 1985 until her death in 1998. Dr. Follon's leadership style was built on helping others develop their own gifts.

Congratulations to 2013 award winners Jo Loonan, Senior Associate Director of Admissions; Cathy Moore, Bakery & Commissary Manager, Department of Residence; Pam Creger, Secretary, Maucker Union, and Mark Rowe-Barth, Substance Abuse and Violence Intervention Services Coordinator, Wellness and Recreation Services.

### **Veterans and Military Student Services coordinator named**

Julia Heuer has been named Military and Veteran Student Services Coordinator, reporting to Dean of Students Leslie Williams. Heuer is a recent graduate of the University of Iowa's Master's of Social Work program. She served four years in the United States Army as an Intelligence Analyst and was stationed in South Korea, Ft. Stewart, Georgia, and Bosnia. She has been awarded the Army Commendation Medal in 2001 and the Army Achievement Medal in 2000 and 2002. She can be reached at 103A East Bartlett, 3-3040. Please welcome Julia to UNI.

### **Diversity training programs available for sign up**

National Coalition Builders Institute (NCBI) workshops continue to be offered this spring. Thanks to all from the Division of Student Affairs who have already participated. The next workshop is set for Friday, February 1 from 9:00a.m.-4:30p.m. in the Center for Multicultural Education. For a description of the workshop, visit here: <http://www.uni.edu/provost/diversity>. To register for the workshop, click here: <http://fulldaydiversityworkshop.eventbrite.com/>. For more information contact Karen Mitchell at 273-2519.

### **Thanks to all for attending Division recognition luncheon**

Thank all who participated in the Division luncheon held earlier this month. We had a great turnout, a great speaker, and a chance to thank some of our great staff. Photos of award recipients can be found on the Student Affairs webpage by clicking [here](#).

### **Division IT staff moved to Registrar's Office**

A small renovation project has been completed in the Office of the Registrar in Gilchrist Hall. In addition to adding needed workspace for Registrar's staff and expanding the student service area, space was developed to allow the Division's IT staff to be located together. Sam Barr, Mike Holmes, and Rachel Jones (along with student staff) are now located in the east end of the Registrar's Office. Their phone numbers and emails still remain the same. Thanks to everyone in the Registrar's Office for being understanding during the construction and for welcoming their new neighbors into their area.

### **Nominations being accepted for Lux Service Award**

The Lux Service Award is the most prestigious award given to undergraduate students each academic year to acknowledge their exemplary service through their involvement in and service to the campus community. Nominations are being accepted until February 22, 2013. Additional information and nomination forms can be found [here](#).

### **Lunch and Learn set for February 13**

The Division's Professional Development Committee has announced our first Lunch and Learn event for February 13, noon to 1 pm at the CME. Come learn about the exciting new methods the Office of the Registrar has implemented to enhance the learning and development of its student employees. To sign up, click [here](#).

### **Tripp-Rieks to lead Residence facilities**

Joe Tripp-Rieks has been named to Director of Facilities for the Department of Residence at the University of Northern Iowa. The Department of Residence manages residence communities and dining for more than 4200 students who live in eight residence halls and three apartment communities.

Tripp-Rieks was hired at UNI in June 2011 as the Department of Residence Construction Project Manager. Additionally, he has served as Interim Director of Residence Facilities since January 2012. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Construction Engineering at Iowa State University. Previous to his UNI experience he was a project engineer in Denver, Colorado, and a project manager for Ryan Companies US, Inc., of Cedar Rapids.

His current scope of responsibilities includes managing custodial and maintenance operations for residence and dining facilities (1,500,000 square feet) and managing the \$8M budget for Department of Residence facilities. He also manages the construction of Panther Village and the Redeker Center expansion project. Tripp-Rieks' leads a team of more than 60 staff members who deliver exceptional service to students and to the UNI community. Thanks, Joe, for taking on this important leadership role.

Thanks for all you do to help students succeed.

Terry Hogan

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