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Dear colleagues,

With daylight savings time upon us and Halloween behind, I hope your fall semester has been productive and rewarding. Here are some news items that might be of interest to you.

**Division staff named Regents Staff Excellence Award winners**

Two staff members from the Student Affairs Division were recently awarded the Regents Staff Excellence Award. Mary Baumann, Associate Registrar, and Dan Schofield, Associate Director of Admissions, were honored during the Iowa Board of Regents staff luncheon on September 11 with the award. The Regents Staff Excellence Award annually recognizes staff for outstanding accomplishments and contributions to the Regent institutions as well as the State of Iowa. The Regents Staff Excellence Award was established to provide a statewide forum to recognize staff members in conjunction with colleagues from the other Regents institutions.

In addition to our colleagues from the Student Affairs Division, Beth Kuehl of Human Resource Services and Donna Uhlehopp of the Department of Communication Studies were recognized.

**CME welcomes major national speaker**

Angela Davis, civil and women's rights icon, will deliver a lecture titled "Finding Your Way: Organizing for Social Change and Human Rights" on Thursday, November 7 at 7 pm at GBPAC. The lecture is free and open to the public. Davis is also the keynote speaker for the Annual Conference on Human Rights, sponsored by the Waterloo and Cedar Falls Commissions on Human Rights. Davis will sit on a panel discussing her lecture and what lies ahead for young and older activists on Friday, Nov. 8. Conference details are [here](#).

**Tabatha Cruz named "20 under 40" award winner**

In September, Tabatha Cruz, Center for Multicultural Education Program Coordinator, was named to the "The Waterloo/Cedar Falls Courier's Class of 2013 20 Under 40." Each year, the Courier honors outstanding young people in the Cedar Valley who are making a difference in their work and personal lives to make the area a better place. Tabatha was one of twenty outstanding award winners this year. A reception for the winners is planned for November 19, 2013 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Hawkeye Community College, Tama Hall. Congratulations, Tabatha, on your accomplishment!

### **"Insights into Effectiveness" program set**

The Student Affairs Diversity Team is pleased to announce our next "Insights for Effectiveness" program, entitled "Putting the 'T' in LGBTQ: Action Tips for Trans\* Inclusion" presented by Ellie Hail.

What is the "T" in "LGBTQ"? What about genderqueer, gender non-conforming, and other trans identities? Attend this session to explore gender identity and learn how your office or department can create safer and more affirming spaces for people under the trans\* umbrella. Participants will gain an understanding of the basics of sex and gender (and transgender) and develop an action plan for creating a more welcoming and inclusive environment.

Two sessions are offered: Wednesday, November 13, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. and Thursday, November 14, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.; both will be held in the Maucker Ballroom. Please register [here](#) by noon on Friday, November 8. Participants are encouraged to bring tablets/iPads/etc. if they have them, to access the resources electronically to save paper.

Individuals with disabilities are encouraged to attend all UNI-sponsored events. If a reasonable accommodation is needed to participate in this program, please contact Tabatha Cruz at 273-2250 or at [tabatha.cruz@uni.edu](mailto:tabatha.cruz@uni.edu) at least one week prior to the event.

### **Professional development: "Mental Health Issues and Today's College Students"**

The next Student Affairs Division professional development session will be on Wednesday, November 6 from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. in the Center for Multicultural Education. This session, "Mental Health Issues and Today's College Student," is being presented by David Towle, Director of the Counseling Center, and Nan Ambrosy, Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner at the Student Health Clinic.

The session will look at the rising number of students, from all backgrounds, seeking out mental health services at universities nationwide. Mental health disorders, if left untreated, may interfere with students' academic success, self esteem, and future earning potential. The registration form may be found [here](#).

### **Sue Follon Exemplary Service Award nominations now being accepted**

The Division of Student Affairs annually recognizes exemplary performance of its staff with the Sue Follon Exemplary Service Award. The award honors division employees who are committed to quality and excellence and whose efforts and achievements exceed expectations.

Nominations are now being accepted for this prestigious award. Please take time to nominate staff members who continually work to carry out the mission of Student Affairs by helping students succeed. More detailed information about the award and the nomination form may be accessed [here](#).

Nomination forms are due on Monday, November 25, 2013. Award recipients will be announced at the division recognition luncheon on January 9, 2014. Please plan to attend this event, which is scheduled from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Maucker Ballroom.

Thanks for all you do to help students succeed!

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