Listen to a Story of Workplace Engagement and Professional Development

It’s important to have role models of staff who are deeply engaged in their work and ongoing professional development. This month we highlight Rich Scott. Listen to Dan’s recording with Rich here.

Educate yourself on assessment and Campus Labs (how are those projects going? Planning document progress?)

Has your department completed its Campus Labs assessments? Remember, at least one project in Campus Labs for this 13-14 year! Check out information on this important assessment tool here.

Attend MIMSAC

Make plans to attend MIMSAC (Memphis in May Student Affairs Conference)! Register here. Submit a proposal today at the MIMSAC website. (Est. Time 1 hour for workshop development).

Read about Technology

Technology is such a part of our students’ lives. What are the trends in Higher Education relative to technology? Check out this report from EDUCAUSE on the top 10 strategic technologies in higher education.

Navigate student affairs resources on the Internet

Familiar with the Social Change Model for Leadership? Well, Josie Alqhuist has written about the role of social media in students’ leadership development. Check out an interesting article here. Josie writes, “My argument is this: social media can aid in social change. It is collaborative, complex, and constant, and can build community of users. But students need to be challenged to use it for these causes”.

What are you doing to help foster leadership development through social media?

Initiate your professional development plan

We have a goal of 25 Division of Student Affairs Staff having a professional development plan. Information found here. You can view a short tutorial on why this process was developed and how to complete the plan here. Please let Dan Bureau know if you need help or just that you’ve decided to develop your plan!

Nurture relationships

In a 2011 survey of University of Memphis Student Affairs Staff, 88 percent of respondents (n= 50) used conversations with colleagues as a professional development tactic. Get out there and meet with two to three of your colleagues to learn more about their functional area. Go here to tell our division what you’ve learned about their work and how they develop professional competence.

Generate New Knowledge

Have an idea for an article? Student affairs journals and publications are always looking for good content. Check out some tips on writing a good practitioner focused article here.