Stories of Workplace Engagement and Professional Development

Each month we showcase a member of Student Affairs who demonstrates a high level of engagement in their job and a commitment to professional development. This month we showcase Emilee Campbell, Greek Life Coordinator and "new professional". Click here to hear Dan Bureau's five minute interview with Emilee to learn about how she defines success in her work and why and how she prioritizes professional development.

Staff interviewed are as follows:
- Danny Armitage
- Stephanie Blaisdell
- Jane Clement
- Peter Groenendyk
- Linda Hall
- Shea Houze
- Justin Lawhead
- Ben Morton
- Steve Petersen
- Susan TePaske

Models for Demonstrating ACPA/NASPA Core Competencies

In February, we highlighted student affairs staff who model each of the 10 competencies for student affairs practice. If you didn’t have time to listen to these interviews then, we hope you can find some time now. Check out the newsletter here.

Assessment Corner

As part of our contract with Campus Labs, ANYONE can participate in FREE webinars on assessment. See options listed in alpha order, and sign up for webinars today! Also, listen to recordings of webinars from campuses acknowledged for their "innovative practice".

Increasing Competence and Confidence: Professional Development in Student Affairs

Recent blogs include a focus on student development and funding professional development.

MIMSAC 2013

Preparing to Respond: Student Affairs Role in Meeting the Demands of Higher Education

Featuring Keynote Susan Komives, discussion groups, educational sessions, plenty of food, and door prizes from great stores, restaurants, coffee shops, etc!

May 17th 8-4:30

Registration open!

List of Educational Sessions

If you are coming and would like to “go paperless” for your program booklet, please indicate so here.
Learning is INDEED not a Sprint!

Thanks to all who could attend the recent webinar on Learning is not a Sprint.

The authors explained strategies for developing program outcomes and creating assessment plans. If you’d like to listen to the webinar (only audio) you can check out the link here. It’s great to have on in the background as you work on those annual reports! It’s great to listen to at any time!

Raffle Opportunity!

What are your professional development goals for this summer? Read more? Host discussion groups? Attend a meeting/conference/institute? Share your goals here and anyone completing the form by June 15th will be in a raffle to receive a $10 gift card to a store/restaurant of their choice.

Anyone in student affairs can win!

Supporting Online Students

On April 17th, Kristin Mumiukha, doctoral candidate in Higher and Adult Education presented findings from a semester long study on the needs of online students. About 30% of our students had at least some online courses during spring 2013 and 10% are only online. Check out her presentation here to learn more about this growing student population!

Developing Your Individualized Professional Development Plan!

After a year of developing and piloting a template, it’s time to launch the individualized professional development plan as a division wide initiative! A tutorial on how to use the plan and the template are now available for your review. The template encourages the use of the ACPA and NASPA Professional Competency Areas for Student Affairs. We recommend reviewing this document as you begin the development your plan.

Student Affairs & Social Media/Technology Corner

How many of those journal articles are piling up in your “must read” folder? Well, there’s a tool to manage all of your articles. Browzine is an app for your iPad. The description from the website is

“With the decline of print, databases have become the primary way publishers delivers journals. But databases are designed for searching, not reading. BrowZine works by uniting articles from databases into complete journals, then arranging them by subject on a library-branded newsstand. The result is a revolutionary new way to browse, read and monitor scholarly journals. All in a tablet format your researchers will love”.

Thanks to Stephanie Blaisdell for introducing me to Browzine (and I’m just getting started with using it)

Student Affairs and Social Media Bonus Section

Check out a great article on how a non-traditional student embraced social networking! Fun read from Chronicle of Higher Education

Human Resources Provides Professional Development Workshops!

Looking to expand your skills but have no budget? Well, check out some of the workshops offered by Human Resources. Topics such as working out conflict, managing and appreciating diversity, team building, and a host of others are offered! The calendar linked above will take you to active links for registering for different topics! HR also has a great collection of tutorials on different campus departments and laws and policies that influence our work. Check those out here.

Summer Division Professional Development Opportunities

This July we’ll have many opportunities for professional development that will be free and open to all Student Affairs staff. Stay tuned for dates announced in the June newsletter

The Assessment Group will reconvene!

Journal article discussion groups!

Free webinars!