



Vice Provost's Corner

Dear Student Affairs Staff,

It is hard to believe that it is time for the 2nd edition of the Student Affairs Newsletter. I hope all of you take the opportunity to read the newsletter and consider providing articles, recipes, and sharing good news as well as any helpful hints that your colleagues may be able to use. Although we have experienced some trying times, we have much to celebrate in our division. I continue to be proud of our staff members who always go the extra step to make sure that our students have a positive experience. I am also proud of our students for the commitment to their studies, their activities and the campus in general.

I appreciated your attendance at the division-wide meeting last week. As we think about future meetings, I would like to get your feedback on how you would like these meetings structured. I think it is important for us to periodically get together to discuss issues that you may have. I will always provide the latest campus information and answer questions that you have; however, I want these meetings to be constructed in a way that is most beneficial to you. Call me, email me or catch me when you see me. Just let me know your thoughts.

I want to reiterate that I have an open door policy. I welcome your feedback on any and all issues. It is important that we work together to make our division the best that it can be. You have great ideas on how we can improve what we do. I want to hear from you. I want to know what we are doing right as well as the things we need to work on. Please let me know what I can do to assist you or your department. We might not be able to implement all ideas. You can be assured that you will be heard.

Thank you,
Curt C. Coonrod
Vice Provost of Student Affairs



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Memorable Moments



Two bookstore staff members celebrated anniversaries this fall: Christina Clark has been with the university 5 years, and Carol Wright –hold onto your hats—30 years! Congratulations Chris and Carol!



Sara Arnold from Gallery Visio did not attend Homecoming this year; she was getting married! Congratulations to the happy couple, Mr. & Mrs. Keller!

Triton Talk – The U, Thursdays from 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Stephanie Eaton & Lori Liming were pleased to welcome Alan Byrd, our new Director of Admissions (see “A Word from Alan Byrd” on following page), and Malaika Horne, Director of the Executive Leadership Consortium to guest on Triton Talk. If you would like to be a guest on Triton Talk please contact [Gloria Schultz](#) for more information.



The annual Homecoming Parade was a success in spite of the pre-parade rain. It managed to stop just in time for the judges to return; the crowd to re-assemble; and the music to begin. Keith Robinson from The U warmed up the crowd with his infectious personality. Once again the Deans led off the parade in the university’s multi award winning float. The parade has become a tradition that takes a lot of planning, coordinating & “A Village” (apologies to the Homecoming Committee).

Special thanks to:

Stephanie Eaton, Carol Usery, Jill Dobbs, Ron Edwards, Keith Robinson, Campus Police and Grounds Dept.

Congratulations to the trophy winners chosen by a panel of distinguished judges:

(Administrators) Curt Coonrod, Alan Byrd & Ernie Cornford (Students) Becky Suess, D’Andre Braddix & Stephanie Taylor

Parade Winners:

Departments	
1st Place	Volunteer Services
2nd Place	Recreational Sports
3rd Place	Grounds Department

Student Organizations	
1st Place	Women’s Basketball
2nd Place	Gallery Visio
3rd Place	Newman Center

Memorable Moments

Congratulations to Ashlee Kocina, graduate assistant in the Office of Student Life, on her upcoming marriage to Justin Long on November 28!

Happy Birthday to Norman Akins (November 5), Karolina Kowalczyk (November 17), and Chuck Zoeller (November 19).



The Office of Student Life welcomed students, staff and faculty back to another school year at the 2nd annual Welcome Back Picnic and UPB's annual Student Organization Expo. New additions to the Office of Student Life are Jamie Wacker, graduate assistant; Ashlee Kocina, graduate assistant; Lauren Zelazek, graphic designer; and D'Andre Braddix, Student Activities Coordinator. Welcome!



A Word from Alan Byrd



I am honored to serve as the Director of Admissions at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. As a native of Saint Louis, it means a lot to me to return home and lead the recruitment efforts of this great institution. This opportunity provides me

with a great platform to give back to a community that has done so much for me.

I believe this position is a perfect fit for me. I began my career in college admissions as an Admission Counselor at Southeast Missouri State University. For nine years, I served in the recruitment program at SEMO in a variety of positions including the Director of Minority Recruitment and the Associate Director of Enrollment Management. My tenure at SEMO was very productive and successful. Yet, I am most proud of the impact I had on the Saint Louis community in regards to preparing young people for college.

It is quite an accomplishment for me to be the first African American at UM-St. Louis to serve in this position. However, this achievement comes with a great sense of pressure and responsibility. There are many people who paved the way for me to have this opportunity, and I want to make sure their efforts were not in vain. I also want to provide the next generation with another positive African-American role model to emulate. I was born and raised in North Saint Louis City, so I rarely witnessed African-American people in professional or leadership positions. My past experiences have taught me that it is difficult to aspire to be something or someone that you have never seen, so I plan to be visible and active in the community.

Again, I am very excited about joining the staff at UM-St. Louis. We have some major challenges before us, but I am confident that we will be successful as long as we work together and put the students first.

Welcome to the Student Affairs Family!

Assessment Update

I have just returned from Indianapolis, Indiana from the Assessment Institute hosted by Indiana University-Purdue University-Indianapolis, and, not for the first time, I was struck by the level of commitment to assessment in which the University of Missouri-Saint Louis have embarked upon when compared to other institutions. With only a handful of Student Affairs staff from other institutions in attendance, it was not difficult to gauge the level of dedication and support for a culture of assessment outside of our own division. In a very short amount of time, we have risen to a standard of excellence in assessment not common in many institutions of higher learning. That being said, we are still at the very beginning of a path to distinction in assessment practices.

Residential Life and Recruitment are both poised to send out the first live assessment tools designed in Qualtrics with Career Services and Student Life hot on their heels. Links to these surveys will be provided to each member of the Assessment Research Council and a live link will be placed on the [assessment page of the Student Affairs website](#). ARC members from each unit will be moving toward implementing these web-based assessments with Qualtrics; results, as they are acquired, will be shared across the division. With a common demographics set (stored in our Qualtrics library), we are in position to create a wealth of data that can be easily compared across units and against the University's common data set.

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Planning & Assessment Associate

If you have any questions about assessment, contact the Assessment Research Councilmember from your unit:

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*Working Together to Put
Students First*

Professional Development

ACE Center for Effective Leadership Programs

<http://www.acenet.edu/Content/NavigationMenu/ProgramsServices/CEL/index.htm>
Various Sessions, Dates and Locations

NASPA Multicultural Institute Strengthening connections for strategic multicultural leadership

Hyatt Regency Dallas (Dallas, Texas)
December 10 - 12, 2009
Early-Bird Registration Deadline is November 4, 2009
<http://www.naspa.org/programs/multi/regis.cfm>

2010 NASPA Mental Health Conference

New Orleans Marriott (New Orleans, Louisiana)
January 14-16, 2010
Registration Open
<http://www.naspa.org/programs/mh/regis.cfm>

NASPA Annual Conference

Live the Legacy, Be the Movement
Chicago, Illinois
March 6-10, 2010
Early-Bird Registration Deadline: January 15, 2010
<http://www.naspa.org/conf/registration/default.cfm>

ACE 92nd Annual Meeting Meeting the Challenges Together

Phoenix, Arizona
March 6-9, 2010
Registration currently open
http://www.aceannualmeeting.org/meeting_the_challenges_together.cfm

Association for the Study of Higher Education: <http://www.ashe.ws/>
American Council on Education: <http://www.acenet.edu/>
College Student Educators International: <http://www2.myacpa.org/>
Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education: <http://www.naspa.org/>

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Upcoming Affairs

Employee Wellness Fair

November 10, 2009
10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Century Rooms MSC
UMSL employees can receive health screenings, seasonal flu shots, and information from exhibitors.

African Night

November 11, 2009
7:00 PM to 11:00 PM
JC Penney Building
Come and experience with the Pan-African Association Africa's culture, food, art, music and more. It costs \$8 before the show and \$10 at the gate.

STUDENT AFFAIRS: Thankful Karaoke

November 24, 2009
5:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Pilot House
Whether you can sing or just hum, we want you to come celebrate with us. Stop by any time and show your fellow coworkers your skills.

STUDENT AFFAIRS: Holiday Parade

November 26, 2009
Location and Time to be determined
Join us at the Holiday Parade to celebrate the new season in style. If interested in attending, contact [Gloria Schultz](#).

University of Missouri-St. Louis Annual Holiday Concert

December 9, 2009
7:30 PM to 9:30 PM
Touhill Performing Arts Center
Enjoy an evening of well-loved holiday music by the University-Community Chorus, University Singers, Vocal Point, and University Orchestra.

Diabetes Support Group

For all employees, diabetes support group meets once a month. Diabetes and nutrition assessments are free. For more information or to schedule an appointment call Kathy Castulik at ext. 4657.