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First and Second Week Activities Spring 2008

There are several events that you may find particularly useful as you begin the new semester. The first is the Chancellor's All-University Address and Luncheon. These events allow all of us a chance to reflect on our goals as a university, and to reconnect with colleagues and friends.

- REMINDER! The 13th Annual Research Day will be held on Friday, January 25. To register to attend, send an email to Jan Olson (olson.jani@uwlax.edu) including your name and department. Lunch is provided, so please complete your registration by **Friday, January 18** so that we have an accurate lunch count.

For details on these and other events, please visit the [First and Second Week Calendar](#).

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Provost's Office Updates

Michael Kennedy joined the Provost's staff on January 7, 2008. As an administrative assistant, he provides support for graduate studies and IRB. (kennedy.mic2@uwlax.edu; 785-8124). Chandra Hawkins, who previously provided support for graduate studies and IRB, is now providing support for grants and professional development (hawkins.chan@uwlax.edu; 785-8007).

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Grant Updates

Grants Report Deadlines

If you have received one of the below grants in the last 18 months, please complete an online grant final report. The deadline for the report is **February 15, 2008**. Visit http://www.uwlax.edu/provost/grants/pages/resources/final_report.htm for details and a link to the online report.

- Academic Staff Professional Development
- Faculty Development Grants
- Fund for Innovation in General Education
- Faculty Research Grants
- International Development Grants

International Development Grants - Due February 1

Guidelines are available at

<http://www.uwlax.edu/provost/grants/pages/sources/IDF.htm>.

Undergraduate Research

There are several key deadlines regarding undergraduate and graduate research this coming spring.

- Wednesday, **March 5**: Posters in the Rotunda in Madison (note: changed from March 6)
- Friday, **March 7**: UW-L Celebration of Research & Creativity (note: earlier than in past years)
- Friday, **April 25**: UW System Symposium at UW-River Falls

In order to participate in one or more of the above events, students must submit an abstract using one of the below forms. **February 4** is the deadline for abstract submission to participate in any of the three events.

- Undergraduate Student Form:
<https://secure.uwlax.edu/surveys/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=864145>
- Graduate Student Form:
<https://secure.uwlax.edu/surveys/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=8641n5>

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Student Information System (SIS) Implementation Update

As noted in an earlier *Digest*, UW-L is transitioning to a new student information system. Among other benefits, the new system will make admissions and financial aid information automated and viewable online.

Debbie Veglahn, project manager, has developed a website (www.uwlax.edu/peoplesoft) that will provide updates on timelines, milestones, campus decisions, and committee memberships. The implementation team hopes to have a consultant on campus by mid-February. This individual will assist in a phased implementation of the program with admissions, financial aid, records and registration, student financials, and academic advising. Full implementation will be completed by Fall 2009. The website provides additional information including appropriate contacts.

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UW System “Advantage Wisconsin” Project

UW System has completed the first phase of their strategic framework called "Advantage Wisconsin." Please visit <http://advantage.wisconsin.edu> to review reports and provide feedback on the seven core strategies (prepare students, more graduates, high-paying jobs, stronger communities, resources, operational excellence, collaborations).

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