



NOVEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

# STUDENT AFFAIRS ADMINISTRATION ORGANIZATION





# Coffee, Tea, & Donuts



November 14th, 2017

10:30-12:30

SAA Office

Mingle with first and second year cohort members and get to know the SAA faculty! Also, enjoy some delicious beverages and snacks!

# SAA Apparel



Don't forget to buy your sweatshirt! You can buy one, or both. Check your inbox for an e-mail from Jessica Trampf with a Google Form to submit your order.

Your order is due by November 2nd. Don't worry if you aren't on campus - talk to Jessica and we can find a way to get you your sweatshirt!

# Upcoming Conferences

Minnesota College Professionals Association (MCPA)  
– November 2-3 – Minneapolis North, MN

National Association for Orientation, Transition, &  
Retention in Higher Education (NODA) ANNUAL –  
November 5-8 – Louisville, KY

Association of College & University Housing Officers  
(ACUHO) Upper Midwest Region (UMR) (UMR-  
ACUHO) – November 8-10 – Omaha, NE

Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education  
(NASPA) Region IV-East (WI, MN, etc.) – November  
11-14 - Cincinnati, Ohio



# WCPA RECAP

BY: MITCH BERRY

Paige and I had the opportunity to attend this year's WCPA (Wisconsin College Personnel Association) and it was AMAZING! We attended the conference to recruit potential students for the M.S.E.D and Ed.D programs, but we were able to participate in all of the educational sessions and networking opportunities. I learned so much about Wisconsin and the field of higher education. Looking back on the two days, my biggest take away was realizing the influence of microaggressions and the key note speaker, Vernon Wall. If you do not know who that is Google him right away! Such an aspiring individual full of knowledge and great perspectives.





# 50th Anniversary Alumni Event Celebration



Pat Mertens speaking about her relationship with Norene Smith and the impact Smith had on students.



Norene A. Smith Scholarship recipients, Amber Schneider and Morgan Spielman, speak about how the scholarship has helped them advance in their education.



All attendees (about 80!) watching Professor Jörg Vianden's presentation about the alumni of our program!



SAA Organization's President, Amber Maxwell, speaking at the Norene A. Smith dedication.



# UWV-Eau Claire Online Cohort, 1st Years



Name: Kallie Friede

Position: Graduate Assistant

Department: Gender & Sexuality Resource Center

We do advocacy work for women and LGBTQIA+ folks.

Fun Fact: I've been cage diving with great white sharks where they film shark week.

Favorite Part about my position: Our office motto is "think big and wait to be told no". That attitude makes event planning and collaborating with students really exciting.

Name: Michelle Shrader  
Position: Career Counselor  
Department: Advising,  
Retention and Career Center  
Favorite thing about my  
position: The best part about  
being a Career Counselor is  
the fact I get to help students  
confirm and plan out their  
dreams.  
Fun Fact: Avocados are my  
favorite food, but also the only  
food I am allergic to.



Name: Kelsey Avey  
Title: International Student &  
Scholar Services Graduate Intern  
Department: Center for  
International Education  
Favorite thing about my position: I  
love matching international  
students with host friends in the  
community and watching the  
relationships grow.  
Fun Fact: I'm an  
American-Canadian dual citizen.



Name: Danielle Rockwell

Title: Career Services Graduate Intern

Department: Advising, Retention and Career Center

Favorite thing about my position: Love creating conversations with students, especially when those conversations lead to the student feeling more confident in their work and who they are.

Fun Fact: Can never pass up checking out local record shops and discovering new music



Name: Amanda Maher

Title: Judicial Management GA

Department: Housing and Residence Life

Favorite thing about my position: I really love how much I am learning everyday about Clery, Chapter 17, and Title IX. I feel like the things that I am learning will be invaluable in whatever field I end up going into. I also really enjoy that I am able to be a part of so many committees and help advise out Judicial Board.

Fun Fact I collect bouncy balls. I have hundreds of them.



# UWRF Career Fair

**The Career Fair is the largest networking event offered to UWRF students. Over 100 employers attend seeking to recruit students for part-time, full-time, and internship positions. This event occurs each semester and also encourages students to work on and update their resumes and elevator pitches.**

**My position as Coordinator involves planning and managing the event itself. I work with employers on registration and arrange the necessary reservations and marketing materials. On the day of, I oversee the volunteer staff and work with the vendors and employers to ensure a successful event.**



Kayla Doherty  
Graduate Assistant - Career Fairs Coordinator  
Department of Career Services  
University of Wisconsin - River Falls



# National coming out Day at UW Eau Claire



National Coming Out Day started 29 years ago as a way to recognize the act of coming out as a radical form of activism. At UW-Eau Claire, we use National Coming Out Day as a way to celebrate LGBTQIA+ folks on campus. Should folks want to come out publicly, we give them the opportunity to do that on a stage in campus mall. However, we also recognize that for some folks, they are unable to come out publicly for fear of safety or rejection. And we honor that as well. We want students to know that no matter where they are at in their own process of identity development, that our office is here as a resource for them. We also have 35+ resource tables of different student organizations and departments on campus that are LGBTQIA+ affirming so students can identify those resources as well.



**We host NCOD in the middle of campus mall and hang our 30' pride flag from our student center. We want our students to see NCOD as a central part of the campus-not something that's pushed to the side but rather celebrated not only by our office, but by the institution. We know that UW-Eau Claire and every institution in the country has strides that need to be made for a wide variety of communities on college campuses so that all students feel welcome, accepted and celebrated. This event is one way that we work towards that at UWEC.**



**By: Kallie Friede  
Graduate Assistant at Gender & Sexuality  
Resource Center at UW Eau Claire**



# Online Cohort Experience- Sorority Life



Hi everyone! I'm Rae, a first year graduate student with the online SAA cohort. I live in St. Paul, MN and I work remotely for Sigma Sigma Sigma (Tri Sigma) National Sorority as the Assistant Director of Chapter Services for our chapters in the Northeast region of the U.S. If that sounds familiar, you all may know K, a first year for the on campus program; we spent a year and a half of K's consultant years working closely to support my chapters

(K and I have some of the best travel hacks from all the time we've spent in airports). My long title means I am responsible for the general operations and overall health of 23 chapters located in the Northeast corner of the US. A perk of my job is that I work remotely, from my home, and travel as needed. Due to the remote nature of my work, there are weeks my cohort will see the familiar background of my office, and other weeks where they will find me in a student union or busy coffee shop. When I am not working or in school, I am found in one of two extremes-working out (running, mainly) or binging a new Netflix show. Any new show recommendations are welcomed and encouraged!

**Have a Happy**



**And a YUMMY and**

