



OCTOBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

STUDENT AFFAIRS ADMINISTRATION ORGANIZATION



You're Invited!

STUDENT AFFAIRS ADMINISTRATION ALUMNI & FRIENDS REUNION

50th Anniversary Celebration

October 21st, 2017

3310 Student Union

4:30

Dedication of the Norene A. Smith Room
Welcome & introduction of current & former faculty and staff,
Larry Ringgenberg, Director of University Centers
Welcome on behalf of Norene A. Smith, Pat Mertens
Remarks by Norene A. Smith Ph.D. Endowed Scholarship Recipients,
Amber Schneider & Morgan Spielman

2120 Student Union

5:10

Welcome from SAA Organization President, Amber Maxwell
Call for scholarships, Miranda TerBeest and Jay Scott, UWL Foundation
Program updates, Jörg Vianden, SAA Department Chair

5:45

Mingling & Networking
Cash bar and hors d'oeuvres available



Coffee, Tea, & Donuts



Tuesday, October 17th

10:00 AM- 1:00 PM

SAA Office

Mingle with 1st and second year cohort members
and get to know the SAA faculty! Also, enjoy some
delicious beverages and snacks!

What Happened at WACADA?

WACADA is the Wisconsin Academic Advising Association. The primary attendees of the WACADA conference are academic advisors. This year's conference was hosted at University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh in Oshkosh, WI on September 14 & 15. There were many presenters presenting on a variety of topics including, but not limited to, ways of integrating academic and career advising, advising international and undocumented students, helping students navigate social media use, advising tools, and so much more.

Each year WACADA brings in a different keynote speaker, and sometimes they bring two! Last year's (2016) speaker was Rob Davis, the Director of Player Development for the Green Bay Packers. This year we had the National Academic Advising Association's (NACADA) President, Dana Zahorik from, Wisconsin's own, Fox Valley Technical College. Dana discussed change as it relates to students, their academics, and career choices. She provided us with tools and resources such as the stages of change, "change talk," and Fischer's Process of Personal Change.



From left to right:
Michelle Dankle, Jessica
Trampf, Amber Maxwell,
and Makayla Newberry

All are 2nd years in the
SAA on-campus cohort

We also had UW-Oshkosh's Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Dr. John Koker. John discussed problem solving and how it relates to student learning. He said "our students need to do hard things," and all "problem solving begins with the problem solver being stuck." He described how we need to work on guiding our students in the right direction, and challenging them, rather than giving them the answers they so desperately want. One of my favorite quotes from his session was "to avoid frustration is to avoid learning." For some reason that really spoke to me.

I attended WACADA last year, and I enjoyed it so much that this year I chose to apply to be WACADA's Graduate Student Representative. The application process started in the spring, and my position on the board began May 1st. Through this experience, I have had the chance to make connections with WACADA's leadership, provide new ideas, and act as a liaison for graduate students. I also run WACADA's Facebook page, be sure to like us!

Overall, I had another great experience at WACADA connecting with professionals across the state of Wisconsin, and learning about a variety of strategies that will help me in my career as an academic advisor and student affairs professional.

-WACADA Recap by Amber Maxwell



SAA Apparel



This semester we will be ordering sweatshirts so we can show off our SAA pride!

If you have a design you'd like to submit for consideration, send it ASAP to Jessica Trampf. Otherwise, just watch for an e-mail from Jessica where she will show you the final design we have, the cost, and how to order one.



SAA PUMPKIN POTLUCK

October 28 at 4-7
2557 First Ave. West
La Crosse, WI 54603

Please join us for some ghoulish games,
freaky fun, and frightening food!

*Bring a dish to share with all the ravenous
zombies.*

*You are welcome to bring special Halloween
beverages and a ghostly plus one.*

RSVP Mitch at berry.mitch@uwlax.edu

October is...

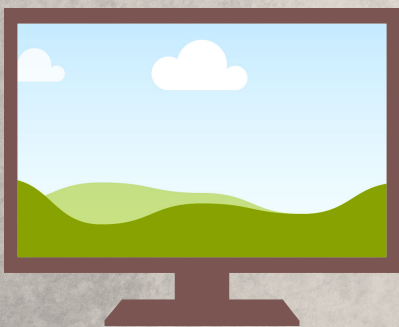
Careers in Student

Affairs Month!!



Tell your peers how you got to be where you are and what your career goal is! Spread the word of SAA to undergraduates!

Share what you're doing with your cohort to celebrate this amazing month!



Send event recaps to Kirstin Nelson at nelson.kirstin@uwlax.edu to be shared with your peers in next month's newsletter!

Upcoming Conferences

Wisconsin College Personnel Association (WCPA) – October 12-13 – Wisconsin, Dells, WI

Iowa Student Personnel Association (ISPA) - October 16-17 – Decorah, IA

Association of International Educators (NAFSA) Region V (WI, MI, IL) – October 18-20 – Detroit, MI

National Academic Advising Association (NACADA) – October 11-14 – St. Louis, MO

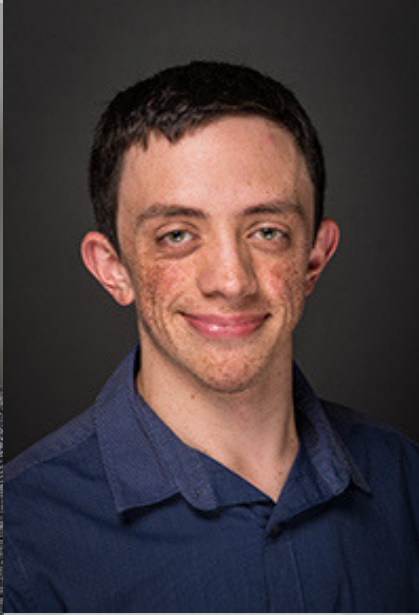
Minnesota College Professionals Association (MCPA) – November 2-3 – Minneapolis North, MN

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

Meet the River Falls Cohort



Howard McKee

-Assistant Hall Director
-Department of Residence Life

Grace Riggert

-Assistant Hall Director
-Department of Residence Life

Jasmine Tappin

-Events and Marketing Intern
-Department of Student Involvement

Joann Martin

-Transition Programs Coordinator
-Department of New Student and Family Programs



From left to right...

Kayla Doherty – Career Fair Coordinator – Department of Career Services
Txhees Xiong – Associate Advisor – Department of Student Support Services
Katherine Schoenenberger – Student Conduct Officer – Department of Student Conduct and Community Standards



From left to right...

Logan Hermes – Assistant Hall Director – Department of Residence Life
Jordan Price – Academic Advising Intern – College of Business and Economics
Stacy Pederson – Multicultural Programs Intern – Center of Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging



**Have a
wonderful
October and
a Ghoulish
Halloween**

