ESIS Provides Support
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Enrollment Services Information Systems (ESIS) is a relatively new unit that serves as the coordinating area for student records information utilized by the University. Created by grouping together persons who work with student related data, ESIS provides Enrollment Services and Student Affairs a more efficient and effective means by which to manage their data management needs.

While we primarily support the Office of Student Records and Registration, Financial Aid, Admissions and International Programs and Services, our staff works with departments across campus to help identify new methods and technologies that could improve their business processes. ESIS acts as liaisons between personnel that use student information systems and Administrative Information Services (AIS), Systems Administrative Services (SAS) and other technical areas supporting student information systems functionality.

Although our area is new, combined our staff has been around for nearly 104 years. The ESIS staff consists of Gary Smith, Data Specialist, Denise Spagnotti, Business Systems Analyst, Adrene Remali, Business Systems Analyst, Shellie Crisman, Senior Business Systems Analyst and Karen Giddings, Manager. Some of the services provided by the staff include test scoring for faculty, Banner System support, data extraction and compilation and analysis of business processes.

We will be launching our website and a new web-based application soon that will allow anyone at Michigan Tech to submit requests for non-emergency support, new project initiatives and information requests. This new application will provide ESIS with the necessary information to respond to requests in a timely manner.

If we can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to working with you on your student-related technology initiatives.

The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.
~Eleanor Roosevelt

Staff Match

What do you know about the staff in Student Affairs? Match the staff member to their respective clue and win a large pizza. Submit your guesses by Friday, May 30th to lhenone@mtu.edu.

1. Last year this staff member cut off eight inches of hair and donated it to Locks of Love.
   A. Jeff Kangas
   Career Services

2. 2BA or not 2BA, that is the question.
   B. Heather Suokas
   Educational Opportunity

3. This staff member's career started by delivering newspapers, pumping gasoline at 25 cents/gallon, and selling root beer at the A&W in Ripley.
   C. Lisa Wallace
   OSRR

4. Worked at Big Bend, the Grand Canyon, Glacier, Isle Royale, and Olympic National Parks before settling in the UP.
   D. Travis Pierce
   Residential Life
About three years ago, a shy young man quietly walked into the Career Center to apply for the Information Technology position. Usually an upper level student would call or send an email expressing interest in an open position. Having a first year student walk into the Center applying for the position was impressive. So we hired him and never regretted our decision. Joe is a graduate of Birch Run High School. He originally majored in Computer System Science. After one year, he decided to go another direction, Pharmaceutical Chemistry. His long term plans include graduate studies and/or medical school. Joe said that he would like to work in a lab discovering new medications that will help people. Knowing Joe, he will be successful in his endeavors.

Joe worked diligently with Matt McCormick in redesigning our web page. Their creativity gave us a web page which makes us proud. Everyone should have the opportunity to work with a person like Joe. We wish him the best with his future endeavors.

Stacy Auger has been with the Student Affairs Office since Fall 2004. She is an Electrical Engineering major and will graduate December 2008. She recently completed her Senior Design Project. Stacy will spend her summer doing a third internship with Delphi in the Powertrain Division in Auburn Hills, MI.

Dean of Students, Gloria-Melton had this to share, “Stacy Auger is among the best student employees we have ever had in Student Affairs/Dean of Students Office. She is reliable, trustworthy, diligent, and has a sense of confidence with humility. It has been a pleasure to see her development as a student and member of our team who will soon enter her chosen profession.”

Kristin Schmidtke is the Mentor Network Coordinator for COM-PASS. She is a 4th year Mathematics major who has made the Dean’s list for five semesters. She started out her Tech experience living in First-Year Experience which she credits as having helping her get involved. She has participated in the Pep Band for all four years and in her time as served as the voice of the Pep Band at football games, as treasurer, and for the last two years as Pep Band Student Director.

She has served as a math coach at the Math Learning Center. Kristin was a Resident Assistant 05-06 and then became the Mentor Network Coordinator in 2006-07 and continued with that position in 2007-8. She supervised a student staff of nine mentors while assisting with training and staff development. And as part of her work with the Humane Society has advocated for people to help the shelter in all the ways they can by walking dogs, petting cats, and adopting animals as they can.

Ali Jahnke is a Student Event Planner in the Student Activities Office, coming on board in December of 2007. During her short time with us, she has coordinated the Student Involvement Fair, the Student Awards Banquet, as well as coordinating updates for all the Student Organization constitutions. She is a 4th year Senior in Mechanical Engineering. This summer, Ali will be doing an internship in Project Management with Wisconsin Public Service Corporation, located in Green Bay, WI. Ali’s duties will be to assist the project manager on the Guardian II pipeline project. Ali will also be taking time attend her friend’s graduation from the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs at the end of May. She is most excited to spend a lot of her summer with her family at their cottage in Coleman, Wisconsin. We have enjoyed having Ali on board as part of the Student Activities staff, and look forward to having her back in the fall. Ali’s upcoming projects for Fall 2008 will be Make a Difference Day and DOTS, as well as continuing her work with student organization constitutions and helping out with homecoming activities.
2008 Student Leadership Award Recipients

On Sunday, April 27, 2008, students, organizations and a staff member were honored with Student Leadership Awards. Below is a list of the recipients and pictures from the event.

President’s Leadership Award
Johnathon Aho

Provost’s Award for Scholarship
Amy Palmgren

VP for Student Affairs Award for Service
Alex Tiseo

Exceptional Enthusiasm as a Student Leader
Mairi Smith-Risk

Exceptional Leadership in Student Governance
Megan LaBoe

Exceptional Leadership in the Residential Community
Emily Kelly

Exceptional Program of the Year
Safehouse

Most Improved Student Organization
American Institute of Chemical Engineers

Rising Star of the Year
James Buckingham

Student Employee of the Year
Julian Kevianne

Student Organization of the Year
Engineers without Borders

Student Organization Advisor of the Year
David Strong

Staff Focus

These Student Affairs staff were featured in the “Staff Match” area in the winter newsletter. Take a few minutes to learn something about someone you may not know, who is contributing toward the success of Michigan Tech. The winner of the winter newsletter Staff Match was Lisa Eubanks.

Bill Roberts was born and raised in Lake Linden, Michigan and graduated from Lake Linden High School. He has bachelor’s and master’s degrees in Public Administration from Northern Michigan University. He and wife Amy have two sons Samuel and Randall. After five years in Admissions, he started a new position in the Financial Aid Office on March 31st.

Theresa Jacques started working at Michigan Tech in 1996 as a Dining Services Supervisor, moving to the OSRR in 2001. She grew up in Clio, MI, and earned a bachelor’s degree from Central Michigan University. She and her husband Sean have a daughter, Emilie, who is seven. She enjoys hanging out with Sean and Em, visiting family, helping people, and being a girl scout leader.

Rob Bishop was born and raised in Monroe, MI. He joined the United States Marine Corps after graduating high school. Later earned an associate’s degree at Suomi College, and then bachelor’s and master’s degrees at Northern Michigan University. He has been working professionally in higher education for 12 years. He currently resides in Traprock Valley with wife Sierra, son Hunter, & daughter Gabrielle.

Rose Martell was born and raised in Neenah, Wisconsin and is the oldest of seven siblings. She earned her bachelor’s degree in English with an Art Minor from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. She has been a part of the Youth Programs area for seven years. Rose and her husband Bill have three grown children. She enjoys birding, gardening, reading, skiing, snowshoeing and kayaking.
One day a week or so ago I arrived to find the parking lot was packed with cars, something that isn't all that unusual if you listen to our students. What made it different was that the parking lot was at the SDC and it was 6:00 am. A couple of days a week I begin my day with an early morning workout at the SDC. This day was the beginning of spring training for Husky football. I was surprised not only to see them at this early hour but also by their enthusiasm and noticeable camaraderie. I also noticed their shirts and especially the quote on the back which read, “The lead dog is in the pack”.

During my run that morning I thought about how true that quote is not only for our athletic teams, but also for all of us in Student Affairs. As the academic year draws to a close and we reflect on all of that has occurred during the past year while also celebrating the successes of those who have been with us for 4, 5, 6 or more years, I think it is important to also reflect on our “pack”. Our vision is to place students at the center of all we do and make a difference in their lives. We are passionate about preparing students to create the future and a better world for all of us. Through the individual and combined efforts of all of us, we make a difference in the lives of our students, faculty, staff and others each and every day.

Last summer we set our priorities for the 2007-08 year, they included:

- Increasing the level of service we provide to our students and each other while recognizing and rewarding the accomplishments of each.

- Enhancing communication, collaboration and connection to others, including advancing and strengthening our relationships with academic areas.

- Increasing the efficient use of our resources and embracing new technologies to assist us in our efficiency and effectiveness.

- Embracing our diversity plans.

- Creating division wide student learning outcomes.

Much like an athletic team, these priorities were set collectively as a division and only through combined efforts of our individual talents can we make them a reality. Over the course of the past nine or so months we have been involved in or part of some of these successes which include- automated degree audit (DARS), learning outcomes, Rendezvous, online residential hall room scheduling, student staff orientation, academic integrity survey, student voice, hired new staff, and many others).

I invite you to join me in celebrating the talents of the amazing students we interact with daily. Thank you for your many talents and supporting our students, staff and faculty. We make a great team and I am proud to be “in the pack”.

Les