Welcome to Connections!
Welcome to the Division of Student Life’s new monthly newsletter, Connections. The purpose of Connections is to provide staff members with a better understanding of the events and happenings in the other departments in the Division.

Each newsletter will feature a section on each area of the Division, a list of new employees, and Awards and Honors our staff have recently received. These monthly Connections will accent the Division of Student Life’s mission to foster student success by creating and promoting inclusive educationally purposeful services and activities within and beyond the classroom.

Thanks for all you do to support student success.

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**New employees around the Division**

Please help us in welcoming the following full-time employees:

**University Housing & Dining**

- Admin – Orlandrea Bryson
- Catering – Megan Clark, Erin Boulton, and Jared Droll
- Burge Marketplace – Ethan Brown
- Custodian – Marvin Smith, Daniel Zepeda, and Brian Ball

**Vice President for Student Life**

- Robin Michel

**Student Health & Wellness**

- Cathy Sellers
Photo of the Month: **Love is Louder**
This photo is an excerpt from *U Matter*, a suicide prevention campaign from University Counseling Service. Look for *U Matter* materials in print and social media in the coming weeks. More information and campaign materials will be posted on the [University Counseling Service website](https://www.uiowa.edu/counseling). View the [full set here](https://www.uiowa.edu/counseling).

Photo by Ben Lewis // Student Life Marketing + Design
A Taste of Downton Abbey

Story by Jacob Varvel // Marketing Coordinator - University Housing & Dining

Last month University Catering hosted the latest offering from the popular ‘Lunch with the Chefs’ luncheon series. Drawing from the hit TV show ‘Downton Abbey’ on PBS, the event sold out within hours of going on-sale to the general public. The lunch offered a choice of either an ‘upstairs’ meal—featuring cuisine enjoyed by the Crawley family—or ‘downstairs’ cuisine highlighting food eaten by serving staff of the period. Guests were greeted at the door by staff in era-themed costumes offering butler-passed hors d’oeuvres and a collection of 1920’s recipe books from the UI library’s special collection. Menu items included Beef Wellington, Salmon Filet and Terrine of Asparagus, Pork-stuffed Pears, and a Curried Duck Pasty.

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Dean of Students Updates Website

Story by Angela Reams // Assistant to the Dean for Student Care Initiatives - Dean of Students

The Office of the Dean of Students has undergone a few changes recently including adding an additional conduct officer, Nikki Hodous, and hiring a new staff member, Angie Reams, to focus on student care initiatives. The Office of the Dean of Students launched an updated website (dos.uiowa.edu) including access to the Quick Guide for Helping Students, a new form for submitting a concern or question, and information on new student assistance efforts. The Quick Guide for Helping Students, campus mailed to faculty and staff members in October and January, is now available online and in a printable PDF format for easy access for all members of the university community. This guide, created in collaboration with University Counseling Service and the College of Education, reflects ongoing efforts to provide important information and resources to faculty and staff who frequently work with students on campus. The Office of the Dean of Students strives to support students whether encouraging responsible community behavior through the student conduct process or assisting students through student care efforts by providing access to care and resources when students encounter difficult or challenging situations on campus.

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Indoor Rowing Challenge

Story by Kerry DuBay // Marketing Coordinator - Recreational Services

The Hawkeye Community Rowing program hosted the inaugural Iowa Indoor Rowing Challenge Saturday, February 1, 2014 in the MAC Gym in the Campus Wellness and Recreation Center. The event began at 8 am and included multiple events including 2K, 1K, 500m, relays and a “Super Rower” Competition. Athletes at the high school, collegiate, and adult level participated in the event. The Rowers and Cross Fit participants traveled from Des Moines, Waterloo, Quad Cities, & the Chicago area to compete in the event. Clubs represented include Hawkeye Community Rowing, Des Moines Rowing Club, Waterloo Rowing Club, Y Quad Cities Rowing Club, Y Quad Cities Rowing Club Juniors, St. Charles Rowing Club Juniors, Rowfit Chicago, Iowa State, University of Iowa Men’s Club, and Quad Cities Cross Fit, as well as some unaffiliated participants.

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Get Yourself Tested Month

Story by Trisha Welter // Senior Behavioral Health Consultant - Student Health and Wellness

April is Get Yourself Tested Month. To celebrate, Student Health & Wellness will be offering FREE gonorrhea and chlamydia testing all month long. Several educational events will also be held around campus. Students who would like to make an appointment for the free testing can call Student Health & Wellness at 319-335-8394.

One in two sexually active people will get an STI (sexually transmitted infection) by the age of 25. Since STIs often show no symptoms, many students who are infected don’t even know they have an STI. The only sure way for them to find out is to get tested. Left untreated, some STIs can cause infertility, increase the risk of cancer, and increase the risk for contracting HIV and other STIs if the student has sex with an infected partner. The good news is, most STIs are treatable, and some are curable.

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Alternative Spring Break & Student Organizations Online

Story by Eric Rossow // Administrative Services Coordinator - Center for Student Involvement and Leadership

Student Organizations Online

Student organizations may now apply for a template-based website sponsored by UISG and ECGPS’s new Student Organizations Online website on-boarding service. Organizations without a website were encouraged to request a new website via student government fiscal-year funding. Organizations will also have the ability to request sites during future funding periods. One hundred organizations will be selected during the first year on a first-come, first-serve basis. The program is being assisted by IMU Marketing & Design and will receive support from the Center for Student Involvement & Leadership. Certain requirements exist for student organizations to be eligible. To learn more visit, http://uisg.uiowa.edu/initiatives/student-orgs-online/.
Alternative Spring Break

The Center for Student Involvement & Leadership sponsored four Alternative Spring Break programs during the University's spring break in March. Groups of students traveled with staff to the following four cities, St. Louis, Memphis, Detroit, and Indianapolis. The trip to Indianapolis was co-sponsored by Fraternity & Sorority Life. Students performed service and learned about issues related to social justice while traveling. A classroom component related to social justice service areas was also a requirement to take part in the Alternative Spring Break Program.

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