Update your Disability Status in NESSIE

Due to changes in the federal regulations, the University is required to survey all current employees regarding their disability status. On January 22nd, an email was sent from the U of I reminding you to enter into NESSIE and update your information before March 20th, 2015 through the Voluntary Self Identification of Disability Form. Employees with questions should contact either Eric Smith (UA employees only), or Deanie Brown (UIS employees only).

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University Administration – Eric Smith, Assistant Vice President, Equal Opportunity and Human Resources eas@uillinois.edu 217-333-7925

New In this Issue

♦ The Spring Student Insurance Waiver deadline is February 28th, 2015. For more information on Student Insurance at UIS, please click here.

♦ Do you know about the List Serve for UIS positions? Click here to learn more!

♦ Voluntary Disability Self-Identification form update available on NESSIE.

♦ Spring Tips and Reminders, page 2

♦ New Resolutions?

♦ Want more information about Leadership Lived? Click here for more updates!

Resolutions for the New Year?

The New Year is a time when many of us stop and think about the past, and more importantly, the next 12 months of our lives. We may dream of places we will travel to this year, or changes we want to make in our lives. Often, we focus on things we want to change about ourselves. Although these resolutions can help provide direction in our lives and give us the momentum to start making plans, it is important to remember that each day is an important part of the journey. Be patient, and enjoy every step toward your goal!

HR Staff Update

Welcome Aboard Tony!

Our new employee Anthony Lozzi has jumped in with both feet and hit the ground running! Tony has a calm demeanor, is very efficient and a quick learner. We are very happy to have him on staff as our new HR Assistant.

Tony graduated from UIS with a Bachelor’s degree in Psychology-Clinical/Counseling, which one could anticipate being very useful working in Human Resources and with students! He has indicated that he really enjoys working on campus and in an academic climate in general. Tony is currently responsible for Probationary and Annual employee evaluation tracking, Student Insurance, HR Records room-retention, filing and maintenance, Employment Verification and the Exit Interview processes.

Again, Welcome to the Team!
Student Insurance for Spring 2015.

It’s that time again! Our team is working to make sure all students are aware of the insurance requirement, and what it takes to waive the University’s selected policy for student health insurance. Our student health insurance policy is a Blue Cross/Blue Shield policy being administered through Academic Health Plans (AHP), and at recent count, over 1700 students selected the insurance offered through the University. Proof of acceptable health insurance is required of any student taking at least 1 credit hour of classes on campus, so please remember that if your insurance needs change, you should contact HR Assistant Tony Lozzi at alozz2@uis.edu, or HR Officer Ceitha Steele at cstee2@uis.edu.

Leadership Lived Spotlight

Michael Fanucce was hired as Resident Director of Founders Hall in August of 2013. Two months later there was an additional need of a residential director in Lincoln Residence Hall. Michael stepped in and assumed managerial and administrative responsibilities of the next-door residence hall. Twice the staff, twice the students, twice the issues, twice the “fun!” He and his staff work hard to assist students in their home-away-from-home and make this a great place to learn and grow.

Kara McElwrath enjoys her job where she gets to work with just about everyone with a connection to UIS. Working for ITS means that she helps students as well as faculty and staff who are having trouble with their computers or other technology. Kara and her team come up with ideas to ‘upgrade’ the university with technology, such as the USB charging stations for students. To keep current, Kara will sometimes sit in on classes or informational sessions about technology; as well as teach a class herself. Along with all of this, Kara also enjoys educating students on the resources UIS provides at the university’s preview days and orientations for incoming students.

Spring Tips and Reminders

- Flu season is tough this year! According to the CDC, elevated activity has been experienced in the United States. Visit the CDC to learn more about influenza and how to keep healthy this season at: http://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/season/flu-season-2014-2015.htm
- Daylight Savings time is upon us! Remember to turn your clocks forward 1 hour on March 8th!
- As Spring approaches, get an early start bringing linens out of storage, cleaning out your car, and uncovering windows and out-door water faucets. Spring is a great time to clean out your closets and donate gently used items to your favorite charity.