

STUDENT AFFAIRS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

GAIN NEW PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Are you looking for the opportunity to gain professional experience outside of your department? The newly created Student Affairs Fellowship Program was developed to provide in-depth, on-campus professional opportunities for Student Affairs staff members. Employees can gain hands-on experience in engaging in a unit outside of their own, ultimately cultivating leadership and engagement within UIC Student Affairs.

The Student Affairs Development Committee sought to create a new engaging way to cultivate Student Affairs professionals, in addition to the professional development workshop series and student

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IGNITE YOUR PASSION

By now, you may have heard the buzz going around regarding a new tagline for branding the student experience, **Ignite Your Passion**. You will soon see the Ignite Your Passion logo appearing prominently on many of your marketing materials starting this fall.

In March, a group of Student Affairs leaders began conversations about branding that goes beyond Student Affairs or our departments, and to the whole of the student experience. That group, along with the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs decided on the tagline Ignite Your Passion and the logo below. We all want students to ignite the passion inside of them, creating a compelling time at UIC through the programs, events and services offered by Student Affairs.

With Student Affairs departments fostering student success and affinity through engaging programs and services, Ignite Your Passion is a visible tagline, adding an extra spark to awaken the passion in students as they navigate through their experience at UIC. From developing leadership skills and building friendships, to finding a job on campus, there are a variety of ways for students to cultivate a memorable, captivating experience.

"Get a job, join a student org, go to an activity, visit our study spaces," says Jason Maslanka, Executive Director, Digital Services, regarding numerous ways for students to enhance the quality of life at UIC. "That's igniting your passion. Tie the student experience together, build more affinity, call students to action. It's multi-fold."

Though the Ignite Your Passion tagline will appear prominently on marketing materials, it will be strategically placed to work with your area's marketing program or event's theme and branding.

Originally initiating with Student Affairs, Ignite Your Passion may eventually expand to others on campus. Everyone has a fire inside of them; it all starts with a single spark.

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YOUR PASSION

SPOTLIGHT



ALECIA STEGENKA Aquatics Coordinator, Campus Recreation

1. What are your job responsibilities in Aquatics at Campus Recreation? *I oversee the pools at the Student Recreation Facility and the Sport & Fitness Center. I'm in charge of scheduling lifeguards swimming lessons, swim lesson instructors, and any special events that occur in our facilities.*

2. When did you discover your love of water? *I don't remember a time when I didn't have something to do with the water. My grandparents had a swimming pool, my mom "threw" me in the water when I was about 3 months old. We swam very day in the mornings and afternoons all summer long; we'd go swimming so it was a fun thing for us to do. My 3 older sisters were all swimming and I wanted to do what they were doing; it was more of me wanting to be like the big girls, so I taught myself how to swim.*

3. What do you like most about your job? *I love working with students, that's my favorite part of my job. I like talking with them from where they are when they come in as freshmen, to where they want to be when they graduate. I like helping them with job prospects and good professional work attitudes.*

4. Who do you admire most? *I most admire my former boss, Rin Seibert, Director of Recreational Sports at Valparaiso University in Indiana. She has a love for swimming and water, but she also has a love for campus recreation. She's a strong Christian woman and just loves everyone. I aspire to be like her when I get older.*

5. If you could live anywhere, where would it be? *I would love to live in Washington, D.C. There's just something about the city, kind of like Chicago; you can walk anywhere, go anywhere with public transit. There's so much life in that city. It's one of my favorite places in the world.*

6. What motivates you to work hard? *One of the biggest motivations for me to work hard is having future goals and ideas and aspirations. I graduated from high school in 3-1/2 years and finished my undergrad degree in 3 years. And it was all because I had something to look forward to once I finished. At UIC, I plan special events and I work hard to make those special events happen. I plan my swim lesson program and I work harder to make it happen...this is a big motivator for me.*

7. What is your proudest accomplishment? *For work, one of the proudest accomplishments is the work I've done with the swim lesson program. When I started about 3 years ago, there were about 15-20 different group lessons offered, with about 5-10 kids in each lesson, so not a whole lot offered as far as group lessons go. Now, we offer more than 50 classes and we have up to 150 people in each group lesson. For me, that's a big change, big expansion of our program just in general with people learning how to swim and getting those skills. One of the reasons I went into Aquatics in the first place was that I worked as a lifeguard when I was younger. About 90% of rescues were of someone of a minority group. It wasn't because they couldn't swim, it was because they were never offered the opportunity to learn how to swim. So, it's one of the reasons I'm so passionate about swim lessons, giving people the opportunity to learn and to become experience in being in the water and learning how to swim.*

8. If you could choose to do anything for a day, what would it be? *Probably spending time at an ocean or a beach, especially where it's warm. I don't do well with cold or cold water, so you have to put me somewhere in the south where it's warm.*

9. What is your favorite TV show? *The West Wing, a political show. Random fact about me is that my undergraduate degree is in political science and communications. I'm a big politics geek, not*

so much that I necessarily have an opinion, but I just like to watch it all unfold and see how it happens. So, the West Wing is definitely my favorite TV show.

10. What is the World's Largest Swimming Lesson event and how did Campus Recreation become involved? *The World's Largest Swimming Lesson is a program that has been going on for years across the entire world, not just here at UIC or in Chicago or even in the U.S. I was first involved with the program during my high school summer job at Deep River Water Park in Indiana. They have been participating in the program for 6 years and last year I was offered the opportunity to bring UIC on board so we "jumped in" and that was our first year. This is the second year of participating in the World's Largest Swimming Lesson. We have over 25 people signed up to participate and we're looking forward to having a great time teaching people that swimming lessons do save lives, and it's important to learn how to swim.*

12. What was your first job? *Lifeguarding was my first job, but as a child I worked for my grandpa who owns a Christmas tree farm. I worked trimming and planting Christmas trees. Once I got into high school and college, my first job was as a lifeguard at Deep River Water Park in northwest Indiana. I worked there for 6 years.*

13. What is the future of Aquatics in relation to Campus Recreation at UIC? *I'm really excited about the future of Aquatics at Campus Recreation. One thing I'm really looking forward to bringing in over the next semester is our log. We have a Key Log, just like the lumber jacks used to do with log rolling; it's part of their lifestyle. We're bringing it in as a competitive sport and I'm hoping to develop a club sport team around it and get competition going through the next semester. We have some events coming up over the summer and then again in the fall, particularly at Rec Fest where we will have the log outside in an inflatable pool, so people get a chance to try it out.*

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affairs conference. “We’re really excited to offer this opportunity, and have received very positive feedback about it’s potential,” says Rhonda Laylo, Student Affairs, Campus Auxiliary Services, regarding the Student Affairs Fellowship.

Participating departments in the Fellowship Program will provide opportunities to assist fellows in planning, preparing and handling department projects. Fellows will gain a better understanding of the daily operations for other departments and will be matched with a department mentor, promoting growth and guidance through the program. Participants should expect to spend four hours weekly to be included with their current work schedule and job duties. Upon completion of the 6-month fellowship program, employees will be awarded a certificate of completion and will serve as a mentor for future fellowship participants.

The new Fellowship program will start in July. The current application process for this pilot program has ended but interested staff members can stay in the loop for details for the next application cycle by contacting studentaffairs@uic.edu.

NEED TO KNOW

JULY 13–27

SUMMERDANCE

Thursdays
12:00PM–1:30PM
LC Quad

Learn a dance, then show your moves!
For details, click [HERE](#).

JULY 15

FIRE UP FLAMES

7:30PM–10:00PM
Navy Pier Rooftop Terrace
840 E. Grand Ave.

Join us for family night at the Navy Pier Rooftop Terrace to enjoy Chicago’s summer fireworks!! For details, click [HERE](#).

JULY 21

UIC BEACH DAY

2:00PM–7:00PM
North Avenue Beach
1600 N. Lake Shore Dr.

Join us for fun, music, UIC swag, sports and food! Open to UIC students, faculty, staff, and alumni. For details, click [HERE](#).

JULY 21–AUGUST 11

ROCK, SWIM, AND SPORT

9:00AM–12:00PM
SRF

Register [HERE](#).

JULY 24–25

UIC AT CUBS VS WHITE SOX

Game starts at 1:20PM.
Wrigley Field
1060 W. Addison St.
Valid ID will be required for ticket distribution. For details, click [HERE](#).

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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Chick-fil-A Grand Opening

May 16

Student Center East



Panda Express Grand Opening

May 1

Student Center East



Student Affairs Human Resources vs. Financial Services Bowling Competition

June 9

The Alley Bowling & Billiards Center



SHOUT-OUT TO THE CREW

NEW HIRES

DEIDRA MILAN

Housing Administrator, Campus Housing

DAVID WEBB

Building Service Worker, Student Centers

RETIREMENT

BETTY WASHINGTON

Clerical Assistant, Testing Services

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Join us for Summer Dance UIC! Bring your lunch, listen to great music, and wear your dancing shoes outside. In the first 45 minutes, you will learn a different style of dance each week. In the next 45 minutes, the dance floor will be open dance.

FREE and **OPEN** to the public.

For dance schedule and weather status, visit go.uic.edu/summerdanceUIC.

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CENTER QUAD
THURSDAYS
NOON-1:30 P.M.

MAY 18*

JUNE 1

JUNE 15*

JUNE 29

JULY 13

JULY 27

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