

# Newsletter



## Hello New Hawkeyes!

Help us in extending a warm welcome to the newest members of the Provost Organization & University College joining us, or transferring to new roles!

**Kaity Fisher**, Senior Assistant Director, Financial Wellness & Outreach

**Martha Garcia**, Educational Support Services Associate, TRIO

**Cathy McGinnis**, Response Coordinator, Office of Civil Rights & Compliance

**Linda Pyrah**, Assistant Director, TRIO Upward Bound

**Joey Villalobos**, Success Coach, TRIO Support Student Services



## HR Highlights & Resources

### Mental Health Resources Reminder: Employee Assistance Program

Confidential, short-term counseling and referral service provided at no cost to UI faculty, staff, postdocs, medical residents, their spouses/partners, and insurance-eligible dependents living in Iowa.

Schedule an appointment [here](#).



### Well-Being at Iowa!

The University of Iowa is dedicated to providing high-quality mental health services and resources to students, faculty, staff, their families, and the community.

Learn more [here](#).



### Performance Review Season!

Check out [OUR WEBSITE](#) for tips and suggestions. Reach out if you'd like to talk more!



### Building Our Global Community

International Programs celebrates the 20th anniversary of the BGC Certificate for staff and faculty! Learn more about these free courses [here](#).



# Congratulations!

## January High Five Recipients

*Pauline Beazer James*

*Michael Bortscheller*

*Amy Brandt*

*Sabrina Duke*

*Russel Ganim*

*Becky Hanson*

*Megan Logan*

*Jayne Machak*

*Erin Monroe*

*Andy O'Neill*

*Mary Patterson*

*Katherine Ron*

*Brody Stanford*

*Autumn Tallman*

*Kelly Thornburg*

*Tim Vonderhaar*



*Each month, we will randomly select one high five recipient to receive a gift in the mail!*

*Congratulations to AMY! Keep your eyes on campus mail for your gift!*

Submit high fives [HERE](#) to recognize your amazing colleagues and teammates!

## February Milestones within Office of the Provost & University College!

### ONE YEAR

Kaitlyn Bailey

### FIVE YEAR

Aletha Groene

Tracey Pritchard

Garrett Von Walden

### TEN YEAR

Mallory Becraft

Maura Pilcher

Merrie Yates

### THIRTY-FIVE YEAR

Joyce Crawford

Sharyl Grim

\*Milestones are not reflective of full UI anniversary dates\*



## Departmental Highlight: Collaboration between Art and African Studies!

The African Studies Program (ASP), an International Programs affinity group, helps students gain a broader understanding of African history and contemporary life in Africa and provides an environment of cooperation and collaboration among students and faculty that leads to increased opportunities for research and teaching. Recently, Cory Gundlach, Curator of African Art at the Stanley Museum of Art & Director of ASP began leading a team of three assistants for provenance research on the African collection.

Part of that research led to the recent restitution, with Mellon Curatorial Fellow Peju Layiwola, of two objects formerly in the Stanley Museum's permanent collection stolen by British colonial agents during the siege of 1897, at the Oba's Palace in Benin City, Nigeria.

The restitution of artifacts to the Kingdom of Benin by the University of Iowa's Stanley Museum of Art was notable in that it was the first museum in the United States to do so.

Learn more about the amazing work that our International Programs teams and the Stanley Museum of Art teams are doing in this area [here!](#)



### Supervisor Spotlight

#### Upcoming Supervisor Lunch & Learn

*This month we will dive into managing time off, leave requests, and how to support staff when they return.*

**Tuesday, February 18th, 12:00-1:00, ZOOM**

*If you have not received the meeting invite and are interested in attending, reach out and we will send!*



#### Supervising Today's Students

This series focuses on developing skills for individuals who supervise and/or represent undergraduate students, while providing insights on how to best lead and support student employees.

Learn more and sign up [here!](#)

**We appreciate you all!**

**Your team,**

**Amy Kirkey,**

**Tracey Pritchard,**

**Hannah Tjarks, Monica Frank,**

**Alexa Lavin**