ACUI Conference - Jessica Stoelting

During October 1st-5th, three students and one new professional had the opportunity to present and experience the annual Association for College Unions International (ACUI) Region 13 conference in Ogden, Utah. Region 13 encompasses colleges and universities from several western states. Allison Bishop (project manager), Jaime Mason (web developer), Jessica Stoelting (Student Human Resources Coordinator), and Stephanie Cunningham (Media Coordinator), completed four presentations that described the various projects student employees are working on at the Union. This included information on the Professional Internship Program, its past and current projects, the Student HR Committee’s “Get a Job!” campaign and online application, and the future plans of both groups.

In addition to the presentations at Weber State University, these employees all made valuable connections and friendships with peers and colleagues from around the region. There was great interest in the projects the University of Arizona Student Unions are working on, and how those projects could be implemented at other institutions. All the students who attended the conference would like to thank management and the Unions for allowing them to experience and participate in the conference.

Next year the conference will be held at Arizona State University, and U of A will arrive in Tempe with our students, ideas, and plans for the future of our Unions. If you’d like to know more about the ACUI conference, or the projects being worked on at the Unions, please send an email to unionshr@email.arizona.edu.

Link of the Week:

SHR Update - Allison Bishop

This year’s Student Human Resource Committee is made up of the following representatives: Jessica Stoelting (SHR Coordinator), Stephanie Cunningham (SHR Advisor), Allison Bishop (Dining Services Rep), Ashley LaBar (Dining Services Rep), Stacy Canfield (Admin/Retail Rep), Marisa Enriquez (Admin/Retail Rep), Adia Pickens (Operations Rep), Damarice Galindo (Dining Services Rep), Vance Morton (Operations Rep), Jaime Masson (Dining Services/Marketing Rep)

The SHR team is currently working on many projects to better life here at the Arizona Student Unions. Some of the main projects they are working on include:
- PIP Evaluations – an evaluation especially for PIP workers!
- Temp Agency – a new program that will allow units such as Catering and Concessions to tap into a pool of student employees and also gives these employees very flexible working schedules
- Events & Programs – new programs designed with student employees in mind and aimed at employee recognition!
- Complaint Processes – a new process that will allow complaints to be logged and addressed throughout the Unions
- And More...

Keep an eye out as the SHR team comes out with more new and improved programs, processes, and events! Have ideas? Let’s hear ‘em!
Celebrity Gossip
- Marisa Enriquez

- Madonna and husband Guy Ritchie are divorcing... so she is dating baseball player Alex Rodriguez
- Jennifer Aniston and John Mayer are back together...again.
- Britney Spears plans a 2009 tour.
- Lauren Conrad and Heide Montag on the way to a reconciliation.
- DJ AM is back out and about after surviving a plane crash...Travis Barker is still recovering in the hospital.
- Mark Wahlberg has set a wedding date to marry his longtime girlfriend and mother of his three kids.

Student Employee Profile
Ashley Rae LaBar
- Adia L. Pickens

Ashley Rae LaBar, a young lady that many people might have seen with a welcoming smile and bubbly personality when you arrive at Redington Restaurant (opened Monday-Friday from 11:00am-1:30pm). She is a hostess, a cashier, a server, and an enthusiast all in one, which one will see after one visit to Redington. With a discreet location, she still gets interesting people visiting. One of the most random questions she receives is, “Do you serve food here?” She does not understand people sometimes because once they ask that question, they will leave, then twenty minutes later, they will come back and have lunch. There are also people who try to come in without paying, in which she has to chase them down, and get that money.

Ashley is a pre-business freshman (with sophomore credits) from Yuma, Arizona and plans on applying to the Eller College of Management in Fall 2009. During this interview, she realized that she likes marketing with an emphasis in Retailing and Consumer Sciences. Since she does not support child labor, she would enjoy working for Macy’s in the future because they share a common interest. When she gets older she wants to become a “snow bird, own a Harley-Davidson, make sweaters for grandchildren, and bake pies.”

As for now, she is focusing on her first year at the University of Arizona and enjoying working at Redington Restaurant. All of her friends consider her a girly girl whose pet peeves are chewing with the mouth open and foul language. Overall, she is one of the nicest people you will meet, all highly suggest people go over to Redington Restaurant and introduce yourself. She leaves us with this quote, “People stay true to themselves and don’t be influenced by other people around you or what the media portrays.” She was recently promoted to be in the Professional Internship Program (PIP) for the union. She is incredibly enthusiastic for the opportunity that she has been given.

Quotes Heard Around the Union

"Where can I buy water, like in a bottle.”
- Student in Admin office

"If I want to be involved on campus, should I come to the Center for Student Involvement to find out information?”
- Student at CSIL front desk

“Where is the Student Union?”
- Customer standing at Info Desk in SUMC

“Wow you guys are Fast!”
- Customer at Fast Copy

Hear something humorous, send in your Quotes heard around the union to unionshr@email.arizona.edu, or notify your HR representative.

Happy Birthday

Students with OCTOBER birthdays!

PIP Project and Update
- Allison Bishop

The Arizona Student Unions Professional Internship Program (PIP) is now in its 3rd semester! Throughout this semester, the students in the PIP class will be working together to solve different issues currently facing the Student Unions. This year’s projects include:

- Core 2 – a new restaurant, modeled off of the Core, to be added to the Park Student Union
- CSIL Technology – a plan to use technology to advertise the student programs that CSIL plans
- Concessions of the Future – redesign the current concession stands to be more state of the art with an updated menu
- ‘You’-nion Aid – a new program aimed at sustainability and volunteer work

What to learn more about these projects? Just ask one of the PIP students currently in the class:

- Saja Al-jabiri, Erica Aldredge, Michelle Beckett, Nicholas Bischof, Cameron Davis, Piya Debnath, Marisa Enriquez, Vincent Fiorucci, Brianna Frasquillo, Alisha Mah, Cynthia Martinez, Jesse Ortega, Adia Pickens, Colleen Runyan, Bobby Talley

Congratulations to these students for joining our prestigious PIP program!