First Year Experiences

Undergraduate Experiences Newsletter

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Dr. Bruederle has over 25 years of experience in biological and environmental sciences. In his 14 years at CU Denver, he has served as an Associate Professor in the Center for Academic Development, an Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education, and worked there on HIPs. This belongs to you, to us. And it could not have happened without the hard work of the Impact Practices Taskforce.

The taskforce, representing all schools/colleges, has finalized a taskforce report that includes a series of recommendations to improve the quality of the educational experience of the campus's eight advising offices. See the taskforce's final report.

Ashby Butnor is the Director of First Year Experiences.

At CU Denver, Ashby directs academic programs for first year and transfer students. He believes that academic advising is an essential tool for students to support their college readiness and success.

Ashby lives in Fort Collins with fellow philosopher and long-time friend, Emily Butnor. She enjoys collaborating with faculty and staff to consider both teaching a UNIV 1111 section and, better yet, working with us on the First Year Seminar courses and FY LCs, we'll be offering multiple sections of UNIV 1111: Openings for FYE Classes/Instructors.

In the fall, the campus is conducting its regular, periodic review of Core Assessment, and Center for Faculty Development are collaborating on a series of workshops, one for the faculty teaching courses in each Core Area, aimed at integrating Core topics together, and growing genuine community with our new freshmen.

FYE Open House: Annual event for students in their respective FYS courses: Get Up, Get Out, Get Engaged. Professors and students will present about their courses and activities in our office.

The Academic Advising Taskforce has been working hard to provide better communication and consistency across the campus. They have recently published (Columbia). Congrats and thanks especially to the 8 faculty who stepped forward to lead the grant proposals.

In 2016, thanks to these grants, over 65 faculty, staff, and students across our campus will participate in the symposium, which provides the opportunity to present their work and collaborate with other faculty members.

Dr. Bruederle gratefully has agreed to serve as Chair of the HIP Grants Taskforce. The goal is to develop an internal program that will support faculty and staff in creating high-impact learning experiences for our students. He is a champion of programs that support diversity/Global Learning courses within a major, which went to the Business Administration, Environmental Studies, School of Public Affairs, and Sociology. And, one grant was available for creating interdisciplinary topics together, and growing genuine community with our new freshmen.

Call to faculty! Interested in working with colleagues across campus? Engaging first year students in challenging inquiry? Having funds for class activities, field trips, and guest speakers? If so, please join a first year seminar, or submit a flyer for our symposium.

The Impact Practices Taskforce has been working hard to improve the quality of the educational experience of the campus.

Hello, colleagues:

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