Welcome back everyone!  1 Day down, roughly 159 to Go!!!!

I hope you are excited about the new school year. We have some exciting things planned this year and we look forward to working with you to make it dynamic. As a reminder our office is here to work with and support all students in anyway we can. Please don’t hesitate to reach out if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas for events and programming.

Please join me in welcoming our incoming Class of 2018 and our incoming international students.

Class of 2018 Fun Facts!

- **200** Students Overall
- **106** that speak one of **24** unique languages
- **23** Different countries represented
- **21** States across the U.S. represented

Top 5 languages spoken (other than English)

1. **18 Spanish** speakers
2. **12 Chinese** speakers
3. **12 Korean** speakers
4. **10 Urdu** speakers
5. **9 Arabic** speakers
The Office of Student Affairs (OSA) is excited to welcome all the new students including 194 P1s in the Class of 2018 and seven International Affiliate P2 students. We were pleased to be able to offer a two day Orientation for the first time for all Chicago and Rockford students the week before classes started including several new opportunities for the new students to meet and interact socially. We want to let all students know that there are many people in COP to support you including the faculty, staff, current students and alumni.

OSA is also pleased to continue our collaboration with the Office of Diversity & Inclusion, Office of Professional Development, Rho Chi and Phi Lambda Sigma with the “Your Future in Pharmacy: Professional Development Series” Last year, we offered over eight programs including Mock Interviews and 45 students were recognized as completing four or more leadership development programs.

We are also excited to be collaborating with Office of Professional Development and Office of Development and Alumni Affairs to initiate an Alumni Mentoring program for COP students. This will be a great opportunity to match current students with a COP Alumni mentor. Feel free to contact myself in Chicago (dicesare@uic.edu) or ken Smith (smithke@uic.edu) in Rockford for more information. Good luck and have a great fall 2014 semester!

Dan DiCesare
Director of Student Affairs- Chicago

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The Office of Student Affairs, the Office of Diversity & Inclusion, Rho Chi and Phi Lambda Sigma is sponsoring a Student of the Month. Each month you will have the opportunity to nominate a fellow student who has gone above and beyond either in leadership or representing UIC COP. The student will be selected and announced at PSC and also highlighted in the OD&I Monthly Newsletter. Nomination forms will be available in the Office of Student Affairs and due by the 25th of each month (9/25, 10/25, 11/25 etc)

We are please to announce that the first Student of Month for August 2014 is

**Cong Nguyen, PSC President** for all his leadership and hard work with setting up the New Student Org Room, promotion of P1 Leadership, Org Day, PharmAid and also the PSC Leadership Retreat.
The College’s Tutoring program for both Rockford and Chicago is facilitated by the Office of Diversity & Inclusion under the direction of Dr. Clara Awe.

Last year we had a very successful tutoring program that coordinated 15 tutors that worked with over 60 students in Chicago and Rockford combined.

If you are interested in serving as official tutors this semester please contact Dr. Clara Awe at awe@uic.edu as soon as possible. We are looking for students that excelled in MedChem, PathoPhys, or Kinetics to serve as official tutors.

Credit will be offered for your time.

For those students that would like to arrange for tutoring please contact Jason Rebello at jrebello@uic.edu.
Last year the Office of Diversity & Inclusion spearheaded an effort to track and quantify the tremendous efforts of our Students and Faculty in the realm of Community Engagement. Those efforts led to the creation of the community engagement report which highlighted the activities you engage in that promote health and improve human conditions in response to the needs of the Chicago/Rockford community.

The complete report is available on COP website on the Office of Diversity webpage.

**Community Engagement by the numbers**

1. **1 College**

2. **2 Campuses** (Chicago & Rockford)

3. **72 Community engagement events**

4. **1,314 (# of times students volunteered)**

5. **3,792 community members engaged.**

6. **4,296 Hours of community service**