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# Academic Affairs Weekly Update | August 4

## Office of Academic Affairs

Fri 8/4/2017 1:16 PM

To: Campus Communication <campus-communication@plymouth.edu>;

Dear Colleagues:

It's officially August and preparing to welcome incoming and returning students is top of mind. Many faculty and staff are actively planning or anticipating engagement in Panther Days and seek to build strong, foundational relationships with new students through program-related and curricular events. If you are interested in ways to engage in welcoming students to PSU, but have not been approached yet, please reach out to us.

Summer work teams and academic committees continue to engage in work to move us forward in our transformation. We have engaged in check-ins with the majority of teams and look forward to sharing their work closer to September. We would like to maintain the momentum of the great work that has been done this summer and see it continue through the academic year as there is still much to be done in transforming to support Integrated Clusters.

University Days kick off in just under three weeks! We'll begin with a session by the President on August 23rd and continue through 2.5 engaging days! We've finalized the schedule and are entering it into the registration tool, please review it [here](#)! We'll ask you to take a few minutes to register for your favorite sessions. Please also register for lunch, if you plan to join us at Prospect Hall.

EAB is back again this year at University Days, this time with a plenary session on Thursday afternoon on integrating Academics and Career Preparation. There's something for everyone on the schedule from book discussions to technology trainings to information sessions about the year ahead. Reconnect with your faculty and staff colleagues as we prepare for an engaging year focused on student persistence through *Drive to 85*.

Finally, in anticipation of the new academic year, we are conducting an internal search for an Executive Assistant. This individual will be actively involved in designing administrative systems and supporting our transformation to Integrated Clusters. They will also support continuity of information and planning as we look at the year ahead and anticipate transitioning from Academic Deans to a new Provost with Cluster Leadership Teams. The full description is [available here](#) on the HR website.

Sincerely,

The Academic Dean Team