

## **Michelle Reagan - Program Coordinator**

6 April 2023

Michelle is able to balance her many varied job duties with ease, or that is how she makes it look. Somehow she balances assisting PIs with grant proposal submissions; organizing IMCI events; producing IMCI communications; processing IMCI's financial documents; and performing many other administrative duties all while meeting tight deadlines and ever changing processes with a smile. She is a very important part of IMCI and we are honored to have her on our team. Thank you for all you do Michelle.

## **Brittany Sonnenberg - International Student Advisor**

7 April 2023

Brittany is tireless advocate and supporter of UI international students. For the past three years she has been the only advisor for a population for over 800 current and past students who require UI support for the duration of their stay in the US. She goes the extra mile to make sure international students have support and access to every opportunity possible while continually making improvements to internal process to make the work we do in IPO more efficient and student focused. Student value and seek her support and guidance and the rest of the IPO team relies on her for her campus expertise and strong organizational skills. Brittany brings positive energy and team approach to her work at UI. We are lucky to have her as a colleague and advisor!

## **Elise Kokenge - Assistant Director Graduate Student Support**

18 April 2023

Elise has offered incredible support every step of the way for my online MNR degree. She has coached me on courses, helped me design my schedule, assisted me in working through my capstone project requirements, and given much-needed pep talks. I can tell that she loves her job because she is so good at it. I had no doubt that she was invested in my success as a student. She is enthusiastic, positive, and supportive. She made my experience at U of I even better than it already was.

## **Raymond Pankopf - Director Architectural & Engineering Services**

20 April 2023

I want to take a moment to thank Ray for his efforts in working with family members who wish to create a memorial spot on campus for a loved one who has passed. Along with the vast responsibilities of his role, Ray has also worked with a couple family members to find a placement for a memorial bench and plaque. These projects can take a lot of time and coordination and require Ray to work with family members dealing with grief and loss. Thank you Ray for taking the time to work with these families. HR is especially thankful for your thoughtful assistance in helping a colleague family with this important task. We look forward to visiting the memorial bench in memory of our colleague.

## **Ethan Williamson - Technology Solutions Partner 1**

21 April 2023

Ethan set up my new laptop and migrated data over from the ageing, clunky one I had used for too many years. He kept me informed throughout the multi-stage process and explained what would be different, where to find my files, how to use BitLocker, etc. He also made sure I knew I could continue to contact him with any questions or technical issues that might come up with the new laptop. Ethan is professional and thorough, and clearly has a wealth of technology expertise. This was no easy migration, but Ethan took care of everything in a timely and efficient manner. Thank you!

## **Ken McCurry - Director of Facilities Services**

24 April 2023

Ken has been an incredible ally for the implementation of sustainability initiatives across campus. He has designed a Green Cleaning pilot program for Custodial Services, helped to create and is fully managing the new recycling program, and is working to help to design a composting program and a sustainable landscape management plan. He has been kind and enthusiastic with all of this work. We are very grateful to work with Ken!

## **Olivia Wiebe - Sustainability Center Coordinator**

24 April 2023

Olivia has been a wealth of knowledge for a relatively new employee. She is kind, compassionate, and cares deeply about her work. She is a wonderful sounding board and has worked tirelessly to make this campus more sustainable during the last few years. This campus is a better place for having Olivia!