Division of Social Work

Chrissy L. Davis Jones Named Social Work Alumna of the Year

Chrissy L. Davis Jones (BSW, 2003) is the Division of Social Work Alumna of the Year. She is currently the Associate Dean of Student Development at Spokane Falls Community College part of the Community Colleges of Spokane District. She began her work at Spokane Falls Community College (SFCC) in February 2010 as the Director of Academic Advising, and was promoted to the Associate Dean of Student Development in August of 2010.

Chrissy’s current responsibilities at SFCC include direct oversight of academic advisement and counseling, new student orientation, placement and proctor testing services, underage (students under 16 years of age) admissions, peer services, mental health services, as well as an academic early alert system. Chrissy is an active member on her campus, as well as across the Community Colleges of Spokane district. She currently serves on the Executive Steering committee for Accreditation, Instructional Deans Council, Student Success Taskforce, Diversity and Equity Council, Behavioral Intervention Team (BIT), Community Colleges of Spokane District Student Services Council to name a few.

Chrissy believes her educational background in Social Work has equipped her to serve as a ‘change agent’ in higher education at both the State and National levels. She is an active member on various councils and commissions in the State of Washington, i.e. advising and counseling council (ACC). Chrissy is also active at the National level participating in organizations such as NASPA and the NACADA. She has volunteered for a wide range of commissions and committees within these organizations, from Professional Development to Assessment and Evaluation.

After earning her Bachelors of Social Work at the University of Wyoming in 2003, Chrissy attended the Graduate School of Social Work at the University of Denver in Denver, CO. She earned her Master’s degree in 2004, and began working in Liberal, KS at Seward
County Community College. Chrissy decided that there is a lot of work that can and must be done to improve access and completion opportunities for all students. As a result, she has pursued a career in higher education with a passion for community college. Chrissy returned to school part-time in 2009 while continuing to work full-time. She was inducted as a member of Kappa Delta Pi, International Honor Society in Education in spring 2010, and Phi Kappa Phi, the International Honor Society in 2011. She is a doctoral candidate at the University of North Texas in Denton, TX, completing her dissertation entitled, “THE FULL RANGE ADVISING EXPERIENCE: AN ASSESSMENT OF COLLEGE ACADEMIC ADVISORS’ SELF-PERCEIVED LEADERSHIP STYLES” scheduled for completion fall 2014.

Chrissy also enjoys giving back, which she describes as one of the many “invaluable” lessons learned she learned in the social work program. When she is not working or doing school work, Chrissy enjoys volunteering in her community. She is the secretary of the Inland Northwest Juneteenth Coalition, member of the NAACP, and board member for the non-profit Leadership Development for Children of the Dream. She also dedicates time on the weekends to serving at local soup kitchens, mentoring youth, and tutoring students of all ages.