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Greetings from Vice Provost and Chief Diversity Officer Patrick Sims



Patrick J. Sims - UW-Madison Vice
Provost & Chief Diversity Officer

Dear Friends,
As we head into Thanksgiving week, I want to take a moment and reconnect.

This fall has been a fruitful time for the Division of Diversity, Equity and Educational Achievement.

On November 1, our campus shared results from the university's first ever [campus-wide climate survey](#) for students. More than 8,600 students (21% of eligible students) responded and we pledge to use the findings to make the campus more welcoming for all students. A task force of faculty, staff and students met over a five-month period and came up with seven key [recommendations](#) for next steps.

More than 650 people attended the [2017 Diversity Forum](#) where the climate survey was discussed. Day 1 of the Forum also featured keynote speaker Walter Echo-Hawk, a Native American attorney, tribal judge, author, activist, and law professor.

The day concluded with a town hall discussion on Wisconsin Dreamers, those affected by Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), and related immigration topics.





Dr. Sarah Van Orman

Day 2 of the Forum served as a cultural competency workshop for over 250 mental health specialists, student service professionals, and advisors. This was our first year offering a full day of workshops dedicated to mental health and wellness, and it featured a keynote address from Dr. Sarah Van Orman, former Director of UW-Madison Health Services and current Associate Vice Provost for

Student Health and Chief Health Officer at USC. A panel of students also shared their personal experiences navigating the challenges of campus life.



Student Panelists

Our work at DDEEA continues and as we approach the end of another semester, we are so grateful for you as a key partner, collaborator and stakeholder with the important work we do.

In community,

Patrick J. Sims
UW-Madison Vice Provost & Chief Diversity Officer

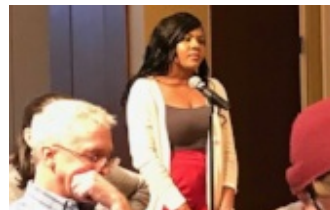
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