Darryl Dickerson, Ph.D.

*Associate Director of Minority Programs, College of Engineering*

Darryl A. Dickerson, PhD serves as Associate Director of the Minority Engineering Program at Purdue University and Chief Executive Officer of BioRegeneration Technologies. He received his PhD in 2009 from the Weldon School of Biomedical Engineering where his research focused on the development of naturally-derived biomaterials specifically for the regeneration of interfaces between hard and soft tissues. Subsequently, he founded BioRegeneration Technologies to translate the benchtop work performed during his graduate studies to clinical practice. During his time as a graduate student, Dr. Dickerson gained significant management and leadership experience as a member of the Board of Directors (2004 – 2009) of the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE). His work with NSBE culminated in his service as President, Chairman of the Board, and Chief Executive Officer and the launch of the Summer Engineering Experience for Kids (SEEK) program in 2007 – 2008. In 2012, he joined the staff of the Minority Engineering Program at Purdue and has since taken on the role of Associate Director. In this capacity, he manages the staff members in executing programming designed to transform the College of Engineering into a more diverse and inclusive environment by increasing enrollment, retention, and success of underrepresented minority students in engineering.

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Benjamin (Ben) Dispennett

*Director of Building Services, Physical Facilities*

Ben graduated from Purdue University in 2003 from the Krannert School of Management and immediately began running a family business. His Purdue career started in 2008 as a Facilities Manager in University Residences and continued in 2012 as the Associate Director of Facilities and Maintenance. Since 2015, Ben has served as the Director of Building Services within Physical Facilities, where he enjoys aligning the department’s goals to the mission of the University and working with the dedicated staff who provide valuable services to administrative and academic facilities across campus. Ben has been involved with the Facilities Management Maximo Users Group (FMMUG), a national organization focused on training and best practices in the use of computerized maintenance management systems (CMMS). Ben served as the committee chair in 2014 and 2015 and coordinated three national conferences in that time. In his spare time, Ben volunteers with the Warren County 4-H program where he mentors youth as the superintendent of woodworking. Ben met his wife Kaletra while they both attended Purdue, and they now have three future Boilermakers aged 9, 6, and 3.
Kasi Jones

*Senior Assistant Director and Coordinator of Orientation Programs, Office of Student Success*

Kasi began her career in higher education at the University of Central Arkansas (UCA) in Conway, Arkansas. As the Assistant Director of Admissions she traveled the state of Arkansas recruiting new and transfer students to attend UCA. She received her undergraduate degree in Telecommunications/Public Relations and graduate degree in College Student Personnel and Administration from UCA as well. Many thought she would never leave the central Arkansas area!

Kasi has been at Purdue since 2008 as the Senior Assistant Director/Coordinator of Orientation Programs in the Student Success office. In this position Kasi oversees all orientation initiatives such as Boiler Gold Rush International, Boiler Gold Rush, Summer, Transition, Advising, and Registration (STAR) and transfer programs. Her programs work to make sure all new students have a seamless transition to Purdue University.

Kasi is a graduate of Leadership Lafayette, Director of the Miss Purdue University Scholarship Pageant, active volunteer, serves on national/state orientation and higher education association committees, enjoys softball, and loves to color.

Sabra Moulton

*Assistant Director of Strategic Operations, Transportation, Parking & Airport*

In 2008, while working full-time and raising a family, Sabra graduated from Indiana Wesleyan University with a B.S. in Accounting. For 4 years following graduation, Sabra worked as an Investment Accountant for The Lafayette Life Insurance Company. Her responsibilities encompassed reconciling and reporting on mortgage loan portfolios and call options, to handling 1098 forms and Schedule DB and B on financial reporting. During her tenure at Lafayette Life, Sabra continued her education and in 2010 received her MBA from Indiana Wesleyan University with a concentration in Accounting. In 2011, Sabra joined Purdue as Fiscal Administrator with Physical Facilities Fiscal Affairs (PFFA) assisting with the Wade Power Plant financials, reconciliations, and commodities. In 2014, she joined Service Enterprise department helping with various initiatives.

Sabra became Assistant Director Strategic Operations in May 2016. In her current role, she oversees the daily operations of Transportation, Parking, and Purdue Airport.

Sabra resides in Frankfort with her husband, Ryan, and daughter, Shaylin. In her free time, she enjoys reading, traveling, family, and watching Shaylin in one of her many activities.
Mitch Nettesheim

Senior Associate Director of Facilities and Operations, Recreation and Wellness

Mitch joined Purdue in September 2005. He currently provides oversight for operations of Purdue Recreation and Wellness’ facilities and services. With over 30 years of experience in student life (in recreation and housing), Mitch has considerable experience in building construction/renovation, fiscal management and technological implementation/advancement. He most recently provided oversight of the renovation and expansion of the Cordova Recreation Center that has been awarded LEED Gold. Additional highlights include enterprise software implementation in three settings, complete program conception/innovation in two settings, strategic program revitalization in four unique scenarios and project management of five additional building renovations.

Prior to Purdue, Mitch worked at UW-Whitewater and James Madison University. He is the proud father of three talented daughters; Emily (19), Ali (19), and Jessie (17). Mitch and his wife, Laura (24 years), are both from Wisconsin, but are proud to call Lafayette home. In his spare time, Mitch cares for his two dogs, works out (anyway possible) and is highly active in his church.

Catharine Patrone

Senior Director of Academic and Student Affairs, Honors College

Catharine Patrone completed her B.A. in communication and minors in women’s studies and human development and family science in 2001 and M.A. in higher education and student affairs in 2003 at Ohio State University. While in graduate school, she worked as a research consultant in the Student Support Office at Lancaster University in Lancaster, England during the summer of 2002. Prior to coming to Purdue University, Catharine served in the capacities of Graduate Associate and Program Coordinator at the University Honors & Scholars Center at Ohio State University.

In 2005, Catharine joined the newly-formed University Honors Program (UHP) at Purdue as the Assistant Director. The UHP transformed to the Honors College in 2012. Since 2012, Catharine has served as the Director of Students and most recently as the Senior Director of Academic and Student Affairs. In this position, she directs and oversees Honors College student data management, coordinates all aspects of the Beering and Stamps scholarship programs and stewardship activities, and serves as the liaison and lead contact for the University Residences partnership.

Catharine resides in West Lafayette, and in her free time, enjoys following professional tennis and spending time with friends and family.
Keene Red Elk

*Captain of Administrative Services, Purdue University Police Department*

Keene graduated from Vincennes University in 1987 with an Associate’s Degree in Business Administration. He is currently obtaining his Bachelor’s Degree in Business Management from Western Governors University Indiana. He has served as a law enforcement officer in the greater Lafayette area for 29 years, with 21 of those years being spent right here at Purdue University. While at Purdue, Keene has held the positions of patrol officer, Detective Sergeant, Lieutenant of Training and Operations, and now Captain of Administrative Services. He has served as a member of the Tippecanoe Metropolitan Color Guard, Tippecanoe County Metropolitan Fatal Alcohol Crash Team, the Special Response Team, the Drug Task Force and his currently a certified instructor through the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy.

Keene currently oversees the department’s investigations unit and is actively involved in engagement with the university community.

Keene resides in West Lafayette with his wife and three sons. He also has two older children, one who is married to a police officer in Seymour, Indiana, and one who is currently serving in the United States Army stationed in Alaska. He enjoys hunting, fishing and spending time with his family.

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Monica Shively

*Academic Services Manager, Computer Science, College of Science*

Monica has spent most of her professional career in higher education. She earned a BS from the University of California, Berkeley, and an MS from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. Monica started at Purdue in 1996, assisting and training faculty and students to use a confocal laser scanning microscope at the Purdue University Cytometry Laboratories (PUCL). She also took the lead on design and programming of the PUCL Cytometry CD-ROM series. These publications included early browser software, which users installed to view the content. In 2009 Monica’s work at Purdue shifted to undergraduate experiential education. She managed and promoted internship programs, connecting undergraduates with startup companies in Indiana and Northeast Ohio. Monica moved to CS in 2014, where she leads a team of graduate and undergraduate office staff and is responsible for graduate and undergraduate academic services, class scheduling, coordinating instructional staffing, overseeing course access, monitoring graduate student progress, and advising on relevant policies and procedures. As a myCS development team member, she provides vision for the design, development and implementation of a new department-wide information portal.

Monica and her husband Gerald have two teenage children, Katie (19) and Benjamin (16).

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