STAFF SENATE NEWS
January 2014

UW Staff Senate Years of Service Awards
To prepare for Staff Recognition Day 2014, Staff Senate requests that all University of Wyoming employees check the Years of Service list posted on the Staff Senate website here.

UW employees are recognized and honored every five years for their service to the university with a gift at Staff Recognition Day, which also offers several other awards recognizing staff excellence. The 2014 event is scheduled for Wednesday, April 16.

To make changes or additions to the Years of Service list, please contact Vince Bath at (307) 766-5707 or email at VBath@uwyo.edu. Deadline is Wednesday, January 15.

If you would like to nominate a deserving staff member for an award to be given at Staff Recognition Day, please visit our Staff Awards page. The nomination period for all awards is December 2, 2013 through March 3, 2014.

Holiday Food Drive Thank You!
Sincere thanks to everyone who donated food items for the 2013 Staff Senate Holiday Food Drive. The 2013 food drive collected enough to assist all 11 families nominated to receive a box.

Special thanks go to our anonymous donors, who provided prepaid turkeys and sides for our nominated families, as well as funds to purchase fresh fruit and additional items for everyone.

Our snack drive for the troops was also a great success. Thanks to everyone for your generous donations!

Ask a Question
We are currently researching several questions from last month, and will provide some answers in next month’s newsletter, and others on our Facebook page.

Got a question of about the University of Wyoming or your employment here? Ask away at staffsen@uwyo.edu.

Points to Ponder: Employee Assistance Program
Now that it’s officially winter and severe weather is more than likely to be in the forecast, we wanted to review the University of Wyoming’s established procedures for determining whether severe weather warrants delayed opening, early closure, or total closure of the UW campus.
The procedures, courtesy of Environmental Health and Safety and Mark Collins, VP of Operations, are as follows:

• Communication protocol established between UW Administration and UW Communications Office.
• Ongoing review of all updated weather forecasts and satellite information from NOAA (National Weather Service), Weather Channel, WYDOT and UW Atmospheric Sciences.
• Communication link established with Superintendent’s Office at Albany County School District (communication updates begin 5:00 A.M. – 5:30 A.M.).
• Snow removal and infrastructure updates from UW Physical Plant.
• Current weather condition updates and reports from UW PD and local law enforcement.
• Updates from Transit and Parking Services on status of bus fleet, road conditions.
• AVP Operations provides recommendation to VP for Administration and President’s Office.
• AVP Operations provides official weather notification to UW Communications Office (before 6:00 A.M.).
• UW Communications will issue announcements via text alert messages, campus e-mail broadcast, color-coded message on UW home page, notification to UW phone operators, communication to Wyoming Public Radio, messages to local radio stations & electronic media and periodic updates to state officials in Cheyenne.
• Monitor weather conditions for potential cancellation of UW Athletic events, Fine Arts programs and UW student-sponsored special events.

You can view the original document outlining UW Procedures for Severe Weather Closures, Delayed Openings or Early Closures here.

Did You Know? Laramie Recreation Center Discounts for UW Employees

It’s a New Year and a great time to develop healthy habits by getting and staying more physically active. Laramie has many great fitness opportunities and resources available, including the Laramie Recreation Center which offers a 20% discount to UW employees. You can check out the discounted group rate here. You can get the Laramie Recreation Center group/corporate membership form here.

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Vince is a lifetime Laramie resident, and has strong connections with family and friends with UW. Vince is married with two adult daughters, and all three women in the family are kindergarten teachers in three separate schools in Laramie. Vince's hobbies include hiking, climbing, sports, and Bible study, and spending time with his three grandchildren, which he enjoys.

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