



Staff Newsletter

February 2021

DARYL SCHULTZ NAMED EMPLOYEE OF THE FOURTH QUARTER



Longtime UW employee, Daryl Schultz, who has trained dozens of staff members on proper disinfection protocols and cleaning practices – especially during the COVID-19 pandemic – is the recipient of UW’s Staff Employee of the Fourth Quarter Award.

Schultz is a custodial trainer in Custodial Services where he has worked for 16 years. He has been in his current position for three years. Schultz also repairs equipment, including carpet extractors, vacuums and high-speed floor burnishers. Additionally, he develops and implements quality control programs, such as an inspection program for custodians.

As part of UW’s response to COVID-19, Custodial Services provides enhanced cleaning services across campus. Schultz has been instrumental in educating staff members on the appropriate cleaning products to use in campus facilities, his nominators note. Other comments from nominators include:

“He is always expanding his education on products used for cleaning purposes, their effectiveness and safety. I think he is incredibly important to campus”

“He provides the most accurate information and goes into great detail when making recommendations. He wants the best outcome for us when it comes to effectiveness as well as safety for students, faculty and staff.”

“He works tirelessly to keep our department equipment in good working condition by researching and tracking down the most available and cost-effective replacement parts.”

Schultz says his biggest challenge during the pandemic has been training employees on proper cleaning methods while still repairing equipment in a timely fashion, and says he is honored to be selected for the award. “It’s nice that people appreciate and notice the job that I and the other custodians do,” he says.

A reception will be held to celebrate Daryl Schultz’s achievement at a later date, [read the full news release here](#).



STAFF RECOGNITION DAY AWARD NOMINATIONS

Staff Recognition Day is coming up this spring, and it’s time to nominate your favorite staff member for an award or two! We’ve got awards for [teams](#), [supervisors](#), [off-campus staff](#), and everything in between - [view the full list here](#). Remember, some awards require multiple submissions of the same nominee to be considered. It’s a good idea to recruit your colleagues to submit nominations as well!

► **NOMINATIONS CLOSE THIS FRIDAY,
FEBRUARY 12TH!**

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COVID-19 VACCINATION Q&A SESSIONS



On February 3rd, UW conducted two Q&A sessions about the COVID vaccine. Below are a few important pieces of information for those who were unable to attend. The experts on

the panel included **Brant A. Schumaker**, epidemiologist at the Wyoming State Vet Lab, Dean of the College of Health Science **David Jones**, Dean of the School of Pharmacy **Kem Krueger**, and **Dr. Jean Allias**, expert in infectious diseases. The full Q&A session can be found on [WyoCast](#).

- COVID Vaccinations are not a requirement for students or employees at UW. Vaccinations are completely voluntary.
- UW educators and staff are included in Tier 1C-Grp 3. The current tiers are listed on the [Wyoming Department of Health's website](#).
- UW will inform staff when tier groups can receive vaccinations.
- Employees working out of the county or State should contact the closest public health services in their area for information about vaccines.
- The vaccine doesn't prevent getting and transmitting the infection, but symptoms will be lighter.
- Mask mandates and testing procedures will not change at this time even if you've had the vaccination.
- UW is using the Moderna vaccine—2nd vaccine should be given in about 28 days and side effects may be worse with second shot. If you go over 28 days, it's okay as long as you don't let months pass.
- There are no deadlines for tiers to receive vaccines—you can receive your vaccination any time after your tier is opened



DON'T FORGET to check the [Years of Service list](#) and submit corrections to [Jason Gonzales](#) by this Friday, February 12th.

● March Staff Senate Meeting

Wednesday, March 3rd at 1:15 PM

Virtual meeting via Zoom, Meeting ID: 933 3994 3636

for vaccinations.

- Everyone should wait 14 days after receiving other vaccinations before getting a COVID vaccination.
- Everyone should wait 14 days after getting out of quarantine before getting a COVID vaccination.
- If you've already been infected, you should still get vaccinated.
- See FAQs page on the [UW COVID-19 Response](#) website for more information.

(UW is still requesting help with testing, COVID hub, and call center if you'd like to volunteer.)

PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS

Now is a great time to get a head start on 2020 Performance Evaluations. This year, HR has assembled a comprehensive [resource web page](#) to help answer some common questions. Don't forget that evaluations are due by March 31st, 2021!

Staff Senate Food Drive STARTS MARCH 1ST!

Save the date and start collecting now! Beginning March 1st, Staff Senate will start gathering items for our annual food drive which distributes supplies directly to nominated individuals in need of support. Collection boxes will be stationed around campus and a list of locations will be available on our [website](#) once they are established. Be sure to keep an eye on your email for more information and a link to the recipient nomination form!

