STAFF RECOGNITION DAY WINNERS

We would like to celebrate this year’s Staff Recognition Day award winners and nominees! Although we could not celebrate these individuals in person, we strongly encourage others to send a congratulatory message to those who are listed below. UW would not be the same without their hard work and dedication!

ALL-STAR TEAM STAFF AWARD
Winners: Elizabeth Butkus, Hally Killion, Jennifer McKenna, Madison Vance, Marce Vasquez

TRUE GRIT AWARD
Winners: Jeannie Czech, Shaun Ziegler

JODI K. HUMPHREY INSPIRATIONAL STAFF AWARD
Winner: Cheyenne Niemi

OFF-CAMPUS AWARD
Winners: Brandi Roesener, Melisa Valtierra

SKILLED TRADES AWARD
Winner: James Bartush

SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR AWARD
Winner: Richard Bazan

PETER SIMPSON GOLDEN GLOVES AWARD
Winner: Emily Edgar

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARD
Winner: Tyler Kerr

CUSTODIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD
Winner: Mary Nottage

UNSUNG HERO AWARD
Winners: Jack Chapman, Jennifer McKenna, Shannon Plumb, Tammy Rompola

E.G. MEYER FAMILY AWARD
Winners: Cassandra Jenkins, Sally Quade

Watch THIS VIDEO congratulating our SRD winners!
View all nominees HERE!
Or take a look at the Years Of Service awards HERE!
As many UW Staff are student-facing, here are some programs and initiatives by the Dean of Students Office to be aware of.

**UWYO Cares**
- Campus-wide team to review reports of concerns about students.
- Reports include mental health concerns, students experiencing health or family emergencies, etc.
- Cares group does risk assessment, then refers to most appropriate campus partner and offers the student resources and support.
- Almost 750 reports in the past year
- Visit the DOS website to report concern

**UW Food Share**
- Open to students and employees at UW
- The pantry is not need-based and not collecting individual’s information, so anyone can use it!
- Right now offering curbside; in-person grab and go to come in fall
- Find out more about the Food Share Pantry

**We are UW**
- New student code of conduct, which incorporates student expectations, but also values of the UW community in general.
- Learn more about We are UW

**Greendot**
- Bystander intervention program
- Student training equips students with skills to intervene in a situation of concern.
- Greendot educates campus on every individual’s part in preventing interpersonal violence.
- Staff training lasts 60-90 minutes
- Learn more about Greendot

**Staff Senate is seeking nominees for open Senate seats to begin July 1st! The following divisions have seats up for election:**
- Academic Affairs
- Administration
- Information Technology
- Institutional Advancement (Foundation)
- Student Affairs

Even if you don’t know your division – nominate yourself or others! We have additional vacant seats that we’ll be looking to fill by appointment.

**To nominate a staff member email David Keto, Credentials & Elections Chair, dketo@uwyo.edu**

**UPDATED MASK POLICY**

As of May 24, 2021

Requirements for social distancing and the wearing of masks at the University of Wyoming have been lifted, following action by the Wyoming Department of Health.

Effective May 24th, 2021, the university is only recommending masks and distancing for those who have not been vaccinated for COVID-19, continuing UW’s transition to a traditional fall 2021 semester.

A mask requirement remains in place for UW Transit Service buses, in accordance with federal guidelines for public transportation.

If you are unvaccinated, please continue to wear a mask to protect our community.
**ASUW**
- Menstrual supplies program expanded.
- $85,000 in scholarships were awarded this year.
- Youth Fund created for DACA and International students.
- 109th administration took office May 3rd. Hunter Swilling is new President.
- ASUW documents are now also available in Spanish.

**Advisory Council on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion**
- Alum Association board has committed to $10,000 per year for the next three years to fund Black 14 events.
- Virtual pep rally on July 19th to recruit for Black 14 Social Justice Institute.
- BLM and Systemic Racism is a new group and working on reviewing goals for next year.
- Inclusive Spaces to include all-gender bathrooms on campus.
- Pay Equity is a new group and currently gathering information; key findings; recommendations.
- Search Equity Advisors Program being formed. First cohort to launch in Fall 2021.
- 2021 Shepard Symposium was successful with almost 500 registered.

**Athletic Planning Committee**
- Athletics is planning on full capacity in the stadium and arenas this year and at the point, masks will be optional.
- Mental Health First Aid training is open to all staff—next session is June 3-4. Contact Katie Wille for enrollment information.
- Announced China Jude’s resignation and Kevin McKinney’s retirement.
- The entire football team is returning in the Fall due to NCAA allowing 5th-year scholarships to all senior athletes.

**USP Update Working Group**
- 30-40 academic programs are currently being reviewed.
- Seeking suggestions for Gen Ed program.

**New Telework Policy**
HR is updating their telework policies. The policy will contain information on remote working to include training requirements, flex schedules, short weeks, and other options for employees that can do some or all of their work remotely.

**Return to Campus Plan for Employees**
Staff will begin returning to campus for in-person work on **June 7th** and employees who were on campus pre-pandemic will be expected to fully return to campus by **August 23rd**, except positions that qualify for remote work.

Start conversations with your supervisor!

**Employee Contribution to Retirement Plan**
Beginning July 1, 2021 employee contributions to retirement plans will increase from 3.43% to 3.68%, and the employer contribution will increase from 14.69% to 14.94%. These increases will apply to participants in the Wyoming Retirement System and the TIAA retirement plans, and will be reflected on the July 2021 paycheck.

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**June Staff Senate Meeting**

**Wednesday, June 2nd at 1:15 PM**
Virtual meeting via Zoom
Meeting ID: 998 0483 0698

Connect with Staff Senate!
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