

INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY STAFF COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER

April 2023

Serving ISU Staff

Accepting Nominations for Staff Council Awards

Sycamore Staff Award *(for non-Council members)*

The Sycamore Staff Award will recognize a staff member who contributes to the overall mission and success of Indiana State University.

The Sycamore Staff award is open to all benefits-eligible staff (full and part time) who have been employed with Indiana State University for at least one full year. Current members of Staff Council are not eligible for this award.

To nominate a staff member, you must complete the [nomination form](#) by April 28, 2023.

PLEASE NOTE: [Past recipients](#) are not eligible to receive this award. For a list of Staff Council representatives that are not eligible, please visit the Staff Council [website](#).

Debbie Nelson Staff Council Spirit Award *(Council members only)*

The Debbie Nelson Staff Council Spirit Award will recognize an outstanding Council member. This award was established in honor of Debbie Nelson, former chair of Staff Council and a key participant in creating Staff Council at ISU, for her leadership and contributions to Staff Council.

This award is given annually to an outstanding Staff Council representative. The intention of this award is to recognize a member of the Staff Council who has exhibited outstanding service to the Staff at ISU through his or her work on the Staff Council.

The Staff Council Spirit Award winner will be announced at the Staff Council Annual Meeting on May 11, 2023. All nominees will also be recognized.

To nominate a Staff Council Representative, you must complete the [nomination form](#) by April 26, 2023.

PLEASE NOTE: Only 2022-2023 Staff Council Representatives are eligible for this award. [Past recipients](#) are not eligible to receive this award.

If you have any questions, please contact Staff Council Chair, Morgan Leek, Morgan.Leek@indstate.edu or Vice Chair, Roxanne Torrence, Roxanne.Torrence@indstate.edu.



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Upcoming Events

Annual Meeting

The Staff Council Annual Meeting will be held on May 11, 2023 in Glass Pavilion in the Hulman Center at 10am.

Space is limited to 200 attendees so you must register for this event. Registration is open until May 9th. All attendees will also have their name entered for door prizes which will include an ISU Parking Pass and other great door prizes. You must be present to win a door prize.

All those in attendance will also receive a free gift (must be in person to get gift).

Reserve your spot today and [register](#) now!

Succulent Planter Workshop



The Staff Council is hosting a Succulent Planter Workshop on May 9th. We will have a Master Gardener, Patti Weaver, guide us through this workshop.

This event will take place in the Fine Arts building, Room 115 on Tuesday, May 9th, 2023; from 5pm-7pm.

The cost is \$30.00. Proceeds will go toward a Staff Council Project.

You must [pre-register](#) for this workshop.

If you have any questions, please contact Rhonda at Rhonda.Beecroft@indstate.edu or call 812-237-2596.

BINGO Winners

Congratulations to our most recent BINGO winners:

- Shannon Mills-Jones, Purchasing
- Ashlee Pritchard, Athletics
- Christie Burt, Library
- Aaron Slocum, University College
- Abby Adams, Housing Facilities Operations
- Jenni Mesanovic, Blumberg Center
- Robyn James, University Advancement
- Kasy Long, University Marketing
- Aaron Slocum, University College
- Robyn James, University Advancement



Our next lunchtime BINGO is coming soon!



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Mark Your Calendars

The next Staff Council Meeting is on May 4, 2023 in Dede III. Meetings are open to ALL ISU Staff.



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2022 – 2023 Staff Council Representatives

Nick Aballi	Lucy Lakstins
Melisa Allen	Julie Land
Eric Aztor	Morgan Leek
Robert Bandelt	Michelle Lewis
Karissa Baumgartner	Brenda Lower
Rhonda Beecroft	Pamela Malone
Sarah Ber	Rivkah Mentzer
Melissa Chase	Grace Muñoz
Teresa Dwyer	Angie Napier
Sara Ellinger	Brandi Overton
Viola Ellis	M Schaekel
Ben Kappes	Roxanne Torrence
Christine Knight	Alex Whitmore
Todd LaComba	

2022 – 2023 Staff Council Committees

Staff Relations Committee

Tina Pitts+
 Karissa Baumgartner
 Angie Napier
 Ben Kappes
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 Katherine Black*
 Teresa Dwyer
 Viola Ellis
 Joshua Snyder*
 Robert Bandelt
 Lynn Larimer*
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 Christi Burt*
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 Vicki Gaunt*
 Rivkah Mentzer
 Melissa Chase
 Robert Bandelt
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Rhonda Beecroft+	Melisa Allen
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Brenda Lower	M Schaekel
Christine Knight	Todd LaComba
Eric Aztor	Joshua Snyder*
Grace Muñoz	Lucy Lakstins
Lisa Syed*	Jamie Hays*
Brandi Overton	
Julie Land	

*Denotes Staff who are not a Staff Council Representatives
 +Denotes Committee Chair

Staff Council Meetings

Regular Meeting: Thursday, May 4th at 10:30 am in Dede III

Why should you attend meetings?

- Learn about all of the activities around campus
- Learn about ways to get involved
- Collaborate with others
- Voice ideas
- Communicate with representatives

Who should attend meetings?

- All Staff
- Staff Council Representatives
- Invited Guests

What is the difference between open and closed sessions?

- Open Session is the part of the meeting where topics are discussed, questions can be asked, and decisions can be made.
- Closed Session is specific to the members of the organization. Typically, strategic planning and problem solving conversation happens here that helps advance the mission.

Click [Here](#) for Past Meeting Minutes.

Questions?



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Staff Recognition

April

Name	Department	Years of Service
Dalton Boyles	Telecommunications	5
Tori Marks	New Student Transition Programs	5
Kerri England	Office of Information Technology	5
Matt Bird	Honors College	5
Carol Wiemuth	Office of Information Technology	10
Leslie Wheeler	Assoc VP University Controller	10
Mark Suiter	Blumber Center	10
Shauna Lehman	College of Grad & Professional Stds	10
Russell Harwood	Office of Information Technology	15
David Benjamin	Custodians	20
Kellie McCain	Dept. of Educational Leadership	20
Mark Pupilli	Facilities Management	35

Connect with Staff Council Representatives, Committees, and more by visiting:

<https://www.indstate.edu/services/staff-council>

Find us on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/IndianaStateUniversityStaffCouncil>

Summer Camps

Community School of the Arts is now registering for Summer Camps! Children that live with a staff member may qualify for a discount

The collage features three main posters:

- Community School of the Arts:** Promoting summer camps with contact information for sintercsn.indstate.edu.
- Rock Camp 2023:** Targeted at grades 5-12.
- W.O.W.I. (World of Wonder in Indiana):** A summer honors program for July 13-15.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Wabash Valley
Bowl for Kids' Sake is Big Brothers Big Sisters largest and most important annual fundraiser. All you have to do is gather your team, fundraise and party to help create more life-changing friendships in the Wabash Valley!
April 28, 2023
Terre Haute Bowling Center
6-8:30 pm

HOW TO GET STARTED

- REGISTER:** Visit www.bbswv.org
- SET A GOAL:** Teams are encouraged to raise at least \$200.
- RECRUIT A TEAM:** Each team consists of 4-8 members.
- RAISE MONEY:** Charms is an option!
- HAVE FUN:** Enjoy a fun night out with your team!

YOUR CONTRIBUTION IS IMPORTANT

- \$25 Volunteer Recruitment
- \$140 Volunteer Screening
- \$100 Enrollment Process
- \$500 Supporting the Match
- \$205 Operational Cost

\$1,000

Participants need one year required to create and support a match in our area of the program participants.