

INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY STAFF COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

May 2023

Serving ISU Staff

Sycamore Staff Award

Each year, Staff Council honors one staff member with the Sycamore Staff Award. This award is given to a staff member, not serving on Staff Council, who contributes to the overall mission and success of Indiana State University by their attitude, service, engagement and overall contribution. The 2023 winner of the Sycamore Staff Award is **Daniel Leslie, Information Center Consultant, Office of Information Technology**. Congratulations Dan!



Dan was nominated by a fellow staff member that had this to say about him: “When interacting with Dan over the years, he has always been humble and polite, regardless of the situation. I've never heard him talk down to or speak poorly of another person. He'll go out of his way to help anyone he can. Dan brings dependability and professionalism with him as he travels from department to department assisting staff, administrators and faculty with technology issues or deploying machines. When I work with staff and faculty groups, mentioning Dan as follow up support is usually echoed with several members commenting on how he is the person they trust to support computer and software problems.”

This year, there were seven nominees for the Sycamore Staff Award that is selected by the members of Staff Council. Nominees are: Marcie Bays, ISU Foundation; Tina Pitts, Economics; Jacque Smith, Public Safety Police Department; Joshua Snyder, Faculty Center for Teaching and Excellence; Jessica Staff, Center for Community Engagement; and Lisa Syed, Residential Life. Congratulations to all of our nominees!

Debbie Nelson Staff Council Spirit Award


The Debbie Nelson Staff Council Spirit Award was created in 2015 and is awarded to a Staff Council Representative that shows great dedication to serving their fellow staff through committee work, leadership roles, or general membership. The nominees have also gone above and beyond the responsibilities of their membership to serve members of the campus community and improve the experience of their constituents. The 2023 winner of the Staff Council Spirit Award is **Michelle Lewis, HMSU Assistant Director, Hulman Memorial Student Union**.



Michelle was nominated by a fellow staff member: “Michelle has been involved with Staff Council and the Public Relations Committee for many years. She has always been one of our more outgoing and dependable members. This year, one of the areas where Michelle really shined was our Annual Harvest Party for the kids of the ISU faculty and staff. Michelle stepped up and took the lead by creating a subcommittee whose total focus became the Harvest Party. With Michelle in the lead, the Public Relations Committee offered one of the best nights for the kids we've ever had! Michelle always puts forth ideas and comments, but she also brings questions in from her constituents to get answers to keep her staff updated.”

The other nominees for this award were Staff Council representatives Melisa Allen, Public Safety; Viola Ellis, Bailey College of Engineering & Technology Dean's Office; and Pam Malone, Office of Information Technology.





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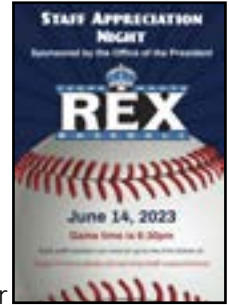
The next Staff Council Meeting is on June 8, 2023 in Dede III. Meetings are open to ALL ISU Staff.



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Staff Appreciation at TH Rex Game

It is Staff Appreciation Night, sponsored by the Office of the President, at the Terre Haute Rex game on June 14, 2023. Tickets are limited but each staff member can reserve up to two (2) game tickets on a first come basis. [Sign up](#) for your tickets today!



If we have additional tickets we will send out a notice and you may be able to get up to two additional tickets)

You will be notified by email when your tickets are available for pickup.

Blood Drive

ISU STAFF COUNCIL is partnering with Versiti Blood Center of Indiana to save community lives. Please come out to support the ISU BLEED BLUE BLOOD DRIVE on Monday, June 12, from 10:00am to 1:30pm in Dede II.



Appointments are important for the flow of the drive. Visit the [event page](#) or [register here](#).

Help us meet our goal of filling all 24 appointments.

Blood has a limited shelf-life and it is imperative that we keep the blood supply strong.

Door Prize Winners

Thank you to everyone that attended the 2023 Annual Meeting. Congratulations to all of our [door prize winners](#).



As mentioned at our meeting, if there is an initiative that you would like Staff Council to work on over the next year, please send an email to ISU-StaffCouncil@indstate.edu

Sign up for a Standing Committee

Did you know that you do not have to be on Staff Council to join one of our standing committees? There are three committees: Public Relations, Staff Benefits and Staff Relations.



To sign up, click here. More information about these committees can be found on our [website](#).

Juneteenth holiday

In February, the ISU Board of Trustees approved recognition of Juneteenth as a federal holiday after the signing of the Juneteenth National Independence Act.

Starting in 2023, the university will be closed on June 19th in observance of this holiday.

Flex time will not be permitted during the week of June 19th.



2022 – 2023 Staff Council Representatives

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

2022 – 2023 Staff Council Committees

Staff Relations Committee

Tina Pitts+
Karissa Baumgartner
Angie Napier
Ben Kappes
Sara Ellinger
Katherine Black*
Teresa Dwyer
Viola Ellis
Joshua Snyder*
Robert Bandelt
Lynn Larimer*
Alivia Vaillancourt

Staff Benefits Committee

Sarah Ber+
Alex Whitmore
Christi Burt*
Nicholas Aballi
Pamela Malone
Rivkah Mentzer
Melissa Chase
Robert Bandelt
Levi Elmore

Public Relations Committee

Rhonda Beecroft+	Melisa Allen
Beth Tomlinson*	Michelle Lewis
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, June 8th 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

May

Name	Department	Years of Service
Sara Ellinger	Student Financial Aid	5
Eric Robinson	500 Wabash	5
Jarred Kincaid	Power Plant	5
Randy Wallace	Power Plant	5
Katie Lugar	Multicultural Svcs & Programs	5
Jennifer Lawson	Office of the Registrar	15
Justin Hart	Telecommunications	15
Martin Collins	Office of Information Technology	15
Christine Knight	Hulman Center	15
Robert Jackson	Grounds	20
Jason Casey	Hulman Center	20
Gloria Martins	Assoc VP University Controller	25
Patricia Bolton	Office of Information Technology	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>

Flex Time Away Message

If you will be taking advantage of flex time this summer, Human Resources encourages you to use a detailed away message similar to this:



"Thank you for your email. During May 15 through July 18, 2023 I will be working a flex schedule or reduced hours.

I will be out of the office on **DAY** of the week. If you need immediate assistance, please contact **XXXXX**."

If you need assistance with adding an away message, please contact the OIT Help Desk at 812-237-2910.

