



# Indiana State University Staff Council Newsletter



October 2020

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

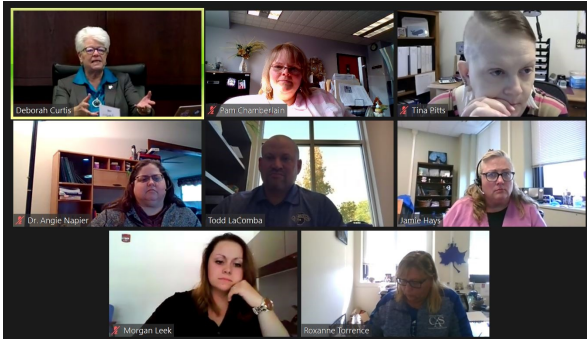
Staff Council Executive members have been in great discussion with ISU administrative leadership on concerns brought forward to us. Pictured below is the most recent conversation with President Curtis about staff safety, appreciation, inclusion, morale as well as the matters staff face every day, especially through the pandemic. Making sure that staff are heard as well as recognized for their hard

*When you have an  
ATTITUDE  
of  
GRATITUDE  
You wake up saying  
THANK YOU!*

Maya Angelou

work and dedication is a top priority. We also voiced our gratitude to the administration from abstaining layoffs and job loss for our staff.

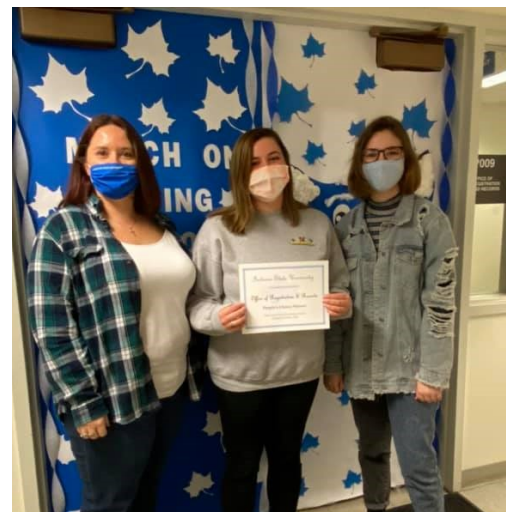
Together we can get through this. A recent message on appreciation to staff from President Curtis was released and can be viewed [here](#).



## Spirit Week Fun!



Hard working ISU Departments and Staff all around campus took time to have some fun to celebrate Spirit Week Oct 19-23. Staff dressed up each day in different themes and decorated their offices, doors and windows. The door decorating contest had 10 entries making it difficult for the judges. Great job to everyone who participated and had fun with us! Congratulations to the Blumberg (Booomberg) Center as winners of the door decorating contest! Congratulations also to the Office of Registration and Records as the People's Choice winners! Check out the pics and videos from all the fun during Spirit Week on the [ISU Staff Council Facebook Page](#).



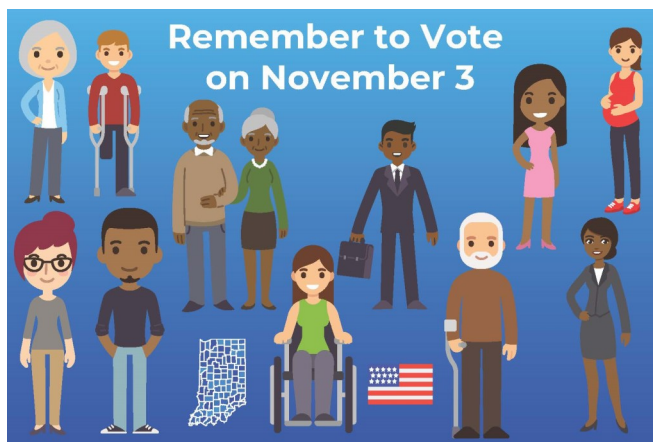
## Volunteer Opportunities



- The Parke-Vermillion County Humane Society needs help at PetSmart in Terre Haute. Contact Patti Dreher at [Patti.Dreher@indstate.edu](mailto:Patti.Dreher@indstate.edu) or [pvchs@joink.com](mailto:pvchs@joink.com).
- Food distribution with Manna from Seven on Fridays. Register at [Mana from Seven](#).
- Salvation Army is seeking volunteers answering phones, assisting with food pantry, helping prepare food distribution bags, and upcoming Christmas toy intake days. Contact [Jessica.Starr@indstate.edu](mailto:Jessica.Starr@indstate.edu) for more details.
- The 14<sup>th</sup> and Chestnut Community Center needs assistance with their food pantry and help with cooking dinner for the children Call the center at 812-232-3126 for details.
- [Tobacco Free Blue Cleanups](#) Tuesdays from 3:00-4:30pm.
- Various Stop and Serve kits are available for staff to pick up and complete including pencil and eraser encouragement kits, bookmarks, cards, etc. Contact [Dakota Brown](#).

The Center for Community Engagement is also collecting plastic grocery bags for ongoing projects. For more information about volunteering or how to donate bags contact Jessica Starr at [jessica.starr@indstate.edu](mailto:jessica.starr@indstate.edu).

The University is very excited to host a vote center for this election. It will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 3. It is highly encouraged to vote early as there are



several early voting centers including the local mall, Haute City Center, and the Vigo County Annex which is on 1st street across from Fairbanks Park.

Vigo County is expecting record turnout this year, so voters should allow themselves sufficient time to vote and everyone should consider voting early. Get details on [American Democracy Project](#) website for helpful guidance if you or your students have questions.

## Letter from the Editor

Sycamore rock stars,

These continue to be challenging times and we have all pulled together to do our work while trying to be safe. Bless you all for that! Let's keep working together to maintain a safe and supportive working environment by continuing to wear a mask, wash your hands, and maintain social distancing. Once safe, I'm going to hug everyone in sight but for now just know I'm smiling under my mask and sending you virtual hugs. Take care!



Many blessings, Pam Chamberlain