



Indiana State University Staff Council Newsletter



February 2021



The earth is in a constant state of giving and we in turn can learn so many lessons from the gift of life it helps preserve. One part of one life is always giving back to another. The falling leaves return to the earth to provide nutrients to the tree for the next generation.

Inside each tree are rings that represent each generation of growth. One building on the other to make the tree stronger and to grow taller. Giving of itself in a small way. Like the example of the tree, we must find ways to give to ensure the next generation has the same ability to grow. By giving on

“Give to Blue” day. We do just that.

Indiana State University needs your help. Whether you give a \$1 or more, every penny counts toward helping the next generation of the Sycamore family.

Even if you did not receive a formal education, from Indiana State University, this institution has still provided a learning ground of opportunities for you to grow. No matter what your position is here. The next generation is calling out! It is up to us to answer that call. “Give to Blue”, because it has given so much to you!

- Martha Reed '15 & '20



SAVE THE DATE for Give to Blue Day 2021!

Wednesday, March 3, 2021

Midnight to Midnight

Become a Matching Donor. Create a Challenge. Become a Social Ambassador.

Contact Hilary Duncan; Director of Annual Giving, University Advancement (812) 237-6131 or Hilary.Duncan@indstate.edu to learn about ways to get involved with Give to Blue Day.





MARCH 3, 2021

24 HOURS OF GIVING **812-237-6100**

#GIVETOBLUEDAY   

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Announcement

As a reminder, the Indiana State University Staff Council is seeking nominations for staff members to serve as representatives for the 2021-2024 term. There are 10 open positions. Each term is a 3-year commitment with responsibilities that include participation in monthly general council meetings, standing committee meetings, and related council business. [Bylaws](#) detailing responsibilities and council procedures can be found on the [ISU Staff Council website](#).

Eligible persons include all ISU non-exempt, non-exempt professional, and exempt Staff who have successfully completed their initial introductory period (90 days) with the exception of:

- Exempt Staff who are members of the President's Cabinet;
- Exempt Staff who report directly to a member of the President's Cabinet;
- Exempt Staff who are represented by Faculty Senate; and
- Exempt Staff who are classified as Executives.

You may submit a self-nomination or nominate another eligible Staff member; details for nomination statements are included in the following form. **Please use this form to submit nominations for the Staff Council 2021-2024 term:** https://indstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0omF2Skx9sN5bIa

Nominations will be accepted until **noon on this Wednesday, February 24th**. A ballot with nominees and their nomination statements will be distributed for voting soon after. If you have any questions, please email:

ISU Staff Council Elections Coordinator: Katie Lugar, Katie.Lugar@indstate.edu

ISU Staff Council Chair: Todd LaComba, Todd.LaComba@indstate.edu

Good News Corner

Congratulations to Brooke and Aaron Young on their recent nuptials on January 9, 2021! Both Brooke and Aaron work for ISU Athletics enriching our students lives while starting theirs together! We wish you good luck and many years of happiness.



Do you have any good news you want to share? Make sure to share your news with ISU Staff Council Communication Officer, Pamela Chamberlain, pamela.chamberlain@indstate.edu!

February 2021 Employee Recognition of Service Milestones

On behalf of Staff Council, we would like to give a huge shout out of “**Congratulations**” to all ISU employees that are celebrating years of service milestones this month. These fine folks are a cultivation of our hardworking and dedicated staff. #SycamoreStaffRocks

Name	Department	Hire Date	Years of Service
David Cook	Aviation Technology	2/12/2018	3
Jacob Jenkins	School of Nursing	2/19/2018	3
Felicia Houston	Blumberg Center	2/12/2018	3
Michael Switzer	Athletics-Football	2/1/2018	3
Paula Turner	Student Counseling Center	2/1/2016	5
Miranda Barton	Center for Student Success	2/16/2016	5
Kenneth Edington	Custodians	2/6/2016	5
Paula Cramer	Applied Clinical & Educ Sciences	2/8/2016	5
Casey Burk	Office of Information Technology	2/14/2011	10
Regina Atkins	Admissions and High Schl Relations	2/7/2011	10
Pamela Chamberlain	Conference and Event Services	2/14/2011	10
Mike Fell	Custodians	2/5/2001	20
Beth Loudermilk	Extended Learning Office	2/14/1996	25
Mitzi Nichols	Chemistry & Physics	2/28/1991	30
Timothy Hall	Power Plant	2/23/1981	40

List was provided by ISU Human Resource Department and reflects staff who are celebrating milestone service years (3, 5, and every 5 years after).

Sycamore Staff Spotlight

How long have you worked at ISU? 6 years in February

Are you an ISU alum? Yes kinda, I spent two years pursuing an Accounting Degree when I was offered a job with Ohio Casualty Insurance so I took it! One of the two years was when I was a senior in high school and the legendries Larry Bird, Kurt Thomas and Bruce Baumgartner were attending and we were in an Econ class together!

What has been your favorite or rewarding part of working at ISU? The opportunity to collaborate with awesome colleagues and my time spent on the Executive Council being the Grievance Liaison!

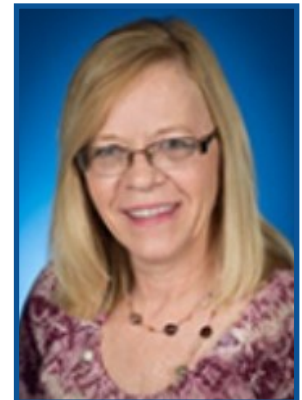
What behavior or personality trait do you most attribute your success to, and why? I love helping people which is within its own reward!

What's one thing most people don't know about you? That I have lived in 7 different states and have moved 15 different times for work!

If you could only have three apps on your smartphone, which would you pick? Gmail, Maps and Contacts

What's the first concert you ever went to? Back in the day, I attended just about every concert Hulman Center offered which I think my first one was Grand Funk Railroad. Am I showing my age?

What's your favorite place to eat around here? I love all food



Melissa Chase

Sycamores Who Rock

THANK YOU to ISU grounds maintenance crew for clearing the campus streets, parking lots and sidewalks! We really appreciate your extra hard work and dedication to keeping us all safe!

YOU ROCK!



Good Luck and Best Wishes Dr. Licari



On behalf of all Indiana State University staff, ISU Staff Council recently presented Provost Dr. Mike Licari with several gifts to show our deepest gratitude for his service to ISU. Dr. Licari's dedication to staff will forever be appreciated and he will be greatly missed. Join us by wishing Dr. Licari good luck as he takes on the role of President of Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, TN in March. THANK YOU Dr. Licari for your tremendous leadership, friendship and dedication to ISU.



Letter from the Editor



Happy Chinese New Year to my Sycamore Family! It's the year of the Ox.



I'll be honest, I didn't understand the purpose of the Chinese New Year so like everything that ponders on my brain I Googled it. Here is what I learned. Tied to the Chinese lunar calendar, the holiday is a traditional time to honor household and heavenly deities as well as ancestors bringing family together for feasting. Count me in!

I discovered that my Chinese Zodiac sign is the Ox, more specifically the Water Ox. People born in the Year of the Ox are strong, reliable, fair and conscientious, inspiring confidence in others. They are also calm, patient, methodical and can be trusted. Although they say little they can be very opinionated. They believe strongly in themselves, but are also stubborn and hate to fail or be challenged. Years of the Ox include 1913, 1925, 1937, 1949, 1961, 1973, 1985, 1997, 2009, and 2021.

Stay warm Sycamores! — Pam Chamberlain