



Indiana State University Staff Council Newsletter



March 2021

We welcome Spring with open arms. It's that time of year again when the Robins wake up from a long winter's nap, the buds start to bloom on the trees, and the Dede Plaza Fountain is flowing.



It's a great time to reflect on the past while planning for the future. Maybe it's the perfect time for you to plan for retirement, join a wellness program or even finish that degree you've always wanted. These are all benefits that [ISU Human Resources Department](#) can assist our staff. As you plan for changes in your life and career be sure to contact HR to assist through your journey by emailing the department at ISU-HumanResources@mail.indstate.edu.

Sycamore Staff Council Representative Spotlight



Nancy Hall

How long have you worked at ISU? **35 years**

What's one professional skill you're currently working on? **Better listening (both personally and professionally). I hear a lot, but am I actively listening?**

If you could snap your fingers and become an expert in something, what would it be? **Landscaping**

Are you an early bird or a night owl? **Early bird.**

What's one thing most people don't know about you? **I have three older brothers and one younger sister.**

What's something that you're really good at? **Eating, I'm really good at eating.**

What's the first concert you ever went to? **Journey - Escape tour**

If you had to pick one age to be permanently, which age would you choose? **25**



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!

Upcoming Events



VIRTUAL LUNCHTIME BINGO

Wednesday
March 31, 2021

12PM

**GREAT PRIZES!
FUN FOR ALL!**

All players must pre-register at www.indstate.edu/staffcouncil

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Carnation Sale

Show your favorite Administrative Professional how much you appreciate them by sending a bouquet of carnations!

Staff Council will be hosting a **Carnation Sale for Administrative Professional's Day** on April 21.

Orders must be received no later than April 6.

Small bouquet for \$10 includes 2 carnations, baby's breath and greenery in a vase and the large bouquet for \$20 includes 6 carnations, baby's breath and greenery in a vase.

All flowers will be delivered on the morning of April 21.

Flowers provided by Maggie & Moe's Poplar Flower Shop and Décor.

Order yours by clicking [here](#).



Virtual Lunchtime Bingo

Staff Council is hosting a Virtual Lunchtime Bingo on Wed, March 31 at 12:00pm! It is free and there will be prizes!

Each player will get 2 playing cards and we will play three games. If there are multiple winners in a game, a random generator tie-breaker will be used.

Guidelines and bingo cards will be emailed the day before the virtual Bingo.

Please register by 4:30pm on March 30 by clicking [here](#). Your cards will be emailed to you once you register.



Great prizes and fun for all!



Administrative Professional's Day

Carnation Sale

Sponsored by ISU Staff Council

Small bouquet \$10
or
Large bouquet \$20

All orders will be delivered the morning of April 21st.
Orders are prepaid and must be received by April 6th.

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March 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
Kellen Norris	Ctr for Sports Medicine & Perform	3/11/2018	3
Joshua Parnell	Custodians	3/5/2018	3
Blane Mynatt	Admissions and High Schl Relations	3/5/2018	3
Joey Weber	Biology	3/1/2018	3
Anastasia Calvin	Budget, Payroll & Risk Mgt	3/19/2018	3
Bill Downs	Mechanical Trades	3/21/2016	5
Joy Russell	Sycamore Housing	3/14/2016	5
George Royal	Mechanical Trades	3/7/2016	5
Carolyn Rohlfing	Assoc VP Finance Asst Treasurer	3/28/2011	10
Jack Jaeger	Dean, College Health & Human Svcs	3/21/2011	10
David McMillen	Mechanical Trades	3/1/2001	20
Nancy Hall	Dean, College of Arts & Sciences	3/3/1986	35

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? **I have been here 23 years**

What has been your favorite or rewarding part of working at ISU? **My favorite has been working with the student's. The rewarding part is watching my granddaughter get her Master's Degree here at ISU. She graduates May 2021. It has been a blessing watching her grow and being so near me. She will be moving to California at the end of May. I'm so very proud of her.**

What are your hobbies? **My hobbies are gardening, swimming, riding my Harley, taking walks with my family.**

What was your first job? **My first job was babysitting.**



Elizabeth Attebery

What's your go-to productivity trick? **My productivity trick is music it soothe my soul and gets me moving.**

What trend do you hope makes a comeback? **I would like to see bell bottoms come back and more friendly, kind, laughter to surround me all the time it makes me happy relaxes me.**

Which season is your favorite? **It is winter I love to watch it snow it is so peaceful.**

What's the weirdest food you've ever eaten? **It was shark and I did not like it.**

University Engagement Awards: Now Accepting nominations

Every year the UE Division acknowledges those that went above and beyond in our community. This year we're asking for your help! Do you know someone who should be recognized for their hard work in the community? Nominate them today!

Resilience Award

The University Engagement Resilience Award is given to a Wabash Valley business (for profit and non for profit) who has demonstrated the ability to adapt and persevere. The ideal candidate is a business who continued to serve the Wabash Valley community despite extreme adversity. Business must have been established for a minimum of five years. **Nominate [here](#).**

Innovation Award

The University Engagement Innovation Award is given to a Wabash Valley business (for profit and non for profit) who has successfully created or launched a new business, product, service, etc. **Nominate [here](#).**

Unsung Hero Award

The University Engagement Unsung Hero Award is given to an individual of the Wabash Valley, including members of the ISU community, who has demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to their community and/or company. The ideal candidate for this award has participated in activities such as but not limited to volunteering, writing grants, going above and beyond the call of duty. **Nominate [here](#).**

Letter from the Editor

Happy Spring Sycamore Staff!!

As we wrap up our celebration of Women's History Month I want to share with you the important women in my life.

I am so blessed to still have my beautiful mom, precious grandma and my loving mother-in-law to draw knowledge and inspiration from. They are loving matriarchs in our families and continue to have a major impact on my life.

Also my best friends, my sister, and my daughter Brittani have all had influences on my life. Even my dog Peanut who I lost last year played a major role in teaching me the importance of dedication. To have such strong wonderful women to emulate, have as mentors, confide in and find my own strength with is truly what makes me who I am today. As we wrap of the month, I hope you reflect on all the special women in your life and find a way to celebrate them. Make sure to let them know how much they mean to you.

WOMEN'S HISTORY
MONTH 2021

Let's empower
one another



Be Powerful Sycamores! — Pam Chamberlain