



Indiana State University Staff Council Newsletter



April 2021

Staff Council Award Nominations Now Open

Since 2008, the ISU Staff Council awards the **Sycamore Staff Award** to a Staff employee who contributes to the overall mission and success of Indiana State University. The **Debbie Nelson Staff Council Spirit Award** nominations are also open, this award recognizes an outstanding Council member. [Click here](#) for the list of recent recipients and guidelines on how to nominate someone. **Nominate deadline is May 7th.** Click below links to nominate someone today!

[Sycamore Staff Award](#)

[Debbie Nelson Staff Council Spirit Award](#)

Winners will be announced at the Virtual Staff Council Annual Meeting on May 20th.

Sycamore Staff Spotlight

How long have you worked at ISU? I started at ISU in May 2017, so I'm coming up on my 4th year.

What's one thing most people don't know about you? I think the answer to that really depends on who you talk to and how well you know me. I think what surprises most people is sharing that my undergraduate degree is in Mechanical Engineering. I appreciate how that training informs how I approach the work I do with new and current students as well as those commuting to campus daily. It also provides a unique opportunity to talk to students about how skills can transfer and that the major you start with doesn't have to be any indication of the career or job you get after graduating.

What has been your favorite or rewarding part of working at ISU? My favorite part about working here has been the people I've gotten to work with in New Student Transition Programs. They've also helped to make the work rewarding. Yes, I love working with our students and watching them develop, but I appreciate how much as a staff we've been able to work together to find new ways to do things that help our students succeed! We've spent a lot of time listening to students and looking at what research has to say to help us develop programs, events, resources, and experiences that better equip students for their college experience or meet students where they are to provide them tools they didn't even know they needed.



John Gettemeyer

What are your hobbies? Outside of work I enjoy reading or watching a good TV show or movie (sci-fi is genre favorite). During the nice weather we have now and in the fall I do appreciate taking a long walk. I also advise a student organization on campus which is a rewarding way to stay involved and connected in the day-to-day experiences of our students.

Are you a dog person or a cat person (or neither)? A dog person, definitely a dog person.

How do you prefer to start your day? At home I start the day by getting breakfast and watching the top news stories on the Today Show so I have a sense of what's going on in the world. At work, my day starts by checking our orientation inbox for any messages that came in overnight. I've made it a goal to drink about 2-3 glasses of water before I break into my coffee.

When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up? The first thing I remembered wanting to be was a farmer like my father.

April 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
Matt Bird	Honors College	4/9/2018	3
Victoria Marks	New Student Transition Programs	4/2/2018	3
Alexander Allen	Career Center	4/16/2018	3
Dalton Boyles	Telecommunications	4/9/2018	3
Kerri England	Office of Information Technology	4/3/2018	3
Joel Robson	HMSU-Operations	4/4/2016	5
Michelle Perrelle	School of Criminology & Security St	4/4/2016	5
Ryan McCarty	Grounds	4/25/2016	5
Zachary Turner	Residential Life Programming	4/6/2016	5
Andy Morgan	VP for Student Affairs	4/1/2016	5
Robert Watters	Sandison Housing	4/18/2016	5
Jalen Foster	Residential Life Programming	4/18/2016	5
Adam McConnaughey	Grounds	4/4/2016	5
Barry Overpeck	Assoc VP Finance Asst Treasurer	4/25/2011	10
Rita Hendrix	Marketing and Operations	4/7/2006	15
Tamara McCollough	Public Safety Department	4/17/2006	15
Michelle Lewis	HMSU-Operations	4/30/2001	20
Barbara Tschida	Assoc VP University Controller	4/8/1996	25
Julia Bruce	African American Cultural Center	4/25/1981	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).

Administrative Professionals Day



Staff Council Reps and volunteers blanketed campus Wednesday with 79 beautiful bundles of carnations! Thanks to everyone who ordered benefiting the Staff Council Scholarship Fund. Happy Administrative Professionals Day to all who make this campus run so smoothly!



Inspiration Corner

Don't Quit

When things go wrong as they sometimes will,
When the road you're trudging seems all uphill
When the funds are low and the debts are high,
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down a bit—
Rest if you must, but don't quit.

Life is strange with its twists and turns,
As every one of us sometimes learns,
And many a fellow turns about
When he might have won had he stuck it out.
Don't give up though the pace seems slow—
You may succeed with another blow.

Often the goal is nearer than
It seems to a fair and faltering man,
Often the struggler has given up
When he might have captured the victor's cup,
And he learned too late when night came down,
How close he was to the golden crown.

Success is failure turned inside out—
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,
And you never can tell how close you are,
It may be near when it seems afar,
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit,—
It's when things seem worst that you mustn't quit.

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Announcement

Congratulations Virtual Bingo Winners!!
Thanks to everyone who played along with us! It was fun! Keep following on the [Staff Council Facebook page](#) for a date on the next game!

Tina Pitts – ISU wine glasses

Laura Vanatti – Umbrella

Hope Waldbieser – Hat

Brooklyn Harrison – Mug

Paulina Young– Hat

Stephanie Mason – Sweatshirt

Not pictured winners:

Jennifer Forbes – Mug

Candy Cook – Steel water bottle

Cynthia Phillips-Sabla – T-shirt



Letter from the Editor

In its definition, leadership is a process by which a person influences others to achieve an objective and directs the group in a way that makes it more cohesive and coherent. There are many different ways to be an effective leader and a positive influence to those who work along with you. ISU Staff are leaders. Learning about the many styles of leadership will help you adapt within your position. Learn more about leadership styles at [17 Leadership Styles—Examples That You Need to Know](#).

Knowledge is power! — Pam Chamberlain :)

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!