

INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY STAFF COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER

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Serving ISU Staff



Staff Council Spotlight: Elonda Ervin

By Martha Vaughn

Elonda Ervin is our Staff Council Representative Spotlight for

December. She has worked at Indiana State University for the Past 16 years and is currently working in the Multicultural Services & Programs Department.

There is no stronger bond than that of family, especially with your siblings. So many memories over the years from all of the firsts to the vacations, school and all of the family meals shared. For Elonda, family is special and one of Elonda's cherished memories is graduating with her older sister.



When not at ISU, Elonda enjoys reading and traveling. Her favorite vacation spot is Hawaii with beaches galore, the sweet smell of plumeria flowers from the leis are intoxicating. What a great get-a-way!


"My advice to new staff members is to stay focused", says Elonda when asked why she joined Staff Council.

In the coming months, join us as we get to know each of our Staff Council Representatives.



GO Sycamores!





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**THE SYCAMORE
PANTRY**

Sycamore Pantry December Donation List

Items in bold are highly desired*

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| Paper Towels, Toilet Paper | Gatorade, Juice |
| Instant Coffee | Cereal |
| Boxed Milk (regular, soy, oat) | Desserts, Candy |
| Sugar, Flour | Crackers, Chips, Snacks |
| High Protein/Vegetarian Soups | Canned Chicken, Tuna or Protein |
| Single Serve Flavored Water Packets | To-Go Snacks & Meals (Soups, Mac-n-Cheese Cups) |
| Instant Mashed Potatoes | Menstrual Products (Tampons) |
| Rice/Rice Sides | Spices & Condiments (Mayo, Salsa, Mustard, Ketchup, Salt, Pepper, Hot Sauce) |
| Hygiene Products (Toothbrush/paste, Deodorant, Razors, Shaving Cream, Baby Wipes) | Beans |
| Pasta Sauce (Canned/Jar) | |

We are at capacity limits for green beans, corn, chicken noodle soup, and ramen.

If you are interested in donating to Sycamore Pantry, please contact us at ISU-SycamorePantry@indstate.edu



Thank you!



Mark Your Calendars

The next Staff Council Meeting is on January 13, 2022 in Dede I. Meetings are open to ALL ISU Staff.



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2021 – 2022 ISU Staff Council Representatives

Alisha Moorhead	Michelle Lewis
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Three Staff Members Honored with Medallion Award

Indiana State University will honor three staff members with the University Medallion during the annual employee recognition brunch which will take place from 10 a.m. to noon on Feb. 10 in the Sycamore Banquet Center.

The University Medallion, established in 1997, is the highest honor that can be conferred upon Indiana State University staff members. This year's medallion recipients are **Nancy Daffer**, finance director of the Indiana State University Foundation; **Yancy Phillips**, academic services director for the Office of Information Technology; and **Tammy South**, executive assistant to the senior vice president for finance and administration.

Employees who reached five-year milestones during the 2020-21 fiscal year will be recognized along with this year's recipients of the University Medallion. Invitations and more information will be forthcoming.

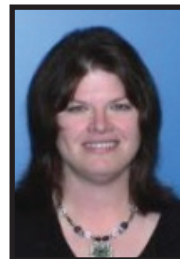
Congratulations to Nancy, Yancy, and Tammy and to all staff members who will be recognized for service milestones!



Medallion Award Recipient
Nancy Daffer



Medallion Award Recipient
Yancy Phillips



Medallion Award Recipient
Tammy South

*Denotes Staff who are not serving as Staff Council Representatives

End of Year Tax Reminders

As we approach the end of one year and the beginning of a new one, some important reminders may help you prepare for the tax-reporting season:

- Consent to Electronic W-2 or Verify Mailing Address
- Review Tax Withholding Status for 2022
- Update Indiana County of Residence if You Moved

Visit <https://today.indstate.edu/announcement/end-of-year-tax-reminders/> for more info.



Donate Sick Leave to the COVID Pool

Employees who wish to contribute sick leave to the COVID-19 Sick Leave Donation Pool can donate by completing the donation form [here](#) and returning it to the Employee Benefits Office.

Up to 150 hours of sick leave can be donated each year. These hours allow employees who are out due to Isolation or Quarantine related to COVID-19 to receive donations and remain in a paid status after all other employee leave time has been exhausted.

Office of Information Technology

Technology Support Center Summer Hours
Monday—Friday 8:00am—4:30pm
Closed Saturday & Sunday



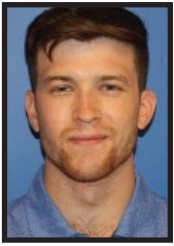
Call 812-237-2910 For Support

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COVID-19 PFIZER VACCINE

Available this semester to students and employees

**Every Tuesday & Thursday
1-4:30 p.m.
ISU Health Center**



Marketing Updates

By Jake Barton

Hello everyone! As the semester comes to a close and we begin to prepare for the Spring 2022 semester, we have a couple items we'd like to touch on.

- We're formally requesting that everyone who has photo and video requests for this semester submit their events to us prior to the beginning of classes (January 11, 2021). The link to submit requests is here. <https://www.indstate.edu/university-marketing/photo-to-film-request>
- We'd also like to remind everyone that we are always looking for people to feature on our People of State spotlights! If you have a person who you think should be highlighted, please email Jake.Barton@indstate.edu with their name, relation to the university (staff, faculty, student, or prominent alumni), and a brief summary of accomplishments, accolades, life story, etc. People of State is a wonderful outlet that shows the world the myriad of amazing Sycamores who are making big impacts in their everyday lives, and we need your help to get those stories out.



In conclusion, thank you to everyone for a stellar Fall semester! We look forward to a new year and new semester as well as new partnerships and endeavors with you by our side. Have a nice Winter Break!

Staff Council to Meet in Dede I in January

Join us on January 13th at 10:30am. All Staff are welcome to attend.

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, 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.



ISU Employment



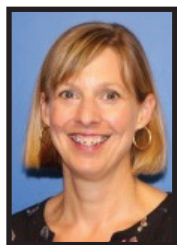
Opportunities Available

<https://jobs.indstate.edu/>

Indiana State University to close at noon on December 22

In recognition of employee's hard work, Indiana State University is closing at noon on Wednesday, December 22, 2021 to begin Winter Recess, which was originally scheduled to begin Thursday, December 23.

The University will reopen for business on Monday, January 3.



Wellness Corner

By Amy Demchak

Congratulations to the winners of the Fill'er Up Employee Wellness Challenge!

1st place Holly Curtsinger 6,095 ounces

2nd place Dustin Bryant 5,006 ounces

3rd place Valerie Brandenburg 4,860 ounces

And Team winner- The Water Works! Jessica Starr, Allison Hayes and Freda Luers



Happy Holidays

Wear Your Letters

The Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life at Indiana State invites all staff affiliated with a Greek-letter organization to wear their fraternity/sorority letters on the first Wednesday of each month beginning January 12, 2021!

We invite staff to send ISU-FSL@indstate.edu a photo wearing their letters along with your initiating chapter/year and a brief reflection: a favorite memory, how you've stayed connected to your fraternity/sorority, or what membership in a Greek-letter organization means to you to be featured on Indiana State FSL's social media!

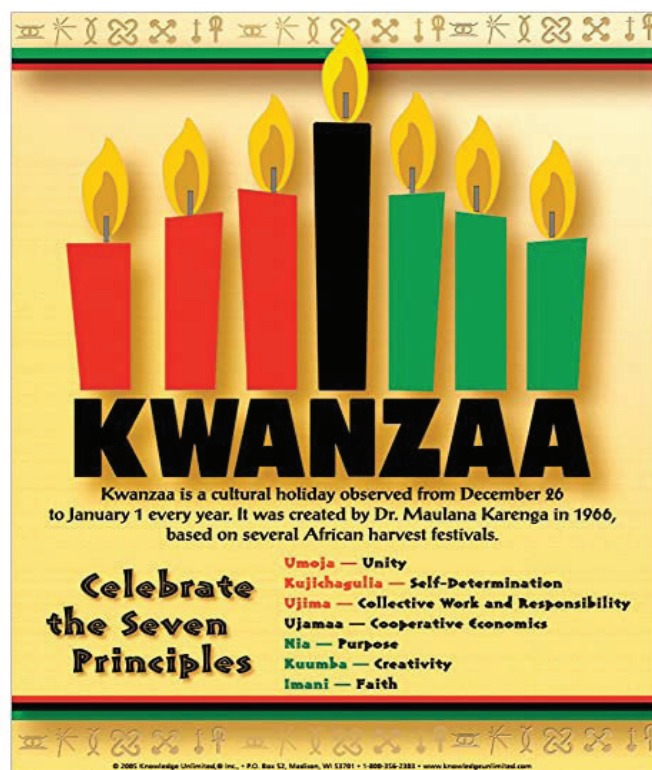
YOU'RE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN

WEAR YOUR LETTERS WEDNESDAY

a staff-wide celebration of our shared Greek siblinghood

THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

FACEBOOK: FRATERNITY & SORORITY LIFE AT INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY |
INSTAGRAM/TWITTER: @INDSTATEFSL



Sycamore Community Health Initiative

The Sycamore Community Health Initiative is the most recent step we are taking to protect the health of our community as we continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic.

Beginning January 1, 2022, the Sycamore Community Health Initiative requires Indiana State University students, faculty, and staff to participate in weekly testing for COVID-19 throughout the spring 2022 semester unless they have submitted valid proof of COVID-19 vaccination. This is an expansion of the October 1, 2021 vaccine or testing requirements for experiential learning and community engagement activities.

Public health officials emphasize that vaccination is the leading prevention strategy to protect individuals from COVID-19. Therefore, ISU continues to strongly encourage students, faculty, and staff to get vaccinated against COVID-19 and to share their vaccination status with the University by uploading proof of vaccination to a secure site. Vaccinations are critical to the safety of all Sycamores and to protect in-person operations in the coming months.

For up-to-date information visit: <https://www.indstate.edu/covid/sycamore-community-health-initiative>

Staff Benefits Highlight: Sycamore Recreation Center (SRC)

By Alisha Moorhead



If you're a benefit eligible employee, did you know you get use of the SRC for free? There's an indoor track to walk on those rainy days when you can't be outside. A ton of exercise equipment from free weights to machines, pickleball to badminton and basketball. From personal experience, the students LOVE to play a good round of pickleball with staff. The staff and student employees of the SRC are amazingly helpful and can answer any questions you have.

ALSO- they have family time. Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays the SRC is open for employees dependents for a minimal day fee. Covid building guidelines, hours, day pass information and all other inquiries can be found here: <https://www.indstate.edu/student-affairs/campus-rec>

The SRC is a great place to center yourself, even if it's just sitting in a corner and meditating. SELF CARE is where it's at, so join us, and we'll do it together.

**Make the World a Little Brighter,
One Stitch at a Time.**

What if we told you that knitting or crocheting could make a difference in the lives of others? Well, it can!

Join us each week and stitch with those of us that want to contribute to our local community. Class will include instructions, patterns, and YARN that you will need to make a variety of items for those in need; you will just need to bring your crochet hook or knitting needles. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!

All projects will be distributed to local charities as designated per semester.

Help us create heartfelt projects for those in need of warmth and kindness.

ALL STUDENTS, STAFF, AND FACULTY ARE WELCOME.

COMMUNITY SERVICE CREDIT WILL BE ISSUED FOR THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE IT

Contact the CSA for more information:
812-237-2528
ISU-CSA@indstate.edu

Sycamore Stitchers

COMMUNITY SCHOOL of the arts INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

**Every Thursday
11:00 - Noon
Fine Arts, Room 115**

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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Magic of Motown

Get ready for all the hits, glittering costumes, dazzling dance routines and outstanding musicianship in this breathtaking live concert spectacular on February 8, 2022 at Tilson Auditorium at 7:30pm.

You will be going Loco down in Acapulco as we take you back down memory lane with all the Motown classics from artists such as, Marvin Gaye, Diana Ross, Stevie Wonder, The Temptations, The Supremes, The Four Tops, Martha Reeves, The Jackson 5, Smokey Robinson and many, many more.

Celebrate the sound of a generation and Reach Out for The Magic of Motown!



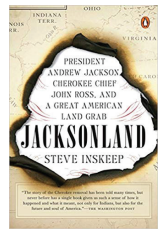
ISU Speaker Series

February 1, 2022:



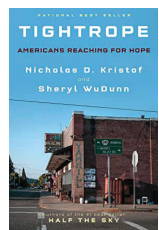
Bakari Sellers made history in 2006 when, at just 22 years old, he defeated a 26-year incumbent State Representative to become the youngest member of the South Carolina state legislature and the youngest African American elected official in the nation. In 2014 he was the Democratic Nominee for Lt. Governor in the state of South Carolina. [More](#)

March 1, 2022:



Steve Inskeep is known for interviews with presidents and Congressional leaders, Inskeep has a passion for stories of the less famous: Pennsylvania truck drivers, Kentucky coal miners, U.S.-Mexico border detainees, Yemeni refugees, California firefighters, American soldiers. [More](#)

March 22, 2022:



As a speaker, **Nicholas Kristof** always keeps audiences on the edge of their seats with his moving storytelling and incomparable insights into the events that shape our world. Audiences are captivated by his global adventures and leave inspired to drive change, take on challenges and make a difference. As one lecture series attested, "You could hear a pin drop in the auditorium because he was spellbinding." [More](#)

Hanukkah is the Jewish Festival of Lights. It starts on the 25th day of the Jewish calendar month of Kislev, which is usually around December. The festival lasts for eight days and involves eight branched candlestick called a menorah.



Staff Recognition

November

Name	Department	Years of Service
Colleen Chestnut	Student Conduct & Integrity	10
Gloria Ighile	Public Safety	15
Neal Wagner	Custodians	35



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