



CSAC NewsBreak

CSDAD 2013

Composed by Amanda Ziesemer

This year's Classified Staff Development and Appreciation Day will have a new look and will be the last 'CSDAD' before changing names (read more in *Classified Staff Name Change*). The CSDAD Planning Committee has been busy making changes and coming up with new activities. CSDAD 2013 will be on Friday, May 31 and participants will "Take a Trip Around the World."

The keynote speaker will be our own Larry Carlin, professor of Philosophy in the College of Letters and Science and 2011 Edward M. Penson Distinguished Teaching Award winner. Larry's enthusiasm and expertise draws students to his classes to learn about philosophy and its application to everyday life. He is sure to engage and enchant us all on CSDAD. In his talk, *Five (or so) Great Things About Working at UW Oshkosh*, Carlin will reflect on life for all of us at UW Oshkosh: the accomplishments, the ups and downs, the adventures, the humor, and of course, the people. This talk will give us the opportunity to reflect, to laugh, and to celebrate wonderful things and wonderful people at UW O.

Also new this year will be the schedule:

7:00-7:45am—Registration and Breakfast
7:15-7:45am—Minute to Win It
7:45-8:00am—Sally Margis presentation
8:00-8:15am—Chancellor Wells
8:30-9:30am—Session 1
9:45-10:45am—Speaker
11:00am-12:00pm—Session 2
12:15-1:15pm—Lunch
1:30-2:30pm—Session 3
2:45-3:00pm—Drawings and "Where in the World is Clash"
3:00-4:30pm—Games



Mark your calendars - May 31st!

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Classified Staff Name Change

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Have you heard? On July 1, 2013, the start of the new biennium, we officially become University Staff! With the approval of the University Personnel System (UPS), it caused two important changes for classified staff: creating new employee categories and giving formal governance rights for University Staff (formerly known as Classified Staff). The Classified Staff Advisory Council will become the University Staff Council and will have new authority. These rights include voting responsibilities rather than just the opportunity to present advisory information. The faces will remain the same, as will the structure of the Council, which will also have a new name of University Staff Council to reflect the change. To read more: <http://www.uwosh.edu/today/25904/more-than-a-name-change-uwo-classified-staff-becoming-university-staff/>

Watch for our new look in the next NewsBreak edition this summer!



Colleagues Develop Scholarship in Memory of Maslowski

Composed by Amanda Ziesemer

Ellie Maslowski was a devoted employee of UW Oshkosh for 19 years. Ellie was one of the recipients of the Outstanding Performance Award this last fall and was “described as the ‘glue’ that holds the” Dean of Students Office together. Ellie was also part of the group that created the Classified Staff Advisory Council on campus. After her unexpected passing in January, friends and colleagues at UW Oshkosh developed a scholarship through the UW Oshkosh Foundation in honor of her designed to fuel the academic journeys of those colleagues pursuing their educations here. The Ellie Maslowski Memorial University Staff Scholarship will support part-time and full-time “permanent University staff (or equivalent) at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh.” The University Staff Council Grants Committee will help coordinate the selection of the recipient and determine the number of scholarships awarded annually. Applicants must achieve a C grade or better on applicable courses.

Criteria, selection process and the award will be published at a later date when details are finalized. A door donation will be taken at the Classified Staff Development and Appreciation Day on May 31 to help start the fund.

For more information: <http://www.uwosh.edu/today/25556/colleagues-develop-scholarship-in-memory-of-maslowski/>



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Random Acts of Kindness—Pay it Forward

Composed by Mary Bartelt

"Carry out a random act of kindness, with no expectation of reward, safe in the knowledge that one day someone might do the same for you." Diana Spencer (1961-1997)

Have you ever done something kind for someone just because?

Have you ever been on the receiving end of a totally unexpected act of kindness?

Either way, what you end up feeling is a great sense of happiness and gratitude.

UW Oshkosh CivilityWorks is a group on campus seeking to advance the following fundamental values: Civility, Compassion, Commitment, Creativity, Caring and Community. As individuals and a community, we recognize the impact of our thoughts, words and actions on others. "Random Acts of Kindness Week" was held February 11–17, 2013 this year. CivilityWorks promoted this event on campus by showing the movie "Pay it Forward," displaying posters and collecting goods (a whole van full!) that were donated to the Day by Day Warming Shelter.



From the movie "Pay it Forward"

Think about it . . . how easy would it be to just be more kind to those around you? Any small gesture will be noticed. It could be a warm smile, opening the door for someone or clearing the car next to you in the parking lot after we get dumped with snow! What about paying for the coffee in the Starbucks drive thru for the person behind you? Or assisting an elderly person or busy mom carrying their groceries to their car? Being the giver or receiver, it makes the world a happier place and makes UW Oshkosh and beyond a caring community.

If you have been performing any acts of kindness or have been on the receiving end, we would love to hear from you. Share your story and with one act of kindness at a time, we can help make our small part of this world a happier, more compassionate place to be.

Our goal is to have a column here in NewsBreak that highlights these acts of kindness, no matter how small, that are taking place on campus and beyond. Send your story to Mary Bartelt (barteltm@uwosh.edu) and we hope that this column gets longer and longer as we share these acts of kindness and pay it forward!

Pay It Forward

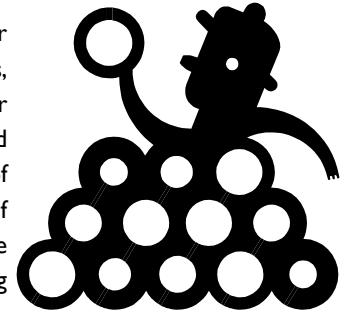


University Police Host Fundraiser

Submitted by Nikki Schettle and Karen Meyer

As 2012 came to a close, our University Police Department wrapped up a full complement of fundraisers that were used to support the Oshkosh Area Humane Society (OAHS). Fundraising efforts began with our department hosting an ornament decorating contest, in which the ornaments were later auctioned off to raise money.

Our department had a "snowball fight," which comprised of each employee creating a snow globe or picture consisting of things that represented that person. Animals, friends, shared memories, photographs, and even inside jokes were posted. Snowballs (colored paper the size of a snowball) were then sold for 50 cents, and people could throw snowballs at any of the snow globes/pictures. Snowballs included kind words, words of praise, and anything positive one might want to convey to the recipient. The back wall of the department was covered, and each day was a new adventure for participants to come in and see if anyone else added a picture or threw a snowball at them. Our cleaning person, Jenny Griffin, whom we consider a part of our work family, also participated in the fun by decorating a picture and launching snowballs at many of the staff.

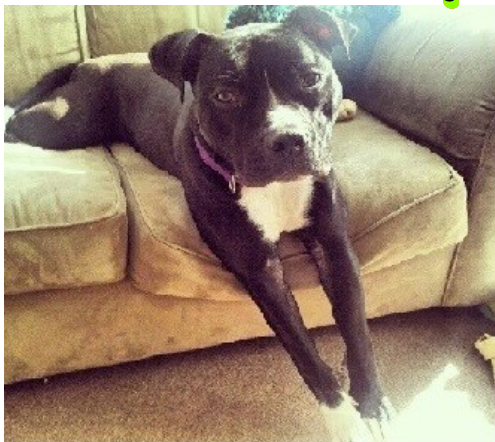


And that's not all. Our creative team also held a baby photo contest, a match-the-employee-with-the-factoid contest, a "share a memory" wall (for a dollar, anyone could share a story with the department), and sold items that were donated by our department employees.

This year, we had discussed several different organizations as benefactors, but we again decided on OAHS. Each \$1 donated through these efforts earned the donor one (1) Paw Print, which was then signed/decorated and displayed at the department. Pet toys, food, treats, and cleaning supplies were collected, along with just under \$300 in cash, and all were then given to OAHS.

As we plan future events and see our fundraising involvement growing, we decided to have a recognition plaque placed in our lobby to share with the community. We would be pleased to have you take a moment to read it the next time you stop in. One of our goals as a Police Department is to not only protect our community, but improve upon it along the way.

For more information about the Oshkosh Area Humane Society, visit: <http://www.oahs.org/>



Hey There - This couch is comfy but I sure would like someone to cuddle with. How about you come down to OAHS and ask about me? I'm tall, dark, handsome and oh-so-sweet. What more could you want?

-Booch



Campus Connection Program for Classified Staff

Composed by Dana Hartel

Through the assistance of the Classified Staff Advisory Council and with the help of materials that were compiled and developed by a collective group of classified staff employees, Connie Whittaker is developing a program that is intended to benefit newly-hired classified staff members and ultimately benefit the University.

The objects of the Campus Connection Program are to retain new classified staff by cultivating a sense of community on campus by providing them with a “campus resource person,” helping them become familiar with the campus environment, informing them of university resources available, networking with other employees and encouraging them to become an active campus community member through invitations to university events, activities and opportunities to serve on various campus committees.

As these first steps of the program are finalized, training will be held for the staff who have volunteered to serve as group leaders and resource personnel. The intent is to connect all new UW Oshkosh employees, if they wish, during the first week on campus with seasoned University employees who will help to guide them to campus resources. A packet of information has been compiled to include a variety of resources that new employees may need to find success on campus.

Please consider becoming a volunteer in the Campus Connection Program. You will have the satisfaction of contributing to positive employee morale and the professional growth and development that is beneficial to the entire University environment.

If you are interested in volunteering as a Campus Connection Resource Person, or you have any questions regarding the program, please contact Connie Whittaker at ext. 4406 or whittakc@uwosh.edu.

Leadership Series

The following are the 2012-2013 Leadership Series participants—congratulations! They will finish the series this May. Watch next year to apply for the 2014-2015 series!

Claire Armstrong	Allison Reineck
Susan Baker	Benjamin Richardson
Becky Beahm	Debbie Sarna
Amy Brecheisen	Nikki Schettler
Marjorie Carlson	Karen Scholfield
Amy Filak	Evan Schwalbe
Heidi Frey	Shirin Skifstad
Lisa Goetsch	Natalie Stenson
Stacy Hehn	Suzette Thibadeau
Louise Koslucher	Rae Ann Wetzel
Jenny Krautsch	Jenny Wraalstad
Cindy Maas	Amanda Ziesemer
Tim Merrill	
Shari Mitchell	
Bob Olson	
Sue Poff	



Northpoint Donations

Composed by Dana Hartel

Thanks to all your efforts, the Marketing Committee hosted fundraising efforts to collect items for residents at Northpoint Medical and Rehabilitation Center in Oshkosh. Northpoint is a facility that provides a temporary or permanent home to people in Oshkosh and the surrounding area who have short-term or long-term healthcare needs.

Your donated items consisted of a variety of personal care products, such as shampoo, body wash, socks, and slippers, along with many little extras, including candy, snacks, and puzzles. The staff at the Northpoint put together 20 individual care packages that were given out on Christmas Eve to the short-term care patients – an entire wing at the facility! Some of these patients had no one outside of Northpoint to care for them, and they were ecstatic to be remembered with personal gifts.

Thank you for giving a ray of sunshine to the people at Northpoint.



Polk—Your Next Door Library

Submitted by Paulette Feld

go ahead,
judge us by our
covers



Polk: your next-door
library

UW Oshkosh employees have a convenient, “next door” resource that offers many of the same things found at public libraries, bookstores or even those red boxes by the grocery store.

Along with materials that support the University’s mission, employees will find materials perfect for their downtime, such as current novels, children’s books, popular non-fiction, Hollywood films and even games. A TitanCard is all that’s needed to access everything Polk has to offer, as well as almost any item found throughout UW System. If you need assistance finding that must-have item, Polk staff is ready to help at multiple service points.

With Polk Library open from 7 a.m. to midnight, most employees should be able to work in a quick stop to browse and see what Polk Library has to offer. After all, we’re just next door.

The STAR Awards

The STAR Award is given monthly to a Classified Staff member who has worked at least six months at UW Oshkosh and has demonstrated a "commitment to the University by virtue of outstanding performance in support of the University's goals ... Individuals must have performed above and beyond the expectations of their assignment position." Winners of the STAR Award receive a framed certificate, a reserved parking space for one month and a gift from University Books & More. More information is on the CSAC website: <http://www.uwosh.edu/csac/awards-and-grants>



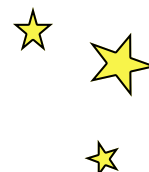
DECEMBER

Kelly Monday - Custodian for Custodial Services

Nominated by: Vicki Stadler

Special Event or Accomplishment: Exceptional worker going above and beyond in Student Success Center. Diligent and hard working.

<http://www.uwosh.edu/csac/awards-and-grants/star-award-1/2012-star-recipients/kelly-monday-december-2012>



JANUARY

Connie Whittaker—Academic Department Associate in Religious Studies and Anthropology

Nominated by: Kathleen Corley

Special Event or Accomplishment: Brings initiative and effectively works with faculty in department. Also active in committee work outside of department.

<http://www.uwosh.edu/today/24172/religious-studiesanthropology-acadmeic-associate-earns-january-star-award/>



FEBRUARY

Jeri Zelke—Academic Department Associate in Environmental Studies and Women's Studies

Nominated by: M. Elsbeth (Misty) McPhee

Special Event or Accomplishment: Effectively juggles tough work load of two programs with an "I'd be glad to do that" attitude. Consistently going above and beyond call of duty.

<http://www.uwosh.edu/today/24908/environmental-studieswomens-studies-academic-associate-earns-february-star-award/>



MARCH

Nancy Wright—LTE in College of Nursing

Nominated by: Brenda Garza

Special Event or Accomplishment: Returned from retirement to assist during staffing shortage. Above and beyond help in duties.

<http://www.uwosh.edu/today/25630/college-of-nursing-lte-earns-march-star-award/>

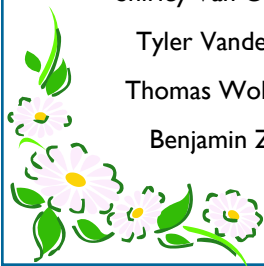


Employees On The Move

Information provided by Human Resources effective as of 3/25/13

NEW HIRES

Paul Borst - Facilities Management
 Stephanie Clements - Facilities Management
 Katrina Helmer - CON
 Janet Heninger - COEHS
 David Hietpas - Polk Library
 Michelle Highley - Administrative Services
 Kurt Hoge - Facilities Management
 Jason Hubbard - LLCE
 Rachel Kitz - Information Technology
 Jeffrey Krueger - Facilities Management
 Lee Laraby-Lim - Facilities Management
 Carrie Lewis - Facilities Management
 Jacki Maxwell - Information Technology
 Julio Moran - COEHS
 Lee (Doug) Pire - Reeve Union
 Kira-Lynn Reeves - University Studies Program
 Benjamin Richardson - Parking Services
 Shirley Van Ornum - Facilities Management
 Tyler Vander Bloomer - Central Stores
 Thomas Wolf - University Books & More
 Benjamin Zill - Facilities Management



NAME CHANGES

Amy Nash to Amy Jeanty
 Karen Caudill to Karen Adkins

RETIREMENTS

Donald Kernler - University Police
 Patti Pucker - Career Services
 David Schumacher - Power Plant
 Don Vesperman - COB



TRANSFERS

Sherri Schneider-Testing Services to Facilities Management

RESIGNATIONS

Paul Borst - Facilities Management
 Michael Fatla - Administrative Computing
 Melissa Huckabee - Facilities Management
 Janet Lenz - Student Health Center
 Laine Mikkelsen - COLS Dean's Office
 Elizabeth Mordan - CON Dean's Office
 Allison Reineck - Integrated Marketing



Got an idea or suggestion for the NewsBreak?

We would love to hear them! Send any ideas, suggestions or even articles to Amanda at ziesemera@uwosh.edu

