New Senators Elected

Congratulations to the Senators elected in the recent Staff Senate election! The Staff Senate expresses gratitude to all the classified staff members who ran for Senate and to current Senators who are continuing to serve. The upcoming term of office begins on June 12. Officers will be elected at that meeting. Pictured below are current Senators and the newly elected Senators who were introduced at the May 8 meeting. Staff Senate represents you, “The Heart of the Grizzly,” and works for improved working conditions and the professional welfare of UM’s staff. Staff Senate needs all of you to help with our essential work. Together we can make University of Montana a place where all staff will thrive!

Front Row: Kathy Reeves, Angela Weisenburger, Geri Fox, Andi Armstrong, Denise May Middle Row: Gloria Phillip, Natalie Hiller-Claridge, Carol Bates, Becky Maier, Jay Bruns, Sandi Nelson, Jaylene Naylor, Maria Mangold, Darlene Samson Back Row: Jimmy Stevens, Mike Maas, Matthew Filer, Hannah Singleton, Sharon Schneider, Molly Fishburn-Matthew, and Maggie Linder Missing from picture: Lisa Coon, David Crowley, Kris Csorosz, Phillip Flukas, Gary Hagler, Chuck Harris, Lisa Marie Hyslop, Roger McDonald, Maryann Robison, Sara Smith, Kathy Tattory, Brandie Terpe, Maureen Ward, Kelly Wasson, Jennifer Zellmer-Cuaresma

Ask the Expert:

Rozlyn Haley, Event Parking and Transportation Coordinator

How many designated parking spots are on campus? Are there any plans to add more parking?

“As of our last count we have 423 reserved spots, 289 service and delivery spots, and 105 Quick Stop spots. I do not believe there is a plan for increasing the number of spots on campus, but we have some passes to encourage carpooling and using the bus system. The car pool permit requires three participants who are affiliated with the University to register their vehicles at $10 per vehicle. The other pass is our Super Saver Commuter pass. It costs $30 and allows you to park on campus when the ASUM buses are not running. That includes Wintersession, plus the summer, spring, and Thanksgiving breaks. In addition, you get one five-day pass for each fall and spring semester.”

See the Public Safety Website for more information on parking permits: www.umt.edu/publicsafety/Campus%20Parking/Parking%20Permits.aspx
Outstanding Staff Awards

The numbers of nominations for Outstanding Staff Awards were remarkable this year, giving testament to our thriving University staff! Thank you to the individuals who took the time to nominate their colleagues! The Staff Awards Committee was inspired and humbled as they read of the contributions made by fellow staff members across campus. The nominees all deserve applause and gratitude for their dedicated work.

These University of Montana classified staff members received awards at the Employee Recognition Day festivities:

**Geri Fox**, Program Coordinator, School of Law: **Excellence in Job Performance Award**

**Cheryl Minnick**, Employment Services Coordinator, Internship Services: **Campus Interaction & Meritorious Job Performance Award**

**Janet Sedgley**, Computer Systems Analyst, Information Technology: **American With Disabilities Act Award**

**Kathy Frantzreb**, Administrative Associate, School of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science: **Outstanding Service to Students Award**

Staff Senate to Sponsor Fun Run for UM General Scholarship Fund

Lace up your running shoes! On Saturday, September 14, Staff Senate will be hosting the **Diploma Dash 5K Fun Run/Walk and 1-mile Walk**. The race will start at 10 a.m. by the Van Buren Street footbridge on campus.

Registration forms for this event are available on the Staff Senate website and Facebook page, as well as at the Runners Edge. The race fee is $20 for UM students and $25 for others, with a $5 discount offered if you register at any Staff Senate events from now until race day. Proceeds from this event will go to the scholarship fund to support incoming students for the Class of 2019. Questions? Contact Maureen Ward at 243-2005 or maureen.ward@umontana.edu.

Staff Senate Scholarships

Thanks to generous donations from UM staff and campus organizations, the Staff Senate was able to award seven scholarships to dependents of UM staff for the 2013-2014 school year. After a tough decision process due to the high quality of applicants, scholarships were awarded to the following students: Andrea Collins, daughter of Patricia DaSilva, Mansfield Library; Kara Dobie, daughter of Jeffrey Dobie, Office of Public Safety; Rachelle Ginn, daughter of Suzanne Ginn, Broadcast Media; Austin Herron, son of Kim Herron, Rural Institute; Jessica Hurd, daughter of Karen Hurd, Environmental Studies; Alonda Paddock, daughter of Karl Paddock, Facilities Services; and Kathryn Steffes, daughter of Robin Steffes, Curry Health Center. Thank you to everyone who donated money to the scholarship fund, including the Office of the President and the Residence Life Office. Thank you, too, to the Montana Bookstore for their donation of textbook scholarships, Public Safety for their donation of a full-year parking pass, the UC Theatre for their donation of movie passes, and Dining Services for their donation of gift cards.

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IT Staff Ambassadors

Staff Senator Jaylene Naylor reports that IT Staff Ambassadors is a fantastic program! Ruth Burgad, Senior Programmer/Analyst for the Enterprise Information Systems, organized a variety of activities this year for the IT Staff Ambassadors, including a tour of the main data centers on campus and talks from all of the Assistant CIO’s. There is going to be a IT Staff Ambassador’s next academic year for Central IT and Tech Partners. Jaylene says, “IT staff should check it out!”

Ruth tells about the origin of the program:

Q. Who had the original idea for IT Staff Ambassadors?
A. I was part of University Staff Ambassadors during 2010-2011 academic year. I shared how impressed I was with that program with the acting Chief Information Officer Loey Knapp. She is the one who suggested doing a condensed version of the program within IT Central. Loey asked me to write up a proposal, and I became the first ITSA facilitator.

Q. How long has it been operating?
A. Two years. The first year, the program was only open to IT Central Staff (2011-2012). This year (2012-2013), we opened the group up to Distributed IT. Invitations to apply were sent out to everyone on the Tech Partners email list.

Q. What is the main goal of IT Staff Ambassadors?
A. The main goal of the program is to improve communication between the sectors within IT. We have six sectors located on different floors in three separate buildings on campus! We often don’t know the people in our own department! By understanding who works in each sector and some of what they do, we are building relationships within Central IT. Last year we included staff from Distributed IT as another way to improve communication between the two groups.

If you’re interested in signing up for Tech Partners, go to www.umt.edu/it/about/techgroups/techpartners.php

Group Bouldering Session at Freestone Climbing

Rock out! Join other UM staff members for a mini fitness adventure at Freestone Climbing Center on Saturday, May 25, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. This event is fun for all skill levels. Bouldering doesn’t use ropes, and the floor is ten-inch-deep foam! It’s also a social event, so when you’re ready for a break, chat with the other climbers and hit up the refreshments table. The copay for this event is $10, which covers the climbing shoe rental, instruction, and climbing...usually a $30 cost! Water, juice, and snacks will be provided.

We have a limited number of spots. Sign up today! Contact Judy Wellert at 243-5422 or staffsenate@mso.umt.edu to sign up and pay. Look at Freestone’s website for more information about the facility: www.freestoneclimbing.com/ Or on Facebook: www.facebook.com/freestoneclimbing.

MUS Wellness and Staff Senate Co-sponsor Hike

Staff Senate is partnering with MUS Wellness to get UM staff members outdoors and moving this spring. This is all about fresh air, exercise, and community! Meet at the M trailhead at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 8. Wear sneakers or hiking boots and bring a bottle of water. Bring your dog, friends or family, or your iPod. Go at your own pace! We will walk to the south end of Maurice Avenue near the University Villages Community Center. After a short, steep ascent, we will take the Mount Sentinel fire road trail which levels out along the contour of the mountain. This part of the hike offers a beautiful view of campus. You’ll see work from a completely different perspective! Once we reach the M, we will take the switchbacks down to the trailhead. You’ll be back home before lunch!

MUS Wellness is donating some great fitness-related swag for you to take home!

Our work is the presentation of our capabilities.
-Johann von Goethe
These University staff recently received Staff Senate KUDOS awards in recognition for their outstanding work! Here are some excerpts from their nominations:

**Ami Davis**, Disability Services “...pursuing training that will greatly benefit the department, students and the University... readily available to help out her co-workers and the department.”

**Diane Norem**, Administration and Finance “Without fail, she is cheerful and helpful in her response... She is always willing to share her wealth of knowledge to our benefit.”

**Peter Donaldson** and **Emily Pritchard**, TRiO “...spent a great deal of their own time to ensure that the Department of Education report was completed in an accurate and timely manner.”

**Don Reynolds** and **Jason Barke**, Facilities Services Labor Crew, “Their quick action saved the life of a fellow UM employee!”

**Stacia Graham**, Economics “Stacia’s cheerful disposition has resulted in a lot of positive interactions for students who can go directly to her for the institutional knowledge needed to navigate the graduation requirements.”

**Kathy Garramone**, Information Technology “...has been very instrumental in making the training facilities available to us. She is a joy to work with!”

**Sam Roslie**, School of Law “Sam essentially worked three jobs all at the same time and did so with a great attitude, remarkable speed and accuracy. She is an outstanding asset to our program.”

**Darlene Samson**, TRiO “I have noticed she’s always open to help ANY student. She is an awesome individual and one of the most friendly staff members I have ever met on this campus!”

**Thomas “TJ” Johnson**, Office of Public Safety “He is always there for the campus community, always with a positive comment, never says no to helping anyone...You can always count on him!”

**Edi Stan**, Facilities Services, Recycling “He saw that our walkway had not been shoveled. He stopped, graciously shoveled our walkway... We truly appreciate his kind gestures to our office and our students.”

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