Every year, Staff Senate awards scholarships to children of staff who are students at The University of Montana. The scholarship committee evaluates each student applicant’s academic achievement, financial need, community involvement, and letters of recommendation. This spring, Staff Senate received fifteen applications and awarded a total of $2,800.00 to five very deserving students.

Staff Senate would like to thank all of the departments who generously donated to our scholarship fund this year, as well as the many individual staff member donors. Thanks to the following departments: The President’s Office, Residence Life, The Bookstore at The University of Montana, The Office of Public Safety; Dining Services, & The University Center.

Congratulations to this year’s winners:

Meghan Minnick, a third year graduate student in the Physical Therapy program.
Karley Whisman, a junior majoring in Political Science, History and Pre-law.
Sarah Hogue, a graduate student in the Pharmacy program.
Tyler Davis, a senior majoring in Computer Science.
Cassandra O’Leary, a sophomore majoring in Social Work.

Staff Senate Spring Raffle a Success!

Staff Senate held a raffle recently to raise money to host social functions for UM staff. Three themed prize packages were raffled off to lucky winners on April 20th; coincidentally, all three winners are classified staff members! Congratulations to Betsy Bieberbach, Graduations Coordinator, who won the Adventure prize package featuring a rafting trip from 10,000 Waves Raft & Kayak Adventures! Linda Jesse from the Registrar’s Office took home the Family package with a free liquid nitrogen birthday party from SpectrUM. Karen Blazevich, advisor for Liberal Studies, was the proud winner of the Romance package, which featured a wine-tasting from Ten Spoon Winery.

Staff Senate would also like to extend its appreciation to these additional sponsors: MCT, Bella Donna, Lambert Family Chiropractic, Johnny Carino’s, Glacier Ice Rink, Splash Montana, The Book Exchange, Yo Waffle Yogurt, Orange Street Food Farm, Christian Samson & Jones PLLC, Buttercup Market and Café, Campus Recreation Outdoor Program, Hot House Yoga, Runner’s Edge, UM Golf Course, Missoula Foot & Ankle Group, and the Missoula Downtown Association.
MUSSA Update

At the Board of Regents Meeting on February 29-March 1st, MUSSA, Montana University Staff Senate Association, delivered a joint presentation to the Regents in a special meeting on the campus of UM Western in Dillon, MT. Senators from UM, UM-Western, MSU-Billings, and MSU Bozeman commented on individual campus issues, as well as combined concerns of all Montana University System staff.

MUSSA representatives appreciated the opportunity to present to the Regents, and the Regents responded favorably to the information and comments. The discussion addressed topics including: fair wages and compensation packages to retain capable staff and faculty; compensation structure; and future challenges. Some potential solutions to these issues were presented as well.

We encourage staff to continue to provide input, offer solid advice and solutions, and voice concerns to Staff Senate as we work with the Regents in upcoming months.

KUDOS to UM Staff

We are pleased to announce the names of the latest UM classified staff members to be awarded KUDOS for their good work! The following are brief testimonials explaining why each deserves a KUDOS:

Paula Baker, Office of the Vice President for Research and Development, “I couldn’t ask for more!”

Shannon Brilz, The University Center, “I want to thank her for modeling what it means to step up and lead!”

Brian Fruit, Campus Recreation, “Brian is a pleasure to work with.”

Linda Green, Curry Health Center, “Linda is one of the hardest working people I’ve ever had the pleasure of working with.”

Aaron Heiner, Intercollegiate Athletics, “willing to work tirelessly throughout the day or night to remedy any problems.”

Colleen Hoffman, Office of the Vice President for Research and Development, “very speedy and efficient work!”

Michelle Hummer, Office of Public Safety, “shows so much patience in stressful and ongoing situations!”

Karen Hunt, Information Technology, “Despite all of the demands on her schedule and time, she made our report a priority!”

Kristi Murphy, PJW College of Education and Human Sciences, “She’s super sharp, very articulate, and knows everything we need to know to advise students who are pursuing teaching licenses.”

Shauna Murphy, Printing & Graphics, “Without her and the team at Printing & Graphics, most of us wouldn’t look as good at our events, publications, and designs!”

Janet Zupan, TRiO Student Support Services, “goes above and beyond what she has to do on a daily basis.”

Let Us Know How You’re Getting Ahead!

Staff Senate wants to publicize the career successes of UM classified staff by submitting their names and professional accomplishments to the Missoulian “Getting Ahead” column published on Sundays. If you or a colleague has been awarded a promotion or job-related certification, please contact Judy Wellert, Administrative Associate, at judy.wellert@mso.umt.edu.

Gas Too Pricey? Borrow a Bike!

The two-day “Cruiser Co-op” bike program can be used by staff, students, and faculty. Bring your Griz Card to The Source, fill out a release form and get a key to a bike. The bike can be used for two days. There is a $10/day late fee, so be sure to return it on time!
Congratualtions to Outstanding Staff Award Winners

Did you know two staff awards are managed by a Staff Senate committee who review nominations? 1.) Outstanding Staff Award for Campus Interaction & Meritorious Job Performance and 2.) Excellence in Job Performance. We want YOU to consider your nomination for next year and encourage your colleagues, supervisors or staff to nominate you!

The 2012 recipient for Campus Interaction and Meritorious Job Performance was Edward Morrissey. Ed has worked as an Administrative Assistant II in the School of Art since 2004 and was nominated by Valerie Hedquist, Associate Professor in the School of Art. Julia Galloway, Director of School of Art and Arlene Walker-Andrews, Associate Provost, both provided recommendations. Twenty-one art students also expressed their appreciation of Ed’s work by submitting drawings.

Free Comprehensive Health Screening

It Starts With Me is the new company providing WellChecks for adults (18 and older) who are covered under the Montana University System Benefit Plan. These WellChecks are offered on May 30, May 31, or June 1. Included are a chemistry screen and a complete blood count, as well as tests for blood pressure, vital signs, oxygen in your blood, body composition, and body mass index. There are also some optional tests available at additional prices. To sign up for your WellCheck go to the website: http://www.itstartswithme.com. Then create an account. Be sure to use the company code MUS2012 and then just follow the on-screen instructions. If you are registering yourself and a spouse, two separate accounts must be created. Need assistance? Contact It Starts With Me® at info@itstartswithme.com or call 1-866-932-6467.

UM Staff FREE Movie Night

Mark your calendars! Thanks to the tremendous generosity of the University Center, Staff Senate will be hosting a FREE movie showing of The Lorax on Friday, June 15 at 7 pm in the UC Theater for UM Staff and their families. Popcorn and soda will be sponsored by Staff Senate and will be free for attendees. Plus, our favorite mascot, Monte, will be arriving early to greet us at the door!

Search for “University of Montana Staff Senate” and Like us to receive updates pertinent to UM staff!
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**UM Ergonomics Services**

Sitting at a computer all day doing the same repetitive motions can result in short term pain or long term injury! Fortunately, UM has a program to help! Information designed to help you evaluate your own workstation, learn simple exercises and more is available on the UM Ergonomics website: [http://www.umt.edu/research/eh/other/default.aspx](http://www.umt.edu/research/eh/other/default.aspx)

If you would like an evaluation of your work station’s ergonomics, contact Kay Altenhofen at 243-4503 or kay.altenhofen@mso.umt.edu. Often, reconfiguring your existing workstation is all that’s needed to help alleviate discomfort.

If your signs and symptoms have persisted for more than two weeks, you have tried adjusting your work station, and you still feel you are having an unacceptable level of discomfort, you may be a candidate for a visit with a physical therapist.

The Physical Therapy Department performs an initial evaluation and one follow-up visit, if necessary, for employees who may have repetitive motion problems. Individuals may be referred to an outside physician for medical care if signs and symptoms are advanced. Prior to visiting the physical therapist, one must file a report of injury and confer with Mike Panisko (243-2842 or mike.panisko@umontana.edu), who may recommend a workstation evaluation.

**Career Services Assistance Available to UM Staff**

The Office of Career Services has many resources available to UM staff members. These include: career and personality assessments (to determine interests, skills, abilities, etc.); career-education decision-making (for help with choosing a course, a major, a graduate program, or career direction/advancement); resume, cover letter, graduate school application materials editing; job search and interviewing assistance. Career Services also manages the Testing Services department which offers a wide variety of exams ranging from ACT testing to graduate school entrance exams, as well as a plethora of professional certification and licensure exams. The Office of Career Services is located in Lommasson Center 154 and the website address is: [http://life.umt.edu/career/](http://life.umt.edu/career/). To schedule an appointment with a Career Services counselor, call 243-2022.

**It's Your Library!**

Here are some upcoming events for UM Staff at Mansfield Library.

- **Workshop:** *What the Library Can Do For You*, June 13, 11:00-Noon, MLIB 238
- **Workshop:** *Copyrights*, June 20, 11:00-Noon, MLIB 238
- **Ice Cream Social**, July 18, 3:00-4:00, Mansfield Library Lobby

**Your Griz Card is your library card!**

The Mansfield Library offers resources and services to all members of the University community. The library has an excellent collection for learning and research, a full-service copy center, an archives and special collections department, and multimedia equipment. They are happy to help with reference and research services for your work-related projects or if you are pursuing a personal interest. Stop in, call them, or send them a message: 243-6866 or [www.lib.umt.edu](http://www.lib.umt.edu).

Here’s a small sample of the things you can do at the library:

- Find institutional and historical information about UM
- Use the library’s copy center to print a poster
- Schedule a meeting in one of the library’s group study rooms
- Listen to music from the music databases - at work or at home
- Check out books, DVDs and CDs
- Read newspapers from around the state
- Use library technology such as Photoshop, color copiers, scanners, and to transfer VCR recordings to DVD

*When people go to work, they shouldn’t have to leave their hearts at home.* — Betty Bender