

Happy November, MSU Staff. Hail State!

IMPORTANT NOTICES:

1. MSU Strategic Plan

Per the November 1, 2018 email from Dr. Keenum, MSU is beginning the formal process of updating the university's strategic plan. Dr. Judy Bonner, our provost and executive vice president, is leading this effort with members of the President's Committee on Planning. All staff are encouraged to share their ideas, suggestions, and concerns be either attending one of the scheduled town hall meetings or participating in the online survey.

The first town hall style meeting on the Starkville campus for staff is scheduled for November 7, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. in Fowlkes Auditorium. The Meridian campus will hold a meeting on November 28, 2018 and meetings are also being scheduled at the Raymond, Biloxi, Stoneville, and Verona Research/Extension Stations. On December 5, 2018 from 2 p.m. – 3 p.m. a meeting that is open to all MSU employees and students will be held in Fowlkes Auditorium and will be live streamed online. Meetings will also be scheduled for the Spring semester.

You can learn more about this process and provide comments at <https://www.president.msstate.edu/excellence>.

2. Staff Scholarships

The MSU Staff Council is now sponsoring Staff Education and Development Scholarships! This new scholarship can assist MSU staff with things like textbooks or lab fees. Non-academic certifications may also be considered.

The scholarship guidelines are posted, and the application will be live very soon at staffcouncil.msstate.edu. Just click Awards & Scholarships. Applications for Spring 2019 assistance must be submitted by Monday, Dec. 10.

3. Final Home Game Sale! Everything Must Go!

Staff Council will be hosting a third Homecoming sale on Thursday, Nov. 15 in the Bost Extension Center breezeway from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Items include a fleece blanket for \$30, a tumbler mug with “MSU Staff” on it for \$10, and a clear tote bag for \$10. You can also get these three items together as a bundle for only \$45.

In addition, we are also selling items from previous sales on a first-come, first-served basis.

\$10 Small Tumbler – 11oz



\$30 Blanket – 54”x 84”



\$10 Clear Tote – 12”x12”x6”



4. Barnes & Noble Discounts

Visit Barnes & Noble on campus November 19-21 for an extra 10% staff appreciation discount. Door prizes will also be given.

5. Dawgs Making Strides Walking Group

Walk during your lunch break on Wednesdays at 12:15 p.m. and Fridays before work. No sign-up necessary, just meet at the flagpole in the center of the Drill Field.

6. BullyWatch 2018: *Looking for a quick and easy way to recognize a fellow staff member? Be on the lookout.*

Thank you to those who have nominated a fellow colleague for BullyWatch. It's encouraging to hear how our staff is going above and beyond for each other. Keep those nominations coming!

We'd like to recognize **Erin Dodds** from the Longest Student Health Center, who is our BullyWatch winner for the month of October. Special thanks to Keri Lewis for taking the time to nominate Joy for this recognition. Here's what she wrote:

“Erin is a consummate professional in fulfilling her duties at the MSU Longest Health Center. In addition to being unfailingly cheerful, she is compassionate and helpful. Being in charge of appointments at a busy clinic can be challenging, and I'm sure frustrating at times, but she is eager to assist in whatever issue needs to be addressed.

Thanks Erin for everything you do!

***Congratulations to ALL of the following staff members who were nominated during the month of October 2018!**

- Laura Ann Unruh, Human Resources (nominated by Crisler Herndon, Travel)

- Kenny Underwood, Physical Plant Administration (nominated by Amy Massey, Interior Design)

Want to nominate a fellow Bulldog staff member? It's easy and here's how:

- a. Visit <http://staffcouncil.msstate.edu>
- b. Click on the BullyWatch logo at the top of the page
- c. Complete the short form and be specific about the "Act of Awesomeness"

*All recognized staff members will be listed on the Staff Council Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/MSUStaffCouncil

7. Do you know your Staff Council representative?

If not, we would like to help you get to know them by doing a "Staff Council Spotlight" each month.

Staff Council Spotlight: Mr. Jason Townsend, Sanderson Center



Jason is the Associate Director for University Recreation. He started his professional career at Temple University in 2004 as a facilities coordinator after finishing graduate school at Mississippi State University. He came back home to MSU and took the Assistant Director of Fitness position in 2007. He's been involved in many university committees and is serving in his second year as Staff Council Vice President. He is married to Allison, who works on campus at the Longest Student Health Center, and they have two sons, Trevor, 7 and Micah, 4. Jason loves to spend his time with the boys, taking them to MSU athletic events, enjoying the outdoors and helping coach their youth sports.

MEETINGS

Staff Council's next general meeting will be held on **Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2018 at 10:30 a.m.** in the **Sanderson Center Conference Room**. Staff Council meetings are open to all staff members. Each month the Staff Council meeting minutes are posted to the website at <http://staffcouncil.msstate.edu/meetingminutes/>

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff Council provides information about university news, staff events, staff issues, etc. that are important to MSU staff at the following sites:

<http://staffcouncil.msstate.edu/events/> <https://www.facebook.com/MSUStaffCouncil>

QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, SUGGESTIONS?

For answers to common questions about Staff Council, visit the Frequently Asked Questions page (<http://www.staffcouncil.msstate.edu/faq>). If you have any ideas, suggestions, issues or concerns, please feel free to contact your division Staff Council representative (listed below) or email Staff Council directly at staffcouncil@msstate.edu

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