

Happy September, MSU Staff. Hail State!

IMPORTANT NOTICES:

1. Fall MSU on the Move Events

Healthy Dawgs:

Healthy Dawgs is an 8-WEEK nutrition and exercise program and accountability group. Attend bi-weekly meetings and earn incentives for participation.

Join us for our first meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 25 at 12:15 p.m. in the Longest Student Health Center Classroom OR at 5:15 p.m. in McCool Hall 232.

Visit health.msstate.edu/health/healthydawgs/ for more information and to register.

Dawgs Making Strides Walking Group

Join us to walk during your lunch break on Wednesdays at 12:15 p.m. and Fridays before work at 7:30 a.m.

No sign-up necessary, just meet at the flagpole in the center of the Drill Field.

2. PERS on the Move

Human Resources Management at Mississippi State University is hosting a "PERS on the Move" workshop focused on retirement planning. All Public Employees Retirement System of Mississippi participants (early career, new employees, near retirement or in-between) are welcome. Topics of discussion include how to calculate benefits and how leave hours factor into an employee's PERS service credit. Important information about benefit payment options also will be provided. Seating is limited, so early registration is encouraged. Click the link below for more information and to register. (Enter your MSU NetID and NetPassword. Under the "My Community" tab near the top of the page, click on "Learning Library." Type "PERS on the Move" in the Search box. Click on "Select a Timeslot" and click "Book" to confirm.)

3. 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!

This month, we'd like to recognize **Stephanie Hyche** from the **Office of Sponsored Projects**, who is our BullyWatch winner for the month of August. Special thanks to David Garraway for taking the time to nominate Stephanie for this recognition.

"Stephanie consistently goes above and beyond in her efforts to give departments a competitive edge in the grant search and application process. Commonly working into the evening and on weekends to meet deadlines, Stephanie approaches each project and every client with absolute professionalism and courtesy and takes a personal interest in the projects on which she works, treating each as her own. Stephanie does much of the heavy lifting in the application process, navigating complicated submission systems with ease and translating the information submitted to her by departments into text that is optimized for grant reviewers. I have no doubt this

university is a far better place as a direct result of Stephanie's contributions.”— David Garraway, TV Center

Thanks for all your hard work, Stephanie!

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

- Trace Kinard, Office of VP for Development and Alumni (nominated by Lari Wright, Office of VP for Development and Alumni)
- Jeanine Furiness, MSU Extension Service, Jackson County (nominated by Caitlin McLeod, MSU Extension Service, Jackson County)
- Darrell Vaughn, Office of Receiving and Property Control (nominated by Pam Wasson, Department of History)
- Kiley Forsythe, Center for Distance Education (nominated by Dr. Susan Seal, Center for Distance Education)

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

4. 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. Stephen Green, Human Resources Management

Stephen Green is a native of Florence, Mississippi. He received his Bachelor's degree in Agricultural Extension Education in 1996 and his master's degree in Health Promotion in 1997, both from Mississippi State University. He has worked for MSU for 19+ years, with the last 8+ years being in the Department of Human Resources Management as a senior HR generalist. Prior to his employment with HRM, he worked with the MSU Extension Service and the Kinesiology department.

Stephen serves on the Mitchell Memorial Library Diversity Committee and the university's Safe Zone Advisory Board in addition to his role with Staff Council as a representative for the Division of Academic Affairs. He is married with two teenage kids. He enjoys spending his free time traveling all over the country, watching his kids play soccer.



MEETINGS

Staff Council's next general meeting will be held on **Wednesday, Sept. 12, 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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