

November Staff Council Newsletter

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IMPORTANT NOTICES:

1. Staff Council Homecoming Jacket Sales

Staff Council will be hosting its second Homecoming sale tomorrow, Friday, November 15th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Bost Extension Center.

This year's item is a black, lightweight rain jacket that has the M-State logo and reads "STAFF" on the front-left chest – attached is a proof of the jacket.

Jackets will be sold for \$35 each. Credit card purchases may be made at alumni.msstate.edu/staffcouncil. Off-campus/Extension staff may purchase with card or by check by completing and submitting a Preorder form (attached), and may have jackets shipped or picked up at the Annual Extension Conference in the Bost Breezeway on October 30th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Please note: Copies of Pre-Orders and Departmental Transfers should be emailed to Kelly LaSalle (kelly.lasalle@msstate.edu).

2. SAVE THE DATE: Staff Appreciation Day – Friday, May 8th, 2020

The annual Staff Appreciation Day festivities will commence once again in the Junction on the Friday of Staff Appreciation Week (May 4-8, 2020). Staff Council will release additional details of available dates and promotions as we get closer to May.

Be on the lookout for Staff Appreciation Day t-shirts in the coming months!

3. BullyWatch 2019: *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 **Ann Becker** from the Division of Student Affairs, who was our BullyWatch winner for the month of October. Special thanks to **Rasheda Forbes** with the Holmes Cultural Diversity Center for taking the time to nominate Ann for this recognition. Here's what she wrote:

"Ann has been an exceptional contribution to Mississippi State since she has arrived to Mississippi State. She arrived at Mississippi State in August 2018 and since her arrival she has gone out of her way to contribute to the University. Since our office has hired our Business Coordinator, she has given of her time to come over to our office and train her. With our office being down four (4) staff members this has been an exceptional contribution to our team.

***Congratulations to each of the following staff members who were nominated during the months of October!**

- Chris Sowers, Ag Communications (Nominated by Cat Walker, Parent & Family Services)
- Freedom Freeman, Facilities Management (Nominated by Pamela Wasson, History)
- James Mize, ITS (Nominated by Kim Kavalsky, Health Promotion & Wellness)

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"

4. Cast your vote for the G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery Center for American Veterans

In honor of our nation's veterans, throughout November, Regions Bank is highlighting nonprofit organizations that provide meaningful services to veterans, active-duty military personnel, and their families. Your votes will lead to financial grants of up to \$5,000 from Regions in support of the nonprofit with the most votes. Each nonprofit will also receive a day of volunteer service from Regions associates.

CAST YOUR VOTE HERE: <https://doingmoretoday.com/what-a-difference/>

5. 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: Anna Sparks, Division of Finance



Anna Sparks is a native of Tupelo, Mississippi. In 1998, Anna received a Bachelor of Science Degree from Mississippi State University. After graduation, Anna married Brint Sparks and moved to Mathiston, Mississippi with their one son, Brennan, also a graduate of Mississippi State University. At MSU, Anna currently works in the Division of Finance as a Senior Budget Assistant. Anna has been on Staff Council for 2 years and is currently serving as the Event Chair.

MEETINGS

Staff Council's next general meeting will be held on **Wednesday, December 11th 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/> or <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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