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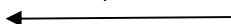
Getting to Know Your Staff Council Officers: Leslie Kidwell

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Look in any dictionary under the word *knowledgeable* and you'll find Leslie Kidwell's picture!



Leslie Kidwell is the most knowledgeable person I know when it comes to anything Staff Council related. She should be! She's been an active member since 2001! Like Natalie Harvey (who was highlighted in Vol. 1, Issue 9), Leslie has a passion to see that a short-term disability benefit become a reality for the staff at IUPUI. Leslie has had her hands in many Staff Council projects through her years of service. She's slowing down these days (only through motion, not through thoughts and action!) as she is due to deliver her second child in July! Let's journey with Leslie as she tells us a little about herself.

"I work in the Office of Development as the Development Associate at the Kelley School of Business. As the Development Associate, I raise private funds for the School, primarily from Corporations and Organizations for scholarships and programming needs. (Continued on p.2)

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Staff Council Elections

Nominations for Staff Council Unit Representatives close today. Watch for an email from Karen Eckert on Monday that voting is open. Cast your vote for the person(s) whom you want to represent you on the Council. Voting is open June 16-27. Be heard!

You're Invited!

Please join the Staff Council at their last meeting of the academic year, June 18, at 3:00 p.m. Guest speakers will be Karen Whitney, Vice Chancellor for Student Life, who will talk about the Campus State of Diversity Report and its relationship to the staff, and Jennifer Newby from Indiana Members Credit Union. Jennifer will talk about the benefits of being a member of the credit union as well as meet with you one-on-one after her presentation.

You don't have to be a member of Staff Council to come to meetings. We always have informative speakers that are FREE to listen to, and it won't cost you anything in gas as you can walk to Inlow Hall (IH), Room 100. However, if you do want to drive, there's ample parking just outside the law school. Feel free to stay just for the speakers or leave as need be. In any case, there's room for YOU!

See page 3 for a complete list of meeting dates for 2008-2009. Presentations to be scheduled for those meetings include IndyGo and Central Indiana Commuter Service to talk about commuting alternatives, Chartwells (what do you want them to know?), a visit from the new Director of Equal Opportunity and the Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance, Master Planning for the IUPUI Campus, and University Human Resources to discuss upcoming benefits packages. Join us in the discussions!

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I have been involved in Staff Council since the fall of 2001. My involvement with the Council has consisted of being a unit representative, chairing the Staff Affairs Committee, being a member of the Communications Committee, and being a member-at-large appointee on the Executive Committee. In addition to my involvement with Staff Council, I am the advisor for the Kelley Student Development Team. The team is the volunteer arm of the Office of Development at Kelley, instilling in our future leaders the importance of giving back. I also serve on the Campus Center Advisory Board.

For pleasure, when time allows, I read magazines which include Parenting, Real Simple, People, to name a few, and picture books to my 2-year-old daily, thanks to United Way's Success by Six program where my son receives an age appropriate hardback covered book every month in the mail.

If I could eat lunch with anyone, it would be Oprah...ask me tomorrow and the person could change. One reason I would like to have lunch with Oprah is I always find it motivating to talk to strong, powerful women.

To answer the funniest thing that's ever happened to me would indicate out of all the crazy, funny things that do happen to me, one is funnier than the next and I'm not sure that is the case. One thing that does come to mind though is when I was in college, I interned at Parisian at the Keystone at the Crossing Fashion Mall. The President of the company was touring the store and I was pushing a rolling rack filled with clothes through the department he was touring. I was stopped and was introduced. As I turned to leave and continue towards my destination with the rolling rack, the rack hit a fixture of clothing which knocked it over into the next, and so forth. Thank goodness for the aisle way that stopped the disaster. It was a domino effect that ended with about six racks down and clothes everywhere...quite embarrassing, but funny at the same time.

Coke or Pepsi? Diet Coke, it is the best. I would like to see Chartwells' offer a cafeteria-style daily special, where you could look on the website and see what the week's daily offering included."

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Leslie currently serves on the Executive Committee as well as the Communications Committee for the Staff Council.

Leslie is married and has one son (Charlie), with another child on the way! She has a dog named Howard.



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EVENTS/DEADLINES

STAFF COUNCIL MEETING: JUNE 18

PLACE INLOW HALL, ROOM 100
TIME 3:00 – 5:00 P.M.

STAFF COUNCIL MEETING DATES

September 17, 2008

STAFF COUNCIL RETREAT: JULY 18, 2008

Bradford Woods

BLOOD DRIVE: OCTOBER 31, 2008

In conjunction with the Employee Health and Benefits Fair

FINE ARTS CRAFT FAIR: NOVEMBER 22, 2008

PLACE IUPUI CAMPUS CENTER
TIME 10 A.M. – 4 P.M.

Staff Council News is published every Friday morning. Articles or items for inclusion may be submitted to Karen Eckert at keeckert@iupui.edu. Deadline for submission is Thursday at 5:00 p.m. Let's spread the word about Staff Council! Permission is not needed to forward the newsletter.

Karen Eckert

Editor



Get energized and get away for the day at beautiful Bradford Woods for the 2008 IUPUI Staff Council Retreat!

When:
Friday, July 18, 2008
8:45 am – 4:15 pm

Where:
Bradford Woods
5040 State Road 67 North
Martinsville, IN 46151
(765) 342-2915

The Staff Council Retreat is an opportunity for new, continuing, and previous council members to get to know each other, review the council's mission, and prepare for the upcoming year. The day's agenda includes workshops, door prizes, camaraderie and useful information for Staff Council members and their constituency. A continental breakfast, lunch, and snacks will be provided.

This year's theme is "**STARS**" - Service
Teamwork
Attitude
Respect
Smiles

IUPUI Training and Organization Development will facilitate this unique workshop conceptualized by our very own Michelle Tansy!

Please visit the following URL to RSVP for the retreat, sign-up for the carpool, and more!
www.formdesk.com/iupui/SCRetreat2008

Located just 30 minutes southwest of Indianapolis, Bradford Woods provides the perfect venue for us to escape the city and take our minds off the day-to-day pressures of work and focus on issues that affect staff. Part of the Indiana University School of Health, Physical Education & Recreation, Bradford Woods is 2,500 acres of land committed to the enrichment and education of all who enter. **For directions to Bradford Woods, see <http://www.bradwoods.org/location.html>**



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QUESTION??

When are Staff Council Meetings next year? I want to attend. Do I have to be an elected member?

ANSWER

Meetings dates are as follows. Watch future issues of the Newsletter for the confirmed locations.

All meetings are from 3-5 p.m.

September 17, 2008

October 15, 2008

November 19, 2008

December 17, 2008

January 21, 2009

February 18, 2009

March 18, 2009

April 15, 2009

May 20, 2009

June 17, 2009

No, you do not have to be an elected member of the Council. ANYONE can attend a Staff Council Meeting. You will not be able to vote on issues, but you can participate in the discussion. Let your voice be heard!

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Nan Bohan Community Engagement Award 2008

For full-time appointed IUPUI staff

Nominate an outstanding colleague by June 30, 2008.

Through her contributions to campus life and her community, Nan Bohan manifested the spirit of one of IUPUI's central components of its mission: Civic Engagement. The IUPUI Nan Bohan Community Engagement Staff Award recognizes employees who through extraordinary service and special contributions (e.g., professional, committees, or volunteer) enhance the culture of service and civic engagement on campus and in their communities. The recipient of this award will have demonstrated how they have been civically involved through their roles at IUPUI, how they have promoted a philanthropic culture among others on campus, and how they have demonstrated a commitment to serving their communities.

The IUPUI Nan Bohan Community Engagement Staff Award is open to all IUPUI appointed full-time staff members who contribute to the overall mission and success of the University. All nominees for the Bohan Award will receive a letter of notification by email that they have been nominated for the award. The award recipient will receive a letter of congratulations, the appropriate supervisor will be notified, and a \$1,000 award will be made to the recipient. Presentation of the award will be made at the Chancellor's Employee Recognition Convocation in the fall.

To nominate an individual, you must complete the nomination and narrative forms by June 30th 2008. If you prefer not to submit your entry on-line, you may download the forms (available in MS Word format). Both forms should then be submitted to the Staff Council Office, located in room 403 of the Union building.

The IUPUI Nan Bohan Community Engagement Staff Award is sponsored by the IUPUI Staff Council and administered by the Center on Service and Learning in conjunction with the Rewards and Recognition Committee of Staff Council.

<http://www.iupui.edu/~scouncil/bohan.html>

2008 Glenn W. Irwin, Jr. M.D. Experience Excellence Recognition Award

The IUPUI Glenn W. Irwin, Jr., M.D. Recognition Awards were established in 1984 as the IUPUI Experience Excellence Awards. At Dr. Irwin's Retirement in 1986 the name of the award was changed to honor Dr. Irwin for the many significant contributions that he made to IUPUI. These awards recognize faculty and staff members for service "above and beyond the call of duty." Service for the benefit of the University as a whole or for any of its affiliated units which is non-reimbursed and is not specifically job-related will be recognized. All of us are here to do a specific job at IUPUI. The focus of this award is to recognize those individuals whose service activities go above and beyond the responsibilities of their basic job.

All full-time faculty and staff are eligible to be nominated for this award, even if they have been a previous nominee. Guidelines developed by the original selection committee established a policy to present the awards to staff members and to faculty members on an annual basis. This year the awards will be presented at the IUPUI Chancellor's Employee Recognition Convocation on September 23, 2008.

You are invited to nominate any full-time IUPUI faculty and/or staff member who has worked for the University a minimum of 12 months.

Nominations are due no later than July 31, 2008 at 5:00pm. Please review the nomination guidelines and submit your nominations on-line at <http://www.hra.iupui.edu/IrwinAwardNomination.asp>. Supporting documentation and any questions regarding the process should be directed to hrratng@iupui.edu.

Please contact us at 4-4438 or hrratng@iupui.edu if you have any questions.

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2008 Carol D. Nathan Staff Council Scholarship Award

The IUPUI Carol D. Nathan Staff Council Scholarship Award was established in honor of Carol D. Nathan, Dean of the Faculties (Retired), for her outstanding leadership and contributions to Staff Council and IUPUI.

Application period - June 16th through July 20th

To apply please go to: <http://www.iupui.edu/~scouncil>

QUALIFICATIONS

- You must be a full-time staff employee of IUPUI with at least two years of service.
- You must be pursuing your associate, baccalaureate, or graduate degree at IUPUI.
- You must have completed 12 credit hours at IUPUI with a GPA of at least 3.0.

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT

The scholarship will be in the amount of \$500.00: \$250.00 awarded at the beginning of the Fall and Spring semesters, provided the recipient is currently enrolled for at least 3 credit hours.