

# Staff Council Newsletter

## STAFF COUNCIL... YOUR VOICE!

### From the Desk of Lee Stone, SC President

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Welcome to the new school year. I am your Staff Council president for the next three years. I will be providing you with an update each month with the intent to summarize some of the goals and achievements of the council as well as discuss a few of my thoughts and ideas.

I am excited to announce the creation of a few new ad hoc committees of the council. They are the Community Outreach, Staff Development and Sustainability committees.

The Community Outreach Committee will be chaired by Patti Holt (School of Medicine, [pholt@iupui.edu](mailto:pholt@iupui.edu)) and is charged with organizing events such as the Komen Race for the Cure and other community outreach projects chosen by the committee.

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### Are You Taking Classes at IUPUI? Why Not?

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A woman newly divorced with a young child, decides she wants to get a degree in something that might lead her to other job opportunities or “just because” it will fulfill a new goal she has set for herself. Or, a man in his thirties finds himself out of work with a skillset that won’t take him far in a competitive job market. Do either of these scenarios sound familiar? They might, considering that in today’s economy one hundred seventy men and women over the age of thirty were admitted to Indiana University to begin their studies this fall (Indiana University Incoming Beginner Profile, First Semester, 2012-2013).

The first scenario is mine. I found myself divorced in 1997 with limited possibilities for my life while raising a young daughter. By that time, I had worked at IUPUI fifteen years before deciding to pursue a degree and advance myself. Perhaps you, too, have found that you cannot advance to another position on campus until you’ve gotten a bachelor’s or master’s degree, or until the “kids are out of the house.” Whatever might be your scenario, let’s consider some facts about employees at IUPUI.

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[Staff Council Scholarships and Awards Open for Application and Nomination on October 1.](#)

- [IUPUI Gerald L. Bepko Staff Council Spirit Award](#)
- [Nan Bohan Community Engagement Award](#)
- [IUPUI Multicultural Impact Staff Award](#)

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