# Staff Council Newsletter

## STAFF COUNCIL... YOUR VOICE!

### **Help IUPUI Move Along on Flexible Work**

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One of the best ways to retain and recruit talent is to offer flexible work arrangements. Effective and flexible workplaces are more likely to see increased productivity, better customer service/retention, reduced tardiness/absenteeism, better employee satisfaction/engagement, better morale, improved employee physical/mental health, and reduced stress. The business case for flexible work and other work/life benefits is now well documented.

Want to learn more? Read the following:

SHRM Research Spotlight: Workplace Flexibility in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

Moving Work Forward: Workplace Flexibility is an Imperative for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Workplace

<u>Business Impacts of Flexibility: An Imperative for Expansion</u>. If you don't have time to read entire report, I particularly recommend pages 9-19 and page 24.

When Work Works Flexibility: A Critical Ingredient in Creating an Effective Workplace

Millennials Speak: Better Managers Key to Job Flexibility

What Can You Do?

- Familiarize yourself with this information so that you have a good understanding of what flexibility (and other aspects of work/life) means to employee engagement and what it means to the prospects for the employer's success.
- Educate supervisors on this information and maybe have a discussion about it. Maggie Stimming (<a href="mstimmin@iupui.edu">mstimmin@iupui.edu</a> or 274-5466) is happy to come and take part in the discussion, too, if that will help.
- Do your best to be a good role model for flexible work and other work/life aspects, whether you have a supervisory role or not. Flexibility is a proven part of effective twenty-first century human resources and we, at IUPUI, should be working to bring our departments up to date on this.

IUPUI's flexible work arrangements information can be found at <a href="http://hra.iupui.edu/FWA/site">http://hra.iupui.edu/FWA/site</a> map.asp.



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## FYI

Carol D. Nathan Staff Council Scholarship

Applications Open: June 1, 2012

Application Deadline: July 1, 2012

Applications are being accepted for the Carol D.
Nathan Staff Council
Scholarship. Application and information can be found here.

#### 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 twelve credit hours at IUPUI with a GPA of at least 3.0.

The scholarship is worth \$500 total; \$250 awarded at the beginning of the fall and spring semesters, provided the recipient is currently enrolled for at least three credit hours.

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