Staff Happens
April 2019

RECOGNITION

Meet your Senators

A full listing of all 2018-2019 Senators can be found [here](#) and the Staff Senate Executive Committee can be found [here](#).

Staff Senate Through Our Eyes

What have you learned or how have you changed since joining Staff Senate?

"I've been able to meet some really great people and learn more about how the university works." - Brenda Haugen

"I have learned that my world is quite small when viewing UND as a whole entity. I was so caught up in my own department that I didn't realize how expensive UND really is. I have met quite a few new people and have become lifelong friends with many of them. I also learned Staff Senate isn't just for fundraising; they are a voice to be reckoned with. They can move mountains to institute changes for the betterment of staff – mothers-to-be parking, nursing rooms for nursing mothers. Bringing staff together outside of work for fun and networking while raising money for staff development; riding along with Meals on Wheels for Grand Forks Senior Citizens, "Catching" staff and sharing their information with all of UND staff to get to know one another; Staff Recognition through UShine awards, raising funds for Grand Forks charities through Denim Days, giving a place where staff can safely air their suggestions and so, so much more! Looking back on the last 5 years, it has been a growing experience, an honor and a privilege to serve as a UND Staff Senator." - Lesli Riskey

March 2019 UShine Award Winner
UND Staff Senate is pleased to announce that the February 2019 UShine Award recipient is Paula Cox, Honors Program Associate for the UND Honors Program. She was nominated by Rebecca Rozelle-Stone and the nomination stated:

“As Honors Director, I had been struggling to find a way to incentivize more Honors students to attend extracurricular events (e.g., guest lectures) and outside-of-class programming. Paula Cox, my Honors Associate, who is always a hard worker and has helped us immensely in recruiting new students to the Honors Program, is also incredibly creative. One day she surprised me with something she had developed: a UShine Passport! This Passport will track the events our students attend over the course of a year and allow them to be entered for a prize drawing if they attend at least six events. It was the perfect idea! She worked on this project quietly and when she presented it, I was so impressed by her attentiveness and thoughtfulness in the eye-catching and functional Passport design. But in truth, this is the kind of work that is usual for Paula! She regularly creates visually stunning newsletters and special event flyers that help us to market our announcements and achievements. I am lucky to have an associate who is more like a co-Director to me and who has become known as the caring ‘office mom’ to our Honors students!”

We agree Paula! USHINE!

All UShine award winners receive a certificate during a surprise presentation with fellow co-workers recognizing their effort, a one time $50 bonus added to their next paycheck, and $15 ND Museum of Art Cafe gift certificate!

Nominate one of your outstanding coworkers for the U-Shine Award here.

ENGAGEMENT

Like and Follow the UND Staff Senate Facebook Page

See who got "caught" and what they have to say! We catch a UND staff member each Wednesday to get to know each other better. In the past month, we "caught" Darlene Nelson, Michelle Montgomery, JoAnn Galow, and Brittany Belgarde. We appreciate all of you!! Who will we "catch" next??

We welcome you to “like” and follow the UND Staff Senate Facebook page for daily posts involving UND and community events/information highlighting engagement,
development, and recognition for all UND staff. The goal for our Facebook page is to be a useful tool and to provide a fun environment for all UND employees.

EVENTS & DEADLINES

APRIL

STAFF SENATE MEETING

April 10 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Wellness Center, Room 120/121. These meetings are open for anyone to attend. Meetings and agendas are found here.

GGFWLC: BUILDING YOUR COMMUNITY AND CONNECTIONS ON AND OFF LINE

April 11 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Hilton Garden Inn (4301 James Ray Drive). Join us for a GGFWLC Educational Event with Speaker Katie Pinke. This event is free for GGFWLC members. Admission for non-members is $25. All attendees are encouraged to register in advance for accurate planning purposes.

SPRING FLING APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

April 16 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Memorial Union, Ballroom. UND Staff Senate invites all UND employees to the Spring Fling Appreciation BBQ! Please join us at this FREE event as we say HELLO SPRING with food, fun, and Health & Wellness Vendors! No need to RSVP just mark your calendars NOW and we will see YOU at the picnic!

PS: Did you know UND has a food pantry for students?! Please support the UND “Food for Thought” Food Pantry by donating a non-perishable or personal care item while attending this event! Thank you for your generosity!

UND STAFF TAKEOVER
April 16 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Muddy Rivers Bar & Grill (710 1st Ave, N). UND Staff Senate invites all UND staff to the UND Staff Takeover! Join us for a chance to win a sweet door prize, meet your coworkers, eat, and have fun!

SPRING FLING APPRECIATION NIGHT STAFF BREAKFAST

April 17 from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. in Wilkerson. UND Staff Senate invites all UND Night Time Staff to the Spring Fling Appreciation Breakfast! Please join us at this FREE event as we say HELLO SPRING with food and fun! No need to RSVP just mark your calendars NOW and we will see YOU at the breakfast!

PS: Did you know UND has a food pantry for students?! Please support the UND “Food for Thought” Food Pantry by donating a non-perishable or personal care item while attending this event! Thank you for your generosity!

THE CHAMBER BROWN BAG SEMINAR - LET'S TALK PUBLIC SPEAKING

April 17 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Chamber Board Room (202 North 3rd Street). Since all UND employees are Chamber members, this event is $20 per person ($30 for non-members) and includes lunch. Click here for more information and to register.

THE CHAMBER BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

April 18 from 4:45 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at BeMobile (2100 S. Columbia Road). Since all UND employees are Chamber members, Business After Hours is FREE, fun, and great for networking. "Business After Hours" takes place monthly at a different member business. It is one of the largest Chamber networking events with an average attendance of 250 Chamber members.

The Harlem Globetrotters
April 18 at 7:00 p.m. at the Alerus Center. Enter promo code: MOREFUN when purchasing tickets.

MAY

Special Denim Spirit Day

May 3, 2019 Special Denim Day proceeds will go directly toward the National Multiple Sclerosis Society MS Walk, scheduled for Saturday, May 18th, at the UND Wellness Center, 801 Princeton. Registration: 10:30 - 11:45 AM | Walk: 12:00 PM | Lunch Provided. More information can be found at the National Multiple Sclerosis website.

Walk MS is an inspiring event – but it’s so much more than just a walk! Walk MS is the 7th largest fundraising walk event in the United States, raising nearly $50 million dollars every year to help STOP MS in its tracks, RESTORE function that’s been lost, and END MS forever. Your generous contributions help ensure that:

• Each person with MS can live their best life with more connections to information, resources, and others with shared experiences
• Accelerated research breakthroughs change lives and end MS forever
• The voices of people affected by MS are heard and drive change wherever it is needed
• Everyone who wants to do something about multiple sclerosis can fuel progress

Give what you can to your Denim Day site coordinator or send your donation directly to Devona Janousek, Twamley Hall Room 409 (location change), Stop 8253. Your contributions help this organization, which has a great impact on our community and others. Even if you wear denim every day, please donate a dollar for this event.

Checks made out to “Denim Day” should be placed in an envelope marked “Special Denim Day—May 3” and be sent to Twamley no later than May 10.

Community Relations continually accepts Denim Spirit Day payroll deduction. The form can be found here. Participation costs just a few dollars a month, and the money collected goes toward great causes!

STAFF SENATE MEETING

May 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in Facilities Building, Lunchroom (2nd floor). These meetings are
open for anyone to attend. Meetings and agendas are found here.

STAFF SENATE COMMITTEES

Community Relations

Denim Spirit Day is every Friday! Special Denim Spirit Day is the first Friday of each month.

Fundraising/Engagement

The Engagement Committees mission is to facilitate networking, involvement and collaborations. We want to create a sense of togetherness among coworkers and colleagues, throughout the campus and community.

We are currently planning another UND Takeover event for later this month. Keep checking your Staff Chat email and Facebook for the date and location!

Public Relations

If you want to be in the loop, Staff Senate communicates to you the most through Facebook and Staff Chat. "Like" and "Follow" our UND Staff Senate Facebook page and sign up for Staff Chat emails! Our Staff Senate website is packed with resources and everyone is also welcome to be at the Staff Senate meetings.

Staff & Professional Development

Applications for summer 2019 Seeds for Staff Success awards are due May 15. Funds must be used between May 13, 2019, and August 18, 2019.

Staff Recognition

Congrats to our March UShine recipient, Paula Cox! The April nomination period closes on Monday, April 15 so NOTICE and NOMINATE your co-worker TODAY! Monthly recipients receive $50!

WHO WILL IT BE? On Monday, May 6, the UShine of the Year recipient will be announced. We will add $250 (after taxes) to that person's next paycheck!

SPRING FLING
Day staff are invited to the Spring Fling Appreciation BBQ on Tuesday, April 16 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Night Staff are invited to the Spring Fling Appreciation Breakfast on Wednesday, April 17
from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. Doors open at 5:15 a.m! Don’t forget to register for door prizes at the entrance!

DRESS CASUAL, BE COMFORTABLE, AND SUPPORT LOCAL CHARITIES!

DENIM SPIRIT DAYS

Every Friday in 2019

Wear denim and/or spirit colors of green or pink, or other UND gear and donate $2 a payday through a payroll deduction or give a dollar to your area Denim Day Coordinator.

2019 regular Denim Day donations support these 11 local charities:

- ARC Upper Valley
- Community Violence Intervention Center
- GF Senior Center Meals on Wheels
- ND Association for the Disabled
- Northlands Mission
- Prairie Harvest Mental Health
- St. Joseph’s Food Pantry
- Third Street Clinic
- Valley Health
- Valley Memorial Homes
- YMCA

Donations can also be sent directly to Devona Janousek, Twamley Hall 409, Stop 8253

Special Denim Days - First Friday of each month:

In addition to regular Denim Days, special Denim Days are held throughout the year. Non-profit organizations may apply for a special Denim Day in conjunction with a yearly fundraising event. One-hundred percent of the donations collected on that one day are given to that one organization. These organizations are generally national organizations that would not qualify for UND’s regular Denim Days, which support local agencies.

Mission & Vision

Mission:

To advocate for staff by supporting engagement, development, and recognition through shared governance and collaboration.

Vision:

To be the roots for all UND staff.

Suggestion Box
Staff Senate welcomes questions and ideas. Please click on the Suggestion Box to submit a suggestion or to read previous questions with answers!

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