Staff Happens
May 2019

RECOGNITION

Staff Senator of the Year

The UND Staff Senate is proud to announce the 2018-2019 Staff Senator of the Year, and for the first time ever, we have two winners! Both senators are committee chairs who have gone above and beyond their positions’ normal duties. UND Staff Senate President Tyler Clauson (middle) presented Staff Senator of the Year awards to Angela Holkesvig (left) and Megan Wasylov (right).
Angela Holkesvig, Staff Recognition Chair

Angela has done a terrific job elevating the Staff Recognition Committee. She puts her heart and soul into her work, bringing energy and creativity to all the events she manages. Angela puts in extra work and extra hours to make sure that everything is extraordinary. This year’s events weren’t just Staff Appreciation and Spring Fling. They also included the Sweet Tooth Social, a BBQ, and loads of prizes. When she plans an event, Angela plans a theme and infuses warmth into it. Her enthusiasm at staff events and for the UShine award process is contagious! She makes UShine winners feel extra special by adding personal touches to the surprise award presentation, such as music, balloons, and treats. She is always reliable and wants to make sure the job is done to the best of her ability. Hats off to Angela for leading her committee to greater results than ever before. She is an asset to UND Staff Senate. Thank you, Angela!

Megan Wasylow, Public Relations Chair

Megan has gone above and beyond in doing an exceptional job of getting the Staff Senate into the public eye. She has made a
huge effort in the social media arena, helping to keep senators and UND staff informed on all things UND as well as the happenings in the Greater Grand Forks Community. From revamping the Staff Happens newsletter and editing all brochures, flyers, and other forms of communication to ensure the “ONE UND” brand is being followed, to growing Staff Senate’s Facebook presence and many more tasks on her plate, Megan has made an incredible effort and is a true gem. She is an extremely upbeat and forward-thinking planner. She always has something positive to say, even when the subject matter is negative. Her energy and enthusiasm seem boundless, and she accomplishes a huge amount of work in very little time. Megan is always willing to volunteer and does so every chance she gets, even if it means working on a project during her personal time. She has new ideas, and the follow through, to continually enhance and contribute to the UND Staff Senate. Since she has taken over as chair, Megan has worked tirelessly to make the Public Relations Committee a force to be recognized. Thank you, Megan!

YOU ROCK

We had four other senators who were nominated for 2018-2019 Senator of the Year, which means they rock and their hard work is notable.

Andria Spaeth, UND Staff Senate, Senator

Andria is one of the people who is behind the scenes for the Staff Recognition and Spring Fling luncheons. She works hard at these events and is the reason that there are vendors, therapy dogs, and massages available to UND staff two times a year. Thank you Andria!

Jeremy Malheim, UND Staff Senate, Vice President/President Elect

Jeremy is incredibly knowledgeable, stepped up to the plate in a great time of need, and has done a magnificent job! Though very busy with his own work load, Jeremy always makes Staff Senate issues a priority. He is very involved and works hard to ensure representation across campus. Thank you Jeremy!

Patricia Reed, UND Staff Senate, Community Relations Chair

Patricia has been heavily involved with the Grand Forks community and with Staff Senate. She is in charge of Tubs of Love, Denim Spirit Days, and Special Denim Spirit Days. This involves an application process to pick the year’s charities, creating a special tub collection event, and coordinating Meals on Wheels volunteers. Thank you Patricia!

Whitney Maine, UND Staff Senate, Member at Large

Whitney has taken on any and all projects passed her way, as well as additional tasks to create successful events. She fully planned, implemented, and led the UND Staff Senate Float for the Potato Bowl/Homecoming Parade. Whitney was heavily involved with helping the Public Relations and Engagement Committees. She was involved with helping with the UND Staff Takeover events, creation and editing of flyers, and 31 Days of Glory processes. Whitney is passionate about what she does and she provided immense logistical leadership in coordinating events this year. Thank you, Whitney!
Meet Your Senators

Senators are currently in membership transition. We will be having the first meeting with new members in May. We want to thank ALL of our senators for their hard work last year. A full listing of all 2018-2019 Senators can be found here and the Staff Senate Executive Committee can be found here. We will update these lists as soon as we can.

April 2019 UShine Award Winner

UND Staff Senate is pleased to announce that the April 2019 UShine Award recipient is Angela Holkesvig, Accounting Specialist for UND Housing and UND Staff Senate Recognition Chair. She was nominated by Garrett Grasser and the nomination stated:

Angie volunteered to be the chair for Staff Recognition Committee for 2018-19. Since she took this position there have been nothing but improvements to this committee. The easy thing would have been to go and do the same old things from prior years but instead she decided to rewrite the position. The time Angie has put into the small details have made the annual Staff Employee Recognition Week (SERW) extraordinary. She has gone out of her way to find extra donations, paid for decorations out of pocket, created step by step guidelines for future chairs, and ensures everything comes together to make it the perfect way to show appreciation to UND staff. Not only has she put extra time into our appreciation lunches, she also makes the UShine awards something to see. Once picked, Angie researches the winner to put that extra little touch. Out of her own pocket again, Angie buys little gifts from pop, snacks, frosting, and even more personalized things like toy airplanes and dumbbells. These little details really help show the UShine winner how much time and thought she puts into this award and helps show how appreciated they are! Angie really goes out of her way to make someone feel appreciated!

We agree Angie! USHINE!

Each UShine award winner receives a certificate during a surprise presentation with fellow coworkers recognizing his or her effort, a one-time $50 bonus added to his or her next paycheck, and a $15 ND Museum of Art Cafe gift certificate!

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

Leadership Series
Staff Senate has started a Leadership Series at Staff Senate meetings, where we have a speaker for a half hour at the beginning of our meeting. Thank you Emily Holth for being the second speaker for this series! Emily discussed Sustainable Solutions - UND Conflict Management, where she lead an activity on the QNI Feedback Model. This activity provided techniques handling communication, feedback, and conflict management among workplace colleagues.

---

Spring Fling Wrap-Up

WOW! What a great turn-out! We hope you enjoyed all the FOOD, FUN, and FAB Prizes!

Congratulations to our Grand Prize Winner, Alan Olson, and to the Lucky 93 door prize winners! If you were fortunate enough to win a prize, please thank that business for its support!

Thank you sponsors! We have to give a UND Proud shout-out to Johnson Controls for their $1,000 donation. Thank you volunteers! Thank you vendors! This event was successful because of your donations and time!
SPRING FLING WRAP-UP
BBQ Attendance - 400+
Breakfast Attendance - 78

Thank You Area Businesses!
Your Door Prize Donations Were Awesome!

AMC
Angela Seldt, LMT
Blue Moose
Bully Brew
Early Morning Espresso
Eide
Hair by Marion
Happy Joe’s
Healthy Weighs
Hugo’s
Italian Moon
Jimmy John’s
Lowes
Mexican Village
Mike’s Pizza
Nancy Paur, LMT
ND Dept of Health
Paradiso
Pizza Ranch
Popolino’s
Red Pepper
River Cinema 15
River Cities
Ruby Tuesday
Rydell Car Washes
Speedway
Sanford Health
Speedway
The Ember
UND Bookstore
UND Dining Services
University Federal Credit Union

Thank You Event Sponsors!
Johnson Controls—$1,000.00
Bimbo Bakery
Coca-Cola
Frito-Lay
Dean Foods
Memorial Union
The President’s Office
UND Dining Services
UND Facilities
Work Well

Thank You Vendors!
UND Dept of Health
Sanford Health Plan
Staff Senate
Therapy Dogs
UND Department
University Federal Credit Union
Wellness Center
Work Well

Your Support & Generosity Is Greatly Appreciated!

UND Staff Takeover

UND staff had a blast at the UND Takeover in April. Congratulations to our trivia winner, Laurie Lundby, and our door prize winners Kristi Baker and Renee Kringler. Thank you
everyone who made it. We can't wait for the next one!

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" Peggy Schulz, Cherie Stoltman, Sherry Lawdermilt, and Daniel G. 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.

Parking Survey

Administration: survey, collaborative process to drive changes to University policies moving forward. UND Today released an article with parking information and a survey.

EVENTS & DEADLINES

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.

**GGFWLC: Speak Your Truth**

**May 9 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** at Hilton Garden Inn (4301 James Ray Dr.). Join us for a **GGFWLC Educational Event** with Speaker Kathryn Vignness. 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.

**THE CHAMBER BROWN BAG SEMINAR - TOP SITES, WAYS TO ENGAGE AND MANAGE**

**May 15 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** at the Chamber Board Room (202 N. 3rd St.). 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.

**SEEDS FOR STAFF SUCCESS**

**May 15 is the application deadline** for development between May 13 and August 18 (summer). Successful fundraising has enabled UND Staff Senate to provide benefited staff members with grants for educational or professional development. The program provides staff members with a source of funding that allows them to continue their education; attend conferences and workshops; or participate in other educational opportunities. Click here for the application and eligibility requirements.

**GGFYP Lunch & Learn**

**May 16 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** at Bremer Bank (3100 S. Columbia Rd.). Greater Grand Forks Young Professional's Lunch & Learn is organized by its Professional Development Committee and hosted monthly at locations around Grand Forks. This event is free to members and a small fee to non-members.
THE CHAMBER BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

May 16 from 4:45 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Rydell Auto Center (2700 S. Washington St.). 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 various member businesses. It is one of the largest Chamber networking events, with an average attendance of 250 Chamber members."

June

Special Denim Spirit Day

June 7, 2019 Special Denim Day proceeds will go directly toward the Altru TEARS Walk to Remember, Walk to Support scheduled for September 15 at 12 pm at the UND Wellness Center.

TEARS (Together we Educate About the Realities of Suicide) Suicide Awareness was established to support individuals and families who have lost a loved one to suicide and also to provide important education in hopes of preventing suicide in our Grand Forks community and surrounding region.

Be comfortable and wear denim and/or UND colors to show your spirit. 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 consider donating a dollar for this event.

Please make checks payable to “Denim Day,” mark "June 7 Special Denim Day” on the envelope, and send to Twamley Hall no later than June 14, 2019.

You can start payroll deduction for Denim Spirit Day anytime by filling out a simple form. Participation costs just a few dollars a month, and the money collected goes toward great causes!

STAFF SENATE MEETING

June 12 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.

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 April UShine recipient, Angie Holkesvig! The May nomination period closes on Wednesday, May 15 so NOTICE and NOMINATE your co-workers 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!
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
- CF 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

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 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.

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

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!