Happenings in a nutshell

Staff Senate President Whitney Maine’s update. President Wynne will be our guest speaker at our next Staff Senate meeting, October 9.

Senator spots available - click here to apply. Since we are not in an election cycle, this is currently only a 6 month commitment.

August Ushine winner is JASON MARSH!

Staff Senate truly THANKS you for the time everyone took to volunteer for State Employee Recognition Week.

Thank you Old Dutch, UND Work Well, and University Federal Credit Union for parade float donations. Thank you to those who donated candy and who took the time to volunteer!

"Like" our Facebook Page - it's the cool thing to do. Go to it often and scroll down to catch up.

October 1, 2019 through November 20, 31 Days of Glory tickets on sale and can be purchased online by clicking HERE.

October 4, 2019 Special Denim Spirit Day supports the Salvation Army. Donations are accepted until October 11.

October 9 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Staff Senate Meeting in Nursing, room 210.

October 16 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Chamber Brown Bag Seminar at the Chamber Board Room.

October 19 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. GGFYP Lunch & Learn

October 17 from 4:45 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Business After Hours hosted by Choice Financial (1697 42nd St.).
**November 6 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.** Staff Senate Meeting in Nursing, room 210.

2019-2020 Denim Spirit Day Nonprofit Applications are open October 1 to November 15. You can find the application [here](#).

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**UND Staff Senate President Update**

*Whitney Maine*

Staff Senate has CRED: Collaboration, Recognition, Engagement and Development! Thank you to everyone who donated candy and walked in the parade with us. We have open seats for new senators. All are welcome to our Staff Senate meetings. Our next meeting is Wednesday, October 9, at 3:00 p.m. in Nursing 210. President Wynne will be our guest speaker.

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**Senator Spots Available**

APPLY NOW! Senator spots are currently available! Full-time UND staff can [apply to be on UND Staff Senate](#)

*A full listing of all 2019-2020 Senators* and the Staff Senate Executive Committee will be provided on our website soon.

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**RECOGNITION**

**August 2019 UShine Award Winner**

UND Staff Senate is pleased to announce that the **August 2019 UShine Award recipient is JASON MARSH**, Maintenance Specialist in Facilities. He was nominated by Daniel Boese, whose nomination stated:

"Earlier this month, there was a person stuck in one of Gamble Hall's elevators. Jason opened the elevator door and discovered that elevator was stuck between floors. When he found out that the person was pregnant and would not be able to climb out on her own, he jumped into the elevator and clasped his hands together so she could use them as a step. Jason's quick action and calm demeanor turned a stressful situation into an almost routine activity."

We agree! USHINE!

Each UShine award winner receives a certificate during a surprise presentation with fellow co-workers recognizing their effort and a one-time $50 bonus added to their next paycheck!
Notice and nominate one of your outstanding coworkers for the UShine Award at any time! We are in need of nominations again!

THANK YOU!

Staff Senate truly THANKS you for the time everyone took to volunteer for State Employee Recognition Week. As a team, we were able to celebrate around 400 state employees throughout the week. Celebrating our staff, spending time together with co-workers, and showing everyone how much they are appreciated helps carry on the sense of camaraderie and loyalty we cherish at UND! Thank you!!

Andria Spaeth and Jenny Lunde, Co-Chairs of Staff Recognition, and the Staff Recognition Committee did a great job getting all of these events together. Thank you!

THANK YOU | POTATO BOWL PARADE

Thank you Old Dutch for donating 2,000 bags of potato chips to hand out at the Potato Bowl Parade. Thank you UND Work Well and University Federal Credit Union for donating reusable bags to hand out at the parade. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped make our float successful this year! The Homecoming Parade unfortunately got rained out, but we are happy we got to celebrate for Potato Bowl!

Christina Mead, Public Relations Chair, and the Public Relations Committee did a great job getting the float together! Thank you!
Staff Senate Facebook Page

Please encourage your coworkers to like and follow the UND Staff Senate Facebook page. The goal for our Facebook page is to be a useful communication tool and to provide a fun environment for all UND employees. The more we interact with the page, the more fun we can have!

Did you know Tuesdays! Do you know about all of the cool things you can have access to?? Check out the attachment to this email for some awesome links to reference!!

EVENTS & DEADLINES

October

31 DAYS OF GLORY - RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE & OVER 1/4 ARE SOLD ALREADY

October 1, 2019 through November 20, tickets on sale and can be purchased online by clicking HERE. Anyone can purchase a ticket and they sell out fast, so get your ticket early! Proceeds from the raffle will be used to provide professional development grants to staff members through Seeds for Staff Success.

SPECIAL DENIM SPIRIT DAY

October 4, 2019. Help support the Salvation Army natural disasters response fund. The Salvation Army is ready to jump into action with disaster relief services whenever natural disasters strike. In addition to addressing the typical needs of victims, the Salvation Army tailors its services to fit the specific needs of the individuals and communities as well as to the magnitude of the disaster.

Be comfortable and wear denim and/or UND colors or clothing that day to show your spirit. Give what you can to your Denim Day site coordinator.
or send your donation directly to Jade Gourneau, Twamley Hall Room 204, Stop 7155. Your contributions help this organization that has a great impact in our community and others. Even if you wear denim every day, donate a dollar for these charities.

Checks should be made out to “Denim Day.” Please mark “October 4 Special Denim Day” on your the envelope and send to Twamley, no later than October 11.

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**

October 9 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Nursing, room 210. These meetings are open for anyone to attend. Meetings and agendas are found here.

**THE CHAMBER BROWN BAG SEMINAR - EFFECTIVE NETWORKING STRATEGIES & MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIPS**

October 16 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.

**GGFYP LUNCH & LEARN**

October 19 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Check out the group's website or Facebook page for updates with topic and location. Greater Grand Forks Young Professionals Lunch & Learn is organized by its Professional Development Committee and hosted monthly at locations around Grand Forks. This event is free to members but requires a small fee to non-members.
THE CHAMBER BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

October 17 from 4:45 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. hosted by Choice Financial (1697 42nd St.). Since all UND employees are Chamber members, the Business After Hours event is FREE, fun, and great for networking! "Business After Hours takes place monthly at various member businesses. It is one of the largest Chamber networking events, with an average attendance of 250 Chamber members."

November

STAFF SENATE MEETING

November 6 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Nursing, room 210. These meetings are open for anyone to attend. Meetings and agendas are found here.

STAFF SENATE COMMITTEES

Community Relations
June Novacek & Kari Holter, Co-Chairs

2019-2020 Denim Spirit Day Nonprofit Applications open October 1 to November 15. You can find the application here.

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

Denim Spirit Day Thank You!

Thank you for all your support for the 2018-2019 Denim Spirit Day! Your donations make a great impact! Below please find thank you letters from non-profits that greatly appreciated the donation. Lets make 2019-2020 a even better & bigger year!
August 16, 2019

UND Staff Senate
Kari Holter
3450 University Ave., Stop 8389
Grand Forks, ND 58202-8389

Dear Ms. Holter,

Thank you for supporting NDAD with your Denim Day donation of $250. Your donation will go a long way in helping individuals with disabilities and health challenges.

Thanks to community support such as yours, NDAD continues on our mission to enhance the quality of lives of individuals facing health challenges. In 2018, NDAD loaned over 4,083 pieces of durable medical equipment to individuals in need through our Healthcare Equipment Loan Program (HELP).

NDAD guarantees that 100 percent of your donation will be used to purchase additional equipment for our loan program in the Grand Forks area. Thanks again for your generosity and support.

Sincerely,

Leslie Stastny
Chief Program Officer
August 15, 2019

Kari Holter  
UND Denim Day Committee  
2901 University Ave - Stop 7112  
Grand Forks, ND 58202-7112

Dear Kari,

Thank you for standing with us to bring suicide prevention to Grand Forks/East Grand Forks and the region. Your generous gift of $241.50 in support of TEARS Walk for Suicide Prevention is making a huge difference throughout the region.

Your support provides educational materials to schools and provides ASIST Training (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training) to members of the community such as teachers, clergy, law enforcement, and health care professionals.

Once again, thank you for your support of this great event and the needs of our community. Your gift may save the life of someone who is considering harming themselves.

With Gratitude,

Randy Schoenborn  
Philanthropy Specialist

P.S. Together, we can provide help and support to those who have considered suicide and those who have been affected by it.

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For tax purposes, no goods or services were provided by Altru Health Foundation in return for your contribution.
Engagement  
Laura Vatnsdal & Melissa Casanova, Co-Chairs

The November Takeover will be the talk of 2019! Watch your StaffChat emails and the UND Staff Senate Facebook page for the date/time/location!

The Fundraising/Engagement Committee will meet October 16th from 1:00-2:00 p.m. in Twamley 209.
Legislative
Tyler O'Hara, Chair

The Staff Senate Legislative Committee wants to know what you want it to work on this year! What issues should we address as a group and with University Administration? Parking, wages, benefits, workplace safety, leave policy? Let us know anonymously through the Staff Senate suggestion box, via paper suggestions in the Staff Senate monthly meetings (we'll be collecting these in October and November) or via email to UND.staffsenate@UND.edu.

Public Relations
Christina Mead, Chair

Help get us to 1000!! "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
Jade Gourneau, Chair

Applications for Spring 2020 Seeds for Staff Success awards are due December 15, 2019. Funds must be used between January 1, 2020, and May 12, 2020.

Staff Recognition
Andria Spaeth & Jennifer Lunde, Co-Chairs

The UShine Award is presented monthly to a UND staff member who went above and beyond, with an annual award chosen each May!

UND faculty, staff, students and public are encouraged to nominate and recognize a UND Staff member who did something special or extraordinary to assist a colleague, supervisor, student or family.

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!