



Staff CometConnection

*A monthly newsletter for Mayville State Staff
Provided by MaSU Staff Senate*

APRIL 2020

UPCOMING EVENTS:

APRIL 7

Registration for
summer & fall begins

APRIL 10

Good Friday | Campus
closed

APRIL 12

Easter

APRIL 29

Staff Strategies | 10am |
on Zoom | See details
on page 3

APRIL 30

Orville Johnson Award
Nominations Due | See
details on page 2



Even though the Spring Break festivities got cancelled,
kudos to the Business Office for dressing up on Monday!

WELCOME TO THE MAYVILLE STATE FAMILY:

- Cody Schmidt – Physical Plant
- Jake Litecky – HPER Instructor/Assistant Football Coach
- Nicholas Flesland – Assistant Football Coach
- Casara Burdey – CDP
- Ashlyn Fossum - CDP

WE SAY GOODBYE TO:

- Kyle Myers
- Catlin Solum
- Deni Winsand



APRIL BIRTHDAYS:

- 2** Kristina Wosick
- 3** Chris Gonnella, Lamiekia Mason
- 5** Amy Sand, Nicholas Flesland
- 7** Heather Hutchins
- 8** Ashley Tomblin
- 11** Bryan Karolus, Teri Wright, Mackenzie Amundson

- 19** Alice Rice
- 24** Brenda Eide
- 28** Mary Trudeau, Rachel Ochoa
- 29** Susan Cordahl
- 30** Kelly Kornkven, Brad Papenfuss



Thank you for your nominations for March's Comet Kudos. Those nominated include Alissa Perkins, Andrew Pflipsen, Chris Gonnella, Jim Morowski, Kati Nelson, Mindy O'Connor, and Shannon Skovlund.

Congratulations to March's winner,
Alissa Perkins!

As a reminder, nominations reset each month, so if your nominee didn't win, **make sure to go nominate them again the next month.** To nominate a staff member that you feel should be recognized for April, use the following link:

[Comet Kudos Nomination Form](#)

JOIN MASU STAFF SENATE

There are currently **three open positions** on the Mayville State Staff Senate to begin in May. If you are looking to get more involved on campus and have fun while doing it, Staff Senate is the place to be! If you are interested in joining Staff Senate or would like to nominate someone else to join, please email [Alissa Perkins](#).

SPRING STAFF ASSOCIATION

The spring Staff Association meeting was originally scheduled for Friday, April 24h. However; due to obvious reasons, this will be rescheduled at a later date. Please watch your email for future announcements.

ORVILLE JOHNSON MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

The Orville Johnson Meritorious Service Award is an annual award given to a classified staff member who shows outstanding dedication, loyalty, and trustworthiness toward Mayville State University and their fellow employees.

Orville Johnson is remembered as a faithful employee who worked as a custodian from 1959 until his retirement in 1980. Orville passed away on December 17, 1986. Upon his death, his family donated his United States Service Flag and a \$10,000 donation. The donation was to help honor and recognize fellow employees.

Each year staff nominate and vote on a fellow employee to receive the distinguished award. The recipient of this award will receive: their name engraved on the Orville Johnson Plaque (located in the lobby of the Campus Center), a framed award certificate and a \$75.00 gift certificate to the bookstore.

How does The Orville Johnson Meritorious Service Award differ from the monthly Comet Kudos Awards? The Orville Johnson Meritorious Service Award is more prestigious as it encompasses work and service that the staff member has done over the course of the entire year. Comet Kudos awards are given out on a monthly basis.

Nominations are due April 30th. After nominations are reviewed, a voting ballot will be sent out electronically listing the nominees, upon which you will vote for one person.

Please nominate a staff member to receive this award via the following link:

[Orville Johnson Meritorious Service Award Nomination Form](#)

Staff Strategies

True Colors

Wednesday, April 29th
10:00-11:00 am
Join via Zoom

<https://mayvillestate.zoom.us/j/164078293>

- Learn about your personality type and how the different personality types best interact with each other

Presenter: Kristi Lentz

All are welcome to participate in trainings

**THAT MEANS YOU,
TOO, FACULTY!**

MEET YOUR STAFF SENATORS

Each month we will feature one of your Staff Senators so you can get to know who represents you!

TERI WRIGHT

Teri graduated from Northern State University and NDSU. She has worked at Mayville State since June 2015 and was at UND before that. She has a total of 16 years with the NDUS. Teri directs the Academic Advising Center. Her family includes John, Kristin (Alex), Rachel, and Nicholas as well as feline friends Butterscotch and Itzy. She is a Staff Senator who serves on the Professional Development Committee. "I've been given so many opportunities at MSU in relation to advising. I am thankful for my co-workers who are very dedicated to supporting students. I love developing processes that make advising more efficient so we serve our students in the best ways we can. My favorite part of my job is when I get to advise students and point them in the right direction." In her spare time, Teri likes to walk for exercise and spend time with her family.



STAFF SENATE WELCOMES IDEAS AND QUESTIONS! TO SUBMIT A SUGGESTION, PLEASE FILL OUT THE [STAFF SENATE SURVEY](#).

