



Staff CometConnection

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

MAY 2020



While most of staff members are working remotely, we know there are many that are continuing to work on campus to make sure everything continues to run smoothly. On behalf of MSU's Staff Senate, THANK YOU to those of you that are holding down the fort on campus. We appreciate you and cannot wait to get back to campus and see you again!

WELCOME TO THE MAYVILLE STATE FAMILY:

- Karen Poverud, Administrative Assistant to the VPBA & VPSA
- Taylor Jorgenson, Nursing Programs Support Specialist
- Steve Benson, Interim Vice President of Business Affairs (Welcome back!)

WE SAY GOODBYE TO:

- Leann Gilbertson



UPCOMING EVENTS:

MAY 11-15

Final Exams Week

MAY 12

Staff Senate Meeting | 2pm | Via Zoom | Let us know if you'd like the link to join!

MAY 25

Memorial Day | Campus Closed

MAY 26

Summer Session Begins

MAY BIRTHDAYS:

2 JoAnna Strand

9 Joni Oveson

11 Shandi Gibbs

14 Joanna Nielson, Melissa Giedd

16 Abby Hjelmstad

21 Lily Gador, Kristina Rage

24 Nicole Midstokke, Andrew Steele

26 Matt Dalrymple

29 Courtney Peterson, Helena Kostuck



Thank you for your nominations for April's Comet Kudos. Those nominated include Alissa Perkins, Ashley Hanson, Brittany Stevenson, the CDP Employees, Chris Gonnella, Doug Eastman, Jade Erickstad, Jim Morowski, Mary Trudeau, Megan Vig, and Mindy O'Connor.

Congratulations to April's winner, Ashley Hanson!

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 May, use the following link: [Comet Kudos Nomination Form](#)

Did you know that there is a committee that votes on your Comet Kudos nominations each month? The committee is composed of a faculty member, a division chair, a member of Cabinet, and three staff senators!

Note: There was an error in last month's newsletter. The IT Team was nominated for the Comet Kudos award but they were not listed. We apologize for the error.

ORVILLE JOHNSON

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

Nominations for the Orville Johnson Meritorious Service Award have been collected. The following individuals have been nominated by their peers for the 2020 award: Andrew Pflipsen, Brad Papenfuss, Cheryl Angen, Connie Kaldor, Courtney Peterson, Debi O'Brien, Doug Eastman, Jessi Hegg, Jim Morowski, Katie Richards, and Matt Dalrymple.

If you are a benefitted Mayville State University Staff member, please vote for one candidate by May 15th. Use the following link to vote: [Orville Johnson Meritorious Service Award](#)

STAFF SENATE MEMBERSHIP

UPDATES:

MSU Staff Senate is excited to announce that we have three new members joining us: Matthew Berglund, Allissa Bratager, and Leah Larson.

Thank you to our outgoing senators, Misti Wuori and Lois Karlstad for all of your hard work on Staff Senate. We will miss you!

MEET YOUR STAFF SENATORS

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



ASHLEY KULLAND

Ashley has been a MaSU employee since May 2018. She was hired as the Coordinator of Academic Assessment and Institutional Research but transitioned to serve as the Senior Institutional Research Coordinator in January 2019. She represents the 3000 broadband and is a member of the Academic & Co-Curricular Assessment Committee, Institutional Data Management Committee, Strategic Planning Committee, Institutional Accreditation Committee, NDUS Institutional Research User Group, ND Power BI User Group and the Staff Senate Staff Development Subcommittee. She enjoys walking her dogs, hiking and "appreciates the beauty of a well-crafted spreadsheet" (Webb, 2014).



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