



Staff CometConnection

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

OCTOBER 2019

UPCOMING EVENTS:

OCTOBER 1

Advising Center Open House | 2-3pm | Old Main 101

OCTOBER 4

Retirement Celebration for Tom Moen | 2-4pm | Campus Center Foyer

OCTOBER 7-11

Homecoming Week (see pages 4-5 for details)

OCTOBER 28

Staff Association Meeting | 2:00pm | OM 103 (see page 3 for details)



President Van Horn at his inauguration on September 13th.

WELCOME TO THE MAYVILLE STATE FAMILY:

Roger Korsmo – Heating Plant Operator

William Kronsberg – Heating Plant Supervisor

Leann Gilbertson – Human Resources Specialist

Child Development Program:

Kaitlyn Scoble, Cassandra Ochoa, Mackenzie Amundson, Sarah Blumkin, Ann Bykonen, Krystal Lopez, Helena Kostuck

WE SAY GOODBYE TO:

- Patrick Steele
- Brandon Henderson
- Bonnie Ackerman
- Christina Egeland
- Cassandra Linder
- Jatoi Moore

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:

- | | |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 Sarah Blumkin | 19 Andrea Freeberg |
| 4 Stephany Wold | 22 Bonnie Birth |
| 5 Dean Kostuck | 23 Becky Jorgenson, Thomas Moen |
| 9 Racheal Wright | 24 Madison Torgeson |
| 10 Dennis Hutter | 25 Nina Gurgian |
| 14 Cassandra Ochoa | 26 Jami Eriksson |
| 15 Andrew Workin | 27 Kevin Hanson |
| 18 Dena Bergstrom | 28 Kelly Ehlers |



You still have time to grab your Comet Pride Button from the Bookstore or the Business Office!

A FEW HIGHLIGHTS FROM STATE EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION WEEK:

PUPPY YOGA



A special thank you to Naomi Harpestad for leading the puppy yoga session!

Puppy Yoga featuring pups from Turtle Mountain Animal Rescue was a success! We had 17 staff/faculty members and 11 students participate in yoga. More joined for puppy play time! A total of \$376 was raised and donated to TMAR.



The wall was full of notes of appreciation and kudos for our amazing staff and faculty.

THE COMET KUDOS WALL

Many people left Comet Kudos on the wall! The notes were passed out, but not before Staff Senate had a special drawing from the names posted. Five staff members won some great prizes donated by local businesses. The winners included Ashley Hanson, Bryan Karolus, Misti Wuori, Mindy O'Connor, and Kati Nelson, (not all winners were available for photos).



WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK REGARDING STATE EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION WEEK (SERW). PLEASE TAKE [THE SERW SURVEY](#) AND LET US KNOW HOW TO MAKE IT EVEN BETTER NEXT YEAR!



NEW MONTHLY TRADITION: COMET KUDOS AWARD

Due to the amazing response to our Comet Kudos wall during State Employee Recognition Week, Staff Senate would like to extend the recognitions to a monthly occurrence for MSU Staff.

Each month a staff member will win the Comet Kudos award. The nominations for the monthly winners will come from YOU. Our first monthly winner will be recognized in the November newsletter. November nominations are due by October 20th. Please nominate a staff member that you feel should be recognized using the following link:

[Comet Kudos Nomination Form](#)

*Please note: Faculty are not eligible for the Comet Kudos award

FALL STAFF ASSOCIATION 2:00 MONDAY, OCTOBER 28TH OM 103

The Staff Senate is a representative group of the Staff Association. You, our staff, make up the entire Staff Association and your voice matters. The Staff Association meets in regular sessions, which includes the fall and spring of each year. Often, we have Cabinet members attend this meeting to provide updates pertinent to the Staff Association. In addition, Staff Senators provide updates on what our we as a Senate are doing to meet our objectives and purposes.

The Fall Staff Association meeting is a wonderful chance for you to bring your ideas and concerns forward so Staff Senate can work on your behalf and represent the overall staff body in the way we are expected to.

Planning is still in the works for our Fall Staff Association meeting, so if there is a topic you would like us to tackle, please let us know. Be on the lookout for more information. There will be treats!

MEET YOUR STAFF SENATORS

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



CHARYTE HENDERSON

Charyte is a 2017 graduate and former cheerleader of Mayville State University. Her husband Brandon is also a MSU grad and former MSU employee. They have three future Comets – Annika (7), Dakota (3), and Elaina (2 months). Charyte is going into her third year as a Recruiter in the Office of Admissions. She advises the Cheer Team, Student Alumni Ambassadors, Intercultural Club, is a staff member of Rainbow Alliance, and is a Staff Senator representing the 3000 broadband. She is also one of the editors of the new Staff CometConnection newsletter. “The absolute best part about my job is working with students. I will do anything in my power to ensure they have the best experience possible at MSU.”



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



HOMECOMING WEEK 2019

Monday, October 7th

7:30PM | FINE ARTS EVENT | CR AUDITORIUM

Arsentiy Kharitonov, Piano

Tuesday, October 8th

NOON | 3RD ANNUAL HOTDOG EATING CONTEST | CAMPUS CENTER FOYER

Six contestants will compete to see who can eat ten hotdogs the fastest.

8:00PM | HYPNOTIST DAVID ANTHONY | CR AUDITORIUM

Wednesday, October 9th

7:00PM | LIP SYNC BATTLE & CROWNING CEREMONY | CR AUDITORIUM

Thursday, October 10th

8:00PM | 8 O'CLOCK ROCK | LEWY LEE FIELDHOUSE

Men's and women's basketball

Friday, October 11th

4:00-5:30PM | HALL OF FAME SOCIAL | LARSON CENTER

A social honoring Athletic Hall of Fame and Athletic Coaches Hall of Fame inductees.

5:30PM | COMETS VOLLEYBALL VS. BRIAR CLIFF | LL FIELDHOUSE

6:00PM | HALL OF FAME DINNER | LUCKASEN

Join in honoring the 2019 Athletic Hall of Fame and Athletic Coaches Hall of Fame members. Tickets must be purchased in advance. For more information contact the MSU Foundation.

8:30-11:00PM | SOCIAL FOR FORMER FEMALE MSU ATHLETES | MAYVILLE GOLF CLUB

Socialize with your Mayville State alumni and friends. Cash bar will be available.

Saturday, October 12th

9:00AM | ALUMNI HOMECOMING BRUNCH | LUCKASEN

All alumni are invited to start the day right with a delicious brunch and an opportunity to honor several distinguished Mayville State graduates and friends. Tickets must be purchased in advance. For more information, contact the MSU Foundation.

10:00AM | YOUTH SOCCER CLINIC | SOUTH FIELD

Free youth soccer clinic for kindergarten – 5th grade boys and girls. Contact play@mayvillestate.edu for more information.

10:00AM | ALUMNI VOLLEYBALL GAME | LEWY LEE FIELDHOUSE

Did you play women's basketball, volleyball, or softball as a Mayville Student? Have a friendly competition of volleyball with your friends!

11:30AM | HOMECOMING FUTBOL FRIENDLY | SOUTH FIELD

11:30AM | STAFF TAILGATING PARTY | THE GROVE #6

Staff, family, and friends are welcome to tailgate before the football game. BYOB and chair, and feel free to bring a dish to share. Hotdog lunch will be provided by Staff Senate. Tailgating spot donated by the Athletics department.

NOON | CEREMONY OF REMEMBRANCE | MILITARY HONOR GARDEN AT THE LARSON CENTER

Come and honor our alumni and friends who have served their country so that we may live in freedom and that again there may be "peace on earth, goodwill toward men."

12:30-1:30PM | LUNCH | LARSON CENTER

Enjoy a bowl of chili and a beverage while socializing with your MSU friends. Free will donations accepted.

*Also a gathering spot for all former employees of longtime Lewy Lee Fieldhouse custodian, Jim Lyng.

2:00PM | FOOTBALL GAME VS. WALDORF COLLEGE | JEROME BERG FIELD

Sunday, October 13th

2:00PM | HOMECOMING CONCERT | CLASSROOM BUILDING AUDITORIUM

Top off the weekend with a concert featuring the MSU Concert Choir and Band.

Bring on the Blue!