



# Staff CometConnection

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

## MARCH 2020

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**MARCH 16-20**

Spring Break week

**MARCH 17**

St. Patrick's Day



**MARCH 18**

Staff Strategies

Training Session |

10am | EDUC 118 | See  
details on page 2

**MARCH 26**

Spring Wellness Fair



Staff members participating in Hoodie Hoo Day

### DID YOU KNOW...

Preliminary results suggest that college freshmen's reading ability overall is between 5th and 12th grade. Altogether, findings suggest that two-thirds of college freshman have below proficient reading ability as described by NAEP, or National Assessment of Educational Progress (Olney, Walker, Davis, & Graesser, 2017).

So how do you suppose your emails come across to students? Co-workers? Do you ever worry that you're not understood? Check out the Gunning Fog Index: <http://gunning-fog-index.com/>. This is a tool that will tell you approximately what grade level you're writing at.

How to use the Gunning Fog Index:

1. Write your email.
2. Copy and paste it into the Gunning Fog index site.
3. Gunning Fog will calculate your score, do a word count, and list your 3+ syllable words so you can make any changes you wish to.

From the International Conference on Educational Data Mining (EDM) 2017  
Proceedings of the 10th International Conference on Educational Data Mining  
Wuhan, China, June 25-28, 2017

### MARCH

### BIRTHDAYS:

**4** Heather Johnson

**15** Dawn Huard

**16** Jessica Volla

**24** Ann Bykonen

**29** Shannon Hofer

**30** Jodi Larson

### WELCOME TO THE MAYVILLE STATE FAMILY:

- Matthew Berglund – Director/Head Coach of Esports
- Rocky Larson – Head Football Coach
- Michayla Maruska – Accounts Receivable Specialist

### WE SAY GOODBYE TO:

- Allison Johnson
- Skye Carpenter
- Keith Stenehjem
- Deni Winsand

# Comet Kudos

Thank you for the outpouring of Come Kudos nominations in February! We had a record month with 36 nominations (some people were nominated multiple times)! Those nominated include Alice Rice, Alissa Perkins, Allison Johnson, Amy Sand, Andrew Pflipsen, Annie Freeberg, Ashley Kulland, Aubrey Madler, Bella Hettich, Beth Swenson, Bob Kozojed, Brad Papenfuss, Catlin Solum, Cheryl Angen, Connie Kaldor, Courtney Peterson, Debi O'Brien, Donavan Linder, Heather Hoyt, Julie St. Germaine, Kati Nelson, Kelly Kornkven, Lois Karlstad, Megan Vig, Mindy O'Connor, Sarah Gasevic, Shay Thorsgard, and Shirley Hanson.

Congratulations to February's winner, **Brad Papenfuss!**

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

# Staff Strategies

## Social Media

Wednesday, March 18th  
10:00-11:00 am  
EDUC 118

- MSU's social media policies
- Facebook, Twitter, Instagram & Snapchat tips
- Canva

*Save the Date*  
**True Colors**  
Wednesday, April 29th  
10:00 am  
Old Main 307

**Presenters: Remi Herman & Alyson Beckman**

**ALL STAFF AND FACULTY ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE IN STAFF STRATEGIES TRAININGS**

## MEET YOUR STAFF SENATORS

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



### SHANNON HOFER

Shannon is a 2000 graduate of Mayville State University. She has been working at Mayville State for 20 years. She held a couple different positions on campus before moving into her current role of Circulation, Interlibrary Loan, and Acquisitions Librarian in 2001. She is a Staff Senator representing the 3000 broadband. Outside of work she is a Sunday School Co-Superintendent/teacher at her church and a Decoding Dyslexia-North Dakota organizing member. She lives in Mayville with her husband, Stefan, and two children, Kasey (14) and Sofie (12). She enjoys traveling, camping, and watching her daughter dance and play volleyball. "I love working with the students and seeing them blossom into adults. I have supportive colleagues that make working at MSU pure joy."



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