Some News from Dining:

In September Dining held a Harvest Dinner at Winslow, something that will become an annual event. It featured all local foods on the entree line, and in several other places, including the salad bar, pizza line, and deli. Representatives from the KDA and Kentucky Women in Agriculture were in attendance as guests.

Food Sourced:
Jay's Pumpkin Patch, which is run by a Murray State student, provided all the decorations of pumpkins and gourds. The bison for our meatloaf was from Benton Bottoms Bison farm, only 15 miles away. The watermelon was also from Benton. We used local apple cider for the cider-honey glaze on the chicken. We got several cheeses(fromage blanc, white cheddar, smoked gouda, asiago, and bleu) from Kenny's Farmhouse Cheese in Glasgow, KY, and Wurth Farms in nearby Lone Oak, KY provided much of the produce. We got our potatoes and sweet potatoes from Amish farmers in a nearby community.

Guests at the dinner included Dr. Robert Davies; VP for Student Affairs Dr. Don Robertson; Hutson School of Agriculture Dean Tony Brannon; Kentucky Department of Agriculture member Fred Nesler; and head of Kentucky Women in Agriculture Sharon Furches.
Winslow hosted Dining's first ever Diwali Dinner, in partnership with the Indian student organization on campus. Several hundred Indian students and community members attended, as well as guests from as far away as Chicago. The dinner included authentic Indian food prepared and served with the assistance of Indian students, a fashion show, entertainment, and a traditional Diwali ceremony.
Just a few other events that Dinning Services has put on this fall semester have been:
Lambert Night 1,898
Senior Breakfast 174 (the Fall Breakfast is always smaller than the Spring)
Thanksgiving Dinner 2,193
Holiday Dinner 1,911

Almost Midnight Breakfast 1,151
Ryan Knight, a Student Manager of ours who is now a grad student at MSU, won $500 in recognition of being named NACUFS (National Association of College and University Foodservice) Southern Regional Student Employee of the Year. He was nominated by our Retail Manager, Amy Crump.

Number 55 nationwide, top 3% nationally, in campus food service as per 2016 Niche rankings of well over 1700 universities; this is a move up from last year's #107 ranking
The Staff Congress Foundation/Marie Jones Textbook Scholarship was established at Murray State University by current and former Staff Congress members. The purpose of this scholarship is to assist MSU staff members and their dependents with obtaining textbooks needed to pursue their degrees at MSU. Textbook scholarships up to $250.00 are awarded to one MSU staff member and one dependent each semester. Textbooks must be obtained from the Murray State University Store.

The renewable scholarship fund is made possible through donations by MSU employees, community members, and other individuals. The Scholarship Committee hosts events each year to fund this important benefit for MSU staff members. Contributions can also be made through payroll deduction.

Staff Congress members held a family fun day with children’s activities during last year’s faculty and Staff Appreciation Football Game and attended homecoming events. This year a silent auction will be offered during the Staff Holiday Reception. Donations were also being accepted during the Children’s Christmas Party to have personal pictures taken with Santa Claus. Staff Congress members have volunteered to work concessions during Racer basketball games to support the fund.

This past year, over $800.00 in scholarship funds have been awarded to staff members or dependents pursuing continuing education at Murray State University. Staff Congress is proud to be able to contribute in this way to further Murray State’s goal of academic success and excellence.

**The Previous Semester’s Winners:**

**Spring 2015:**  
Colleen Anderson – Staff from COEHS  
Paxton James – Student – Sophomore in Finance.

**Fall 2015:**  
Susanne D’Angelo – Staff from Mathematics & Statistics  
Rachel Ross – Student – Junior Ag Business

**The deadline for spring 2016 scholarship applications is February 1, 2016.**
Congratulations to Rachel Ross (far left) and Susanne D'Angelo (second from left) for being recipients of the Marie Jones- Staff Congress Textbook Scholarship for Fall 2015. Award winners are shown pictured with Staff Congress President Laura Lohr (far right) and Scholarship Committee Chair Jessica Evans (second from right).
Above and Beyond Award Nomination Form

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Please bring to our attention the name of any employee who deserves special recognition by completing the reverse side of this card. Be as specific and detailed as possible in describing how this person helped you. Be sure to sign below since only signed cards will be processed.

Thank you for helping us recognizes these employees.

This award will recognize nominated employees with a certificate and, with their permission, a post on the Staff Congress Facebook page with their picture and details regarding the reason for their nomination. Recipients will also be invited to attend the Staff Congress meeting to be recognized.

An online nomination form will be made available and posted on the Staff Congress website, the Staff Congress Facebook, and Racer Nation Information. Paper nomination forms will also be available in high traffic areas and areas where employees may not have daily access to computers.
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Your Name (required)

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Your Phone Number

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Your Address

I am a
__ Student __ Parent __ Visitor __ Employee

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Murray, KY 42071

I would like to recommend the following Murray State Staff member for special recognition:

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Employee

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Date

Please describe the specific action for which the employee should be recognized:

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