

I would like to thank the staff members that served on the Budget Review team for all their time and work this semester.

Elizabeth Caldwell, Director, Facilities Fin. Admin., Facilities Management

Dana Howard, Social Media Marketing Manager, University Communications

Kristina Jackson, Associate Registrar, Registrar

Brian Purcell, Associate CIO/Security Officer, Information Systems

Shawn Smee, Director, Recruitment, Enrollment Management

John Young, Admin Asst, Center for TSM, Staff Congress President

Tim Todd, Dean, Arthur J. Bauernfeind College of Business

Phil Schooley, TSM On-Line Advisor, Staff Regent



STAFF RECOGNITION LUNCHEON

September 10, 2013

5 Years

Larry D. Carpenter (2012)

Jami S. Carroll (2012)

Melissa M. Goff (2012)

Marquita M. Johnson (2012)

10 Years

Rachel Hudson

15 Years

Steven A. Owen (2012)

Alissa N. Sanderson (2012)

20 Years

Ada Bailey

Robin Doss

25 Years

James Wilford

2013 Staff Excellence Award

Jean Miller

The Staff Survey is under way and so far we have had 455 responses or about 45.2% of the Staff. I will have the results for the Board at a later board meeting.

This year with the help of the President's Office, the University Communications and internal Printing Departments, and along with the help of Facilities Management we have designed a banner which is now in the Curris Center to recognize the 2013 Staff Excellence Award winners.



This Saturday, December 7th is the Annual Staff Congress Faculty & Staff Children's Christmas Party from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

The Staff Holiday Reception will be held Thursday, December 12th at 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm in the Curris Center Large Ballroom.

I have included a copy of the November Staff Congress Newsletter.

Staff Congress Newsletter

Murray State University



November 2013

President's Ponderings

Fall has finally arrived on the Murray State campus. The leaves are changing colors and the frost will soon be on the pumpkins. I hope that everyone is having an enjoyable and productive fall semester, including Homecoming with all of its great activities--the parade, tent city, and the football game. The football team is enjoying a winning season and basketball is getting ready to tip-off.

There is a lot happening on campus at this time. Please be checking your emails regularly to stay up on happenings and events. Right now as I write this, it is Open Enrollment for health insurance through Murray State. Please make sure that you have all the information you need and return the proper forms to Human Resources.

As the semester begins to wind down, the holiday season will soon be upon us. I hope everyone is able to enjoy time with loved ones over Thanksgiving. Be watching for information about the Children's Christmas Party and Staff Reception, traditional events enjoyed by all.

Anytime you have questions or concerns, please contact me or any member of your Staff Congress. The Congress meets the third Wednesday of each month in the CTLT classroom. The meetings are open to anyone who wishes to attend and observe.

Go Racers!

John Young

Staff Congress President

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Regent Recap

The Fall season is moving along quickly. I hope your Fall Break was a good one. I know all of the MSU Staff enjoyed having two days off for Fall Break this year rather than just one day as we have had in the past. The staff now also enjoys two full weeks off for Christmas break. These extra vacation days are both welcomed and appreciated.

Insurance: I have been in daily contact with HR concerning their progress with working out the details for our health insurance plan for next year. By this time, you should have received an informational e-mail about the health insurance open enrollment which runs through 4:30 p.m. on November 18. Thanks to HR for all their time and effort on putting our insurance package together. I am very thankful and relieved, as I know you are, that MSU has agreed to pay all of the increase in our health insurance for next year which results in no increase for MSU employees for the coming year.

Staff Survey: This year's Staff Survey is now on-line for MSU staff members to complete and submit. You should have received an email from msu.staffcongress@murraystate.edu Subject: MSU Staff Perspective Survey 2013 with your link to the survey. If any of you list or have complaints about the work of the Staff Congress, I ask that you contact and make an appointment with John Young, Staff Congress President, to present your complaints and discuss them with him. If any of you list or have complaints concerning the work of the Staff Regent, I ask that you contact and make an appointment with me to present your complaints and discuss them with me. Neither John nor I can address and work for solutions to your complaints without the opportunity to talk with you.

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Staff Excellence Awards

Dr. Tim Miller, far left, and Staff Congress Vice-President Laura Lohr-Dziekonski, far right, are pictured with the 2013 Staff Excellence Award Recipients (left to right) Shelia Haley, Cassidy Palmer, Ellen Dale, Rhea Ann Wright, Sherry Harpole, and Shawn Smee. Not pictured: Lenora Ehrsam and Jean Miller.

Staff Congress Thanks Christian Cruce

In the July 2013 Staff Congress newsletter, Christian Cruce's name was omitted from the list of outgoing Staff Congress members. We apologize for the mistake. Thank you, Christian, for representing your fellow staff as a member of Staff Congress. We appreciate your service as Staff Congress President and your work on Staff Congress committees and university-wide committees.

Helpful Phone Numbers

Office of Student Affairs: 809-6831

Contact Student Affairs if you are aware of a student needing assistance, but don't know which department to call. Staff in this office can direct students to the appropriate services.

Payroll Office: 809-4175

Employees may call Payroll before the approval deadline if they anticipate a delay in the approval of their time reports.

Help Desk: 809-2346

msu.helpdesk@murraystate.edu

Staff Congress: 809-4493

msu.staffcongress@murraystate.edu

www.murraystate.edu/StaffCongress.aspx

Nominate Someone Now...

for the Staff Excellence Award. This year, submit the nomination form **ONLINE AT ANY TIME** or print the PDF and mail to
Haley Millwood
Human Resources
Room 412 Sparks Hall.
Forms available at
www.murraystate.edu/StaffCongress.

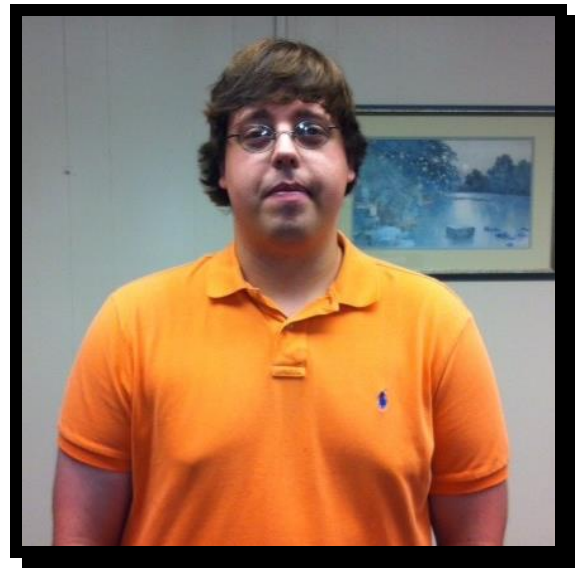
Save the Dates

*December 7
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Children's Christmas Party
December 12
2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Staff Holiday Reception*

Staff Congress Textbook Scholarship



Kaitlin Chiaventone, left, is the recipient of the fall Staff Congress Textbook Scholarship for an MSU staff member. Kaitlin is a Counselor in Student Financial Aid. Pictured with Kaitlin is Debbie Plummer, Chair of the Staff Congress Textbook Scholarship Committee.



Graham Lee is the recipient of the fall Staff Congress Textbook Scholarship for the dependent of an MSU staff member. Graham is a junior majoring in Engineering Graphics Design and is the son of Cynthia Lee who works in Waterfield Library.

Letters to Santa

Families planning to attend the Children's Christmas Party on

December 07th can print their letters to

Santa and bring them to the party. Blank letters

can be downloaded at www.murraystate.edu/StaffCongress.



October 19, 2013

Board of Regents was represented in 2013 Homecoming Parade by:

Mr. Phil Schooley, Dr. Jerry Sue Thornton, and Dr. Renee Fister

(Also, pictured is Dr. Crystal Coleman, President Black Faculty & Staff Association)



2013 wasn't Dr. Jerry Sue Thornton's first time to be in the Homecoming Parade.



Picture provided by: John Wright from The Murray Ledger & Times