



UUSAC Staff News

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President's Message

I am honored to have the opportunity to serve as this year's University of Utah Staff Advisory Council (UUSAC) President. In addition to our primary responsibility to act in an advisory capacity to the University President and to bring to the attention of the president, administration, and Board of Trustees matters of staff concern, the Council plans to pursue the following goals in 2002-2003:

Salary, Wages, and Benefits Committee (SWAB)

- Develop a scholarship to benefit staff/dependents.
- Develop a Health and Wellness proposal.
- Research a viable staff development policy.

Communication/Publications Committee

- Publish quarterly *Staff News* to enhance the flow of information and ideas.
- Develop a fundraising project to support an ongoing staff scholarship.
- Sponsor staff service projects that benefit the greater Salt Lake community as well as U of U staff.

Legislative Issues Committee

- Increase staff knowledge and personal involvement in legislative issues.
- Promote voter registration by providing easy access to forms.
- Work with Human Resources to develop an annual Legislative training course.

The members of UUSAC are dedicated employees of the U., and your voice for the future. We encourage you to bring staff issues to the Council and to get involved in creating a better community for us all. The difference lies within US!

Wendy Bailey
President, UUSAC

Day of Caring

Fifty-five University of Utah staff members gave their time and labor on Thursday, September 5, as they took part in the U's eighth annual Day of Caring. This year's recipients include the Juvenile Diabetes Association, American Diabetes Association, Guadalupe School, Special Populations Learning Outdoor Recreation and Education (SPLORE) Program and the Association for Retarded Citizens (ARC) of Salt Lake.

Volunteers spent the day cleaning up trash along the Jordan River, making major repairs on a house occupied by a single mother of seven children, and helping children at the Guadalupe School create handmade books to be given to homeless youth. Others helped file and stuff envelopes in preparation for the upcoming Diabetes Walk.



Staff members gather on the Union patio to get details of "Day of Caring" assignments

In connection with the Day of Caring, the University also launched its annual Campaign for Our Community, the U's charitable giving campaign for faculty and staff that benefit the United Way of the Great Salt Lake Area, Community Shares Utah and Community Health Charities for Utah. Last year's effort raised nearly \$320,000 for these organizations. This year's goal is to make every U of U faculty and staff member aware of the project.

The U of U Community Remembers September 11



Congratulations! 2002 Presidential Staff Award Winners

The Presidential Staff Awards are given annually to four full-time staff employees: two exempt and two non-exempt employees. Each recipient receives a \$3000 honorarium and their name added to a perpetual plaque located in the A. Ray Olpin Union Building. Winners are selected based on service excellence, commitment to the University and personal traits. This year's winners were selected from among 65 qualified nominations for their outstanding commitment and dedication to the University of Utah.

Congratulations to H. Craig Carter, Don Que Collard, Laurie Leshner and Victoria Buckmiller-Pearson!



Victoria
Buckmiller-Pearson
Police Officer,
Campus Police

Don Que Collard
Plant Operations
Supervisor



Laurie Leshner
Clinical Charge Nurse,
Newborn ICU

H. Craig Carter
Ushering Services
Manager, Huntsman
Center



Working to Make a Safer U

The major goal of the U of U Department of Public Safety (UUDPS) is to provide a safe environment for the students, staff, faculty, visitors and property at the University of Utah. To accomplish this, the Department has 32 police officers, 62 security officers and a support staff of 13 people. This force covers 1,500 acres, 312 buildings and a population of 61,000. The University of Utah is the eighth-largest "city" in Utah.

UUDPS is a professional, full service police agency, available on campus 24/7/365. All officers are sworn in as state police officers and many of them are instructors at the police academy. Several members of the Department hold or have held executive positions in law enforcement organizations throughout the State.



- UUDPS is restructuring its use of manpower and other resources to accommodate budget constraints. To provide the same quality service with fewer resources, the Department actively seeks interaction with the members of the University community. They attribute their successes to the support, assistance and direction from the students, faculty and staff. The following suggestions are offered with your safety in mind:

- All comments, suggestions and recommendations are encouraged. The contact officer is Victoria Pearson-Buckmiller. She can be reached at 585-2677. Broken equipment, lights that are not working, or other safety concerns should be reported to her for resolution.

- Your help is needed in reporting any suspicious activity. A "suspicious" activity is any person, situation, package, vehicle, incident, or behavior that YOU are not comfortable with. Call 585-2677 to report your concern and an officer will check it out. Don't be afraid to call; a "better safe than sorry" attitude prevails.

With the current and ongoing construction on campus, the safety of pedestrians is a major concern. Pedestrians and drivers must be extra careful so that no one gets hurt. UUDPS suggests that pedestrians make eye contact with drivers before stepping in front of any vehicle. Drivers are urged to slow down and use caution when approaching any crosswalk or congested area.

Thanks, UUDPS!

UUSAC Welcomes New Members To Serve U



From left to right: Jim Grierson, University Union; Morgan Boyack, Student Recruitment and High School Services; Sandy Bruhn, History Department; Sandy McLelland, Union Administration; Valerie Horton, Ballet Department; Christi Neal, Human Resources; Karen Evans, Neurobiology and Anatomy and Bret Jordan, Dean's Office, College of Engineering. Not pictured are: Lori Tavey, University Hospital Foundation; Kathy Girton, Undergraduate Studies and Whit Hollis, University Union.

Take Control of Your Higher Education Career

Do you have the right tools in your toolbox? Recent studies show that in a few years, large numbers of higher education's experienced faculty and staff will be eligible for retirement or early retirement. This will create both gaps and opportunities for advancement. Combined with the effects of a slowing economy and the University's downsized faculty and staff, it is clear that further education is more than a luxury; it's a *necessity*.

The University of Utah's Division of Academic Outreach and Continuing Education provides a variety of ways to upgrade, expand, or develop new professional skills. High quality, noncredit certificate programs, classes, and workshops taught by seasoned professionals are available to qualified employees and their dependents, at half-price. If you aspire to a career in higher education administration or want to strengthen the leadership position you've already attained, the Certificate of Leadership in Higher Education provides the knowledge, skill, and appreciation of higher education leadership you can use right now to improve your position. You can also upgrade your skills in technology, customer service, or program management with short, practical courses convenient to where you work or live. For more information about building your career or improving your organization, call 585-1780 or go to www.continue.utah.edu.

Election Day 2002

The U of U administration is encouraging all faculty, staff and students to participate in this year's election process by becoming more involved with the campaigns of their choice. With all 75 seats in the state's House of Representatives and 16 state Senate seats up for re-election, there are over 90 candidates running for legislative office. Put a lawn sign in your yard, or walk the neighborhood with your candidate. Get involved!

A helpful, non-partisan website has been developed by KUED, KUER, Hinckley Institute of Politics, Utah Education Network, the League of Women Voters and Common Cause at www.voteutah.org.

Remember, your district number may have changed since the last election because of redistricting. To find out which congressional and legislative districts you live in, check online at www.vote-smart.org/index.phtml, or contact the Utah elections office at 538-1041 or 1-800-995-VOTE. The UUSAC website also includes links to voter registration and legislative information sites.

U. Sponsored Food Drives

Please do your part to help eliminate hunger in our community. Contribute generously to one of the many University-sponsored food drives!

Alumni Association, Utah-BYU food drive:

Nov. 11 - 23. Look for food barrels all over campus. Food and money will be collected at the gates prior to the Utah-BYU football game on Nov. 23.

University of Utah Hospital and Clinics food drive:

Dec. 1 - 31. Look for donation barrels in the Hospital lobby, the Health Sciences Cafeteria and at all other off-site locations. Cash donations can be made at the hospital cashier's office

KUED/KUER food drive:

Second or third weekend in Dec. Volunteers will be on hand at the Eccles Broadcast Center from 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. to receive holiday dinner items. Cash donations will also be accepted. For more information, call 581-6625.

Remember, the "S" in UUSAC stands for
Staff and Service!



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