



Thanks for joining us at our Staff Splashes in Crete (pictured) and Lincoln on Leap Day! A big thanks to President Hughes and Jenei Skillett for serving the 21+ beverages in Trobough, and to Cat Archie-Johnson for bringing the party to Lincoln even after getting stuck by a broken garage door!

Staff Council

Doane University Staff Council Newsletter

March 2024

Updates

Following our Staff Council retreat in early February, we voted to update our bylaws! These were reviewed and we can now share them with the university. Here's a summary of the changes.

Employee voting groups were adjusted to even out the numbers in each group, and to group departments that work closely together. This is the new breakdown:

- Group 1: Division of Advancement, Division of Enrollment Services
- Group 2: Division of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, Division of Student Affairs, Division of Human Resources
- Group 3: Division of Academic Affairs, Business Office, Division of Institutional Effectiveness
- Group 4: Division of Technology Services, Facilities, Public Safety
- Group 5: Division of Athletics

The adjusted groups will be put into effect following the election of new members in April. Additionally, we updated our Staff Council newsletter publication dates to run:

January/February, March, April, May/June, July/August, September, October, November/December. That's four fewer emails in your inbox! You can thank us by nominating a colleague to join us this coming year 😊

Speaking of Staff Council nominations, elections are coming up! Please get nominations in by Wednesday, April 10.

- [Nominate a colleague via Google Forms](#)
- [Nominate yourself via Google Forms](#)

Good to know!

We're going to hold a staff assembly! More details to come.

- Monday, April 8, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
- Location TBD in Crete
- Zoom livestream in Admin 117 in Lincoln
- [Zoom livestream link](#)

There's still time to fill out the Great Colleges to Work For survey, before March 29. Copy+paste "Great Colleges to Work For 2024 Faculty/Staff Survey" into your Gmail search bar to find your login and unique password.

The deadline for the Thomas Doane Outstanding Staff Award is also coming up, on March 31. Staff recipients receive a \$500 stipend. Nomination letters should be emailed to humanresources@doane.edu and share how the nominee demonstrates:

- the mission and values of Doane University
- leadership capabilities
- commitment to serving the Doane community
- commitment to serving Doane students

Doane University fun fact



Did you know that Doane offers nine graduate degrees?!

- Master of Business Administration
- Master of Arts in Leadership
- Master of Science in Instructional Design and Technology
- Master of Arts in Counseling
- Master of Education in School Counseling
- Master of Education in Curriculum & Instruction
- Master of Education in Education Leadership
- Master of Education in Education Specialist
- Doctor of Education

More events

Relay for Life coming up for April 5

Doane/Saline County Relay for Life is a student-led fundraiser held annually, with staff and faculty members serving as advisers and team captains! The goal for this year is sending \$35,000 to the American Cancer Society — and we're pretty sure we can hit it with your help.

You can join one of two teams led by staff: the [Doane University Staff](#) team and [Angie's Squad](#).

Get your time in the spotlight March 26

Well, the strobe light. Employee portraits will be held in Crete again this month courtesy of the Office of Strategic Marketing and HR! To paraphrase a previous participant: Wow! These are actually good.

Come by on Tuesday, March 26 to Art/Ed room 136. The lights+camera action will happen from 2-4:30 p.m.

STAFF COUNCIL MISSION STATEMENT

We pledge to work in partnership with Doane faculty, students, the Leadership Team and the Board of Trustees to enrich the culture of Doane staff by supporting an inclusive, inviting and equitable community.

Staff Council serves as a communication conduit between staff and administration. Staff Council commits to providing a voice for staff to

formulate and endorse recommendations for action to improve the work environment, opportunities, policies and procedures for the betterment of

the Doane community.

Your 2023-24 Representatives

Brandon Rieschick — Chair

Brad Jenny — Chair Elect

Miranda Henderson — Secretary/Treasurer

Liz McCue — Vice Chair of Communications

Kaleb Arterburn — Vice Chair of Staff Recognition

Shalea Wood-Akers — Vice Chair of Staff Development/Events/Services

Denise Ellis — Co-Champion

Kerry Beezley — Co-Champion

Jenei Skillett — Liaison to the Leadership Team

TBD — Group 1: Maintenance, Facilities, Grounds, Events

Marie Knapp — Group 2: Academic Support, Advising, Library, Registrar, Institutional Research, Campus Directors, Faculty Secretaries

Liz McCue — Group 3: Instructional Design, Open Learning Academy, Information Technology, Service Center, Human Resources, Business Office, Student Accounts, Safety Office, Marketing

TBD — Group 4: Athletics

Stephanie Hemje — Group 5: Admissions, Enrollment, Career and Leadership, Diversity Equity & Inclusion, Financial Aid, Veterans Affairs, Residence Life and Education, Counseling, Nurse, International Students, Advancement, Alumni

Kelsee Dunn & Mellanie Gilroy — At-Large; Non-residential programs in Lincoln, Omaha, online and/or graduate programs



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