

Staff Council

Doane University Staff Council Newsletter
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The Canva logo is displayed in a stylized, cursive font. The letters are a mix of light blue and purple, with a soft gradient effect.

Thanks to all who attended!

Thank you so much for attending the recent Canva training! We were thrilled to see so many of you take time out of your day to join us. For those who were unable to participate, we've provided a link below to watch the recording at your convenience:

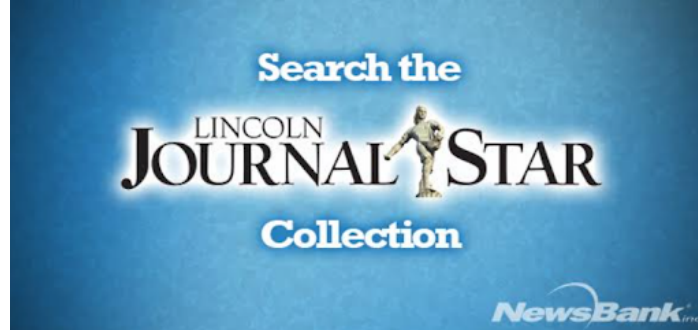
[Canva Training Video](#)*

Thanks again for your engagement and enthusiasm. If you have any questions or need assistance with Canva, please submit a request to the [Service Center](#).

*To view the Canva training video, you must be logged into your **Doane email account**, as access is restricted to users within the Doane workspace.

It's Your Library, Too!

Did you know Perkins Library serves Doane's staff as well as students and faculty? For the next few newsletters, we will offer one of the library's resources you can use!



Do you enjoy reading daily newspapers like the [Lincoln Journal-Star](#) or [USA Today](#) but don't want to subscribe to them? Then check out our newspaper database, [America's News](#)! This database offers full images (think print pages) of daily newspapers for both national and state news, including Nebraska papers from [Omaha](#), [York](#), [Kearney](#), and [North Platte](#). You can even create an alert to get the news in your Doane Gmail account daily!

If you'd like more information about this or any other library resource, contact one of the library staff: Jayne Germer or Tammy Roach. Or simply email library@doane.edu and we'll answer your question!

Thanks to all who attended the Employee Appreciation Event!

Your presence made the evening a fantastic success, filled with fun, laughter, and a little friendly competition at the casino tables. We are truly grateful for all you do and hope you enjoyed the games, prizes, and time spent celebrating together.



Your hard work and dedication make Doane University so incredible
— thank you for being part of it!



Tiger Shout Outs

Take a moment to brighten someone's day by posting a shout-out on the [Tiger Kudos Board](#). Celebrate those who go above and beyond and let them know their efforts truly make a difference!

Meet a Staff Council Member

Ian McKeithen, *Head Men's Basketball Coach*

Group 5: Division of Athletics

Explain what you do in under 10 words: Leading young men through life and sport.

What brought you to Doane? The opportunity to continue my coaching career after my previous institution shut down.



How long have you worked at Doane? Ten years.

What do you like most about your job? Having the ability to impact lives directly or indirectly on a daily basis. I also enjoy working with all of my colleagues here at Doane.

Are you a Doane graduate? No.

Tell us about your family and pets: I have a wife and 3 kids (Twin girls that are in 2nd grade, and a boy who is in 8th grade). We have a small dog named Kobe.

Where did you grow up? How big was your family? I grew up in San Diego, CA and attended my first two years of college at a community college in Imperial, CA before transferring to Dakota State University in Madison, SD. Aside from my parents I have 2 brothers and 1 sister. I am the oldest.

What's your favorite food & restaurant? I love Mexican food. I grew up with it and will eat it whenever I have a chance!

What hobbies do you enjoy? What do you do in your spare time? I enjoy golfing as much as I can while also spending quality time with my kids and family.

What's your favorite holiday & why? I really enjoy Christmas even more now that I have kids that are growing up. I enjoy getting to see their experiences during that time of the year.

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go? Anywhere tropical with a beach will do. I love the ocean and warm weather!

Tell us something others may not know about you: I think we covered it all!

Are you the next Staff Council member?



Who we are: Your co-workers! Elected to represent you in important University issues with the Leadership Team, Faculty Council, and Board of Trustees (BOT).

Why we exist: So staff voices can be heard on issues, and information can be shared both up to leadership and down from leadership.

Why you should participate: You get to meet colleagues from different departments and campuses. You represent your co-workers and get to know them better. You can plan fun activities to celebrate with your colleagues.

Time Commitment: Positions are a 2-year term (Chair-Elect/Chair is a 3-year commitment). The first year, you represent the work group you were elected into. Second year, you hold an executive role as a Vice-Chair, Secretary, or Chair-Elect. Staff council currently meets every other week for one hour. We are also invited to BOT meetings and host special events. Vice-Chairs (during

second year) will devote more time as they coordinate activities related to their position.

Interested? Contact your current Staff Council representative and ask them more questions. Submit your self-nomination or nominate a co-worker!

[Self Nominate](#)

[Nominate a Co-Worker](#)

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 2024-25 Representatives

Brad Jenny - Chair

Stephanie Hemje - Chair Elect

Kelsee Dunn - Secretary/Treasurer

Melissa Wichman - Vice Chair of Communications

Mellanie Gilroy - Vice Chair of Staff Recognition & Development

Marie Knapp - Vice Chair of Technology



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Sandy Koll - Group 1: Division of Advancement, Division of Enrollment Services

Emily Hand - Group 2: Division of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, Division of Human Resources, Division of Student Affairs

Josh Johnson - Group 3: Division of Academic Affairs, Business Office, Division of Institutional Effectiveness

Ted Jedlicka & Melissa Wichman - Group 4: Division of Technology Services, Facilities,
Public Safety

Ian McKeithen - Group 5: Division of Athletics

Catherine Archie-Johnson - At-Large; Non-residential programs in Lincoln, Omaha,
online and/or graduate programs
