

Staff Council

Doane University Staff Council Newsletter

April/May 2025

Staff Council-Sponsored Brunch on Stop Day 2025

Staff Council sponsored a delicious brunch for all staff and faculty during Stop Day 2025, a special day when the campus pauses for fun, connection, and celebration. This was our way of saying thank you for the hard work and dedication everyone has shown throughout the year!



Your Voice Matters! Connect with the Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees meetings will be on **Thursday, May 8th, and Friday, 9th**. As a valued member of our staff community, your insights and experiences are important. If you have any questions, comments, concerns, or feedback that you would like shared with the Board of Trustees, we encourage you to share these. Please complete the [BOT Spring Comments form](#), reach out to your Staff Council representative, or send an email to staff.council@doane.edu.



**Did you know that mental health concerns
often first appear between the ages of 18 and 25?**

At Doane University, we are committed to equipping our community with the tools to make a difference. In just 30 minutes, you will learn how to ACT - Acknowledge, Care, Tell - and step up as a lifesaver in your role as a staff member.

How to Access the Course:

1. Visit wise.digitalchalk.com and select "Create Account"
2. Enter name, email address, and chosen password, select "Create"
3. Enter the redemption code [doane] and select "Next"
4. View the dashboard and select the SOS for Higher Ed training that fits your role

Thank you in advance! - *Tigers Together Program*



Welcome to the New Elected Officials!

We are pleased to announce and welcome the newly elected officials to the Staff Council. These individuals have been selected by their peers to represent

the voices and interests of our staff community. Please join us in congratulating:

Megan Forbes - Group 1: Division of Advancement, Division of Enrollment Services

Andreea Baker (replacing Emily Hand) - Group 2: Community & Government Relations, Division of Human Resources, Division of Student Affairs

Suzanne Mealer - Group 2: Community & Government Relations, Division of Human Resources, Division of Student Affairs

Rachel Jank - Group 3: Division of Academic Affairs, Business Office, Division of Institutional Effectiveness

Krew Tran - Group 4: Division of Technology Services, Facilities, Public Safety

Aaron Blackman - Group 5: Division of Athletics

As members of the Staff Council, they will serve as key advocates for staff concerns and help build a stronger, more connected community across all campuses. We look forward to their leadership and are excited about the contributions they will bring.



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

Cat Archie-Johnson, *Director of the Lincoln Campus and SCC satellite location*

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

Explain what you do in under 10

words: I listen, I advocate, I help build community

What brought you to Doane? My experience as a student is what first attracted me to Doane. Doane has shown to be a close-knit community, and the support for the Doane Community is unmatched! It was easy choosing Doane as a place where I could come back as an employee to give back to the community.



How long have you worked at Doane? Since April 17, 2023

What do you like most about your job? Making connections be it people or resources, and finding solutions.

Are you a Doane graduate? Yes, Grad School MAM Program May 2014.

Tell us about your family: I have two amazing daughters (16 & 3).

Where did you grow up? All over, my dad was in the military, but predominantly in Nebraska.

How big was your family? Biologically 4 brothers and 1 sister, Marriage 7 step-sisters and 4 step-brothers.

What's your favorite food & restaurant? Grilled steak. Hereford House, Pappadeaux, Blue Sushi.

What hobbies do you enjoy? Spending time with family, Kick-boxing, painting, dancing, cooking/eating, crafting, traveling.

What do you do in your spare time? Support my children's hobbies & activities, working on Doactorate at Doane in the EdD program, run a business, volunteer, sit on the board for a couple of local non-profits.

What's your favorite holiday & why? Halloween, it's the one day of the year that is judgment free (for the most part).

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go? Tour of Africa, Trinidad, Tour of Central America.

Tell us something others may not know about you: Now why would I do that, if no one else knows??? A lot of people do not know that I am a military veteran. I served six years in the Air Force as a medic.

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

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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

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