

# Staff Council

Doane University Staff Council Newsletter  
*Winter 2025*

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## 🌟 Wrapping Up the Year — and Looking Ahead!

As we approach the end of another busy and meaningful year, let's take a moment to celebrate all we have accomplished together. And even better — there is a lot to look forward to in **2026!**

We have got some exciting events already on the horizon, including:

- **Staff Assembly** - Thursday, January 9, 2026, 3:30-4 p.m. in PCC, Trobough Room
- **Employee Appreciation Event** - Saturday, February 21, 2026, 7-10:30 p.m. at Robber's Cave in Lincoln
- **Relay for Life** - Friday, April 10, 2026, 6:00 p.m. on Crete campus

More details will come as we get closer, but for now, mark your calendars and get ready for a year filled with connection, celebration, and community spirit.

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## 🎄 Spread Some Holiday Cheer! 🎵



The Staff and Faculty Councils invite you to join us in sharing holiday cheer with the residents of The Gardens, Tabitha, and/or the Doane Village on **Thursday, December 11**, from approximately **3:30–5:00 p.m.** Whether you are a seasoned singer or just love spreading cheer, everyone is welcome!

Please complete the [interest form](#) to sign up and share your contact information. Additional details will be sent to participants.

Questions? Contact your faculty or staff council representative, or Megan Forbes [[megan.forbes@doane.edu](mailto:megan.forbes@doane.edu)].

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## Board of Trustees Meeting Notes

Staff Council attended the Board of Trustees meetings held on October 16th and 17th and took detailed notes to document the discussions. We invite you to review the [Board of Trustees Meeting Notes](#). If you have any questions, please send an email to [staff.council@doane.edu](mailto:staff.council@doane.edu).

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## 🍴 A Deal Worth Savoring! 🥗

Did you know our dining hall offers a fantastic meal bundle:  
**15 meals for just \$75? That is only \$5 per meal!**

Whether you are powering through a busy day, grabbing a quick bite between meetings, or when you don't feel like cooking, this deal serves up convenience and savings. For more information, check out [Dining Accounts](#) and grab your meal bundle today!



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## The Sweet Spot: Employee Table Alert!

Looking for a friendly spot to enjoy lunch with colleagues? Check out the employee lunch tables — the **large round ones located between the booths and the salad bar**. These tables are open for employees to gather, connect, and chat.

If you take a seat there — or spot someone already relaxing with their meal — it's your sign that they are open to conversation. Grab your lunch, pull up a chair, and enjoy some casual conversation with colleagues. It's the easiest way to connect, unwind, and make lunch a little sweeter.

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## 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!

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## Meet a Staff Council Member

**Devin Marvin**, Senior Accountant

**Group 3 Representative**

**Explain what you do in under 10**

**words:** I manage the general ledger, assist with month-end and year-end close processes, assist with audits, and back-up Payroll, Accounts Payable, and Student Accounts with deposits.

**What brought you to Doane?**

Accounting role close to home.

**How long have you worked at**

**Doane?** 3 and a half years

**Are you a Doane graduate?** 2019

Alum and was a first-gen college student. I also graduated with my MBA in 2025.



**What do you like most about your job?** I enjoy the variety of my work because it allows me to develop a broad skill set and adapt to new challenges.

**Tell us about your family:** I have been married for 6 years, and we have two children: Maya, 3, and Major is currently 10 months old. We do have a horgi (Husky corgi mix), and she has the absolute worst breath.

**Where did you grow up?** I grew up in Milford, NE, out in the country with my 3 siblings. I am the 2nd of 4 with an older sister and two younger brothers.

**What hobbies do you enjoy?** I am a big reader when I have free time - psychological thrillers mainly.

**What's your favorite holiday & why?** Christmas is a household favorite holiday. We enjoy going to see the lights, drinking hot chocolate, and listening to Christmas music, especially now that our toddler can sing! We also reflect on the fact that Jesus is the reason for the season and we are saved, "She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." Matthew 1:21

*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.*

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## **Your 2025-26 Staff Council Representatives**

All staff are welcome to attend Staff Council meetings, held every other **Tuesday from 2:00–3:00 p.m.** in the **Education Conference Room** (Art/Ed 223) or via **Zoom** (below).

**Next meetings:** 12/9, 12/23, 1/6, 1/20, 2/3, 2/17

Curious about what we have been working on? Our website includes **meeting minutes** and **agendas**, so you can always stay up to date on council discussions and activities. Stop by, share your voice, and stay connected!

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

[Staff Council Site](#)

**Stephanie Hemje** - Chair

**Sandy Koll** - Chair Elect

**Andreea Baker** - Secretary/Treasurer

**Melissa Wichman** - Vice Chair of Communications

**Catherine Archie-Johnson** - Vice Chair of Staff  
Recognition & Development

**Ted Jedlicka** - Vice Chair of Technology



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

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

**Josh Johnson & Devin Marvin** - 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

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

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