

STAFF COUNCIL

April 2017

Newsletter



Did You Know?

Easter is Sunday, April 16th.

The Annual Employee Development Day is on Wed., May 17. Anyone interested in presenting or volunteering call Rosie Ruiz at ext.5826. Last call for presentations is April 7.

Nominate a deserving staff member for the Staff Council KUDOS awards! This monthly award is presented to a staff member for going above and beyond in his/her job and chosen randomly at the monthly Staff Council Meeting. Nominations are accepted at Staff Council meetings or can be sent via e-mail to staff.council@tamucc.edu.

Staff Council recycles used printer cartridges of all types to raise funds that directly benefit the University community and our environment. [Click here](#) for a list of drop off locations. To report a location that requires emptying, please email staff.council@tamucc.edu.



Annual Employee Luncheon

Thank you to all who participated in the Annual Employee Luncheon on March 14, 2017, in the Island Hall Gym. The Beach Bash was a hit with hamburgers and hotdogs, photo booth fun, music, and great door prizes. Thanks to your support, Staff Council raised over \$1200 in the silent auction benefiting the Dorothy Yeater Scholarship Fund.

Administrative Professionals' Week

Administrative Professionals' Day is Wed., April 26. The Administrative Professionals Celebration is on Tuesday, April 25, from 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m., in the UC, Lone Star Ballroom. Enjoy breakfast/brunch with a message from Dr. Quintanilla.

Don't forget to show your appreciation to an Administrative Professional! Beginning on March 29, Staff Council will be selling a tote bag filled with healthy snacks for \$10! All proceeds will benefit the Dorothy Yeater Scholarship Fund. You may pick up the bag between April 24-26 in Library 218 or Staff Council can deliver the bag to your recipient on April 26. To place an order or if you have any questions contact Staff Council at ext. 2745 or Staff.Council@tamucc.edu.



Dorothy Yeater Scholarship

Applications for the Summer 2017 scholarship will be accepted on April 3-May 12. Please [click here](#) for more details on the Dorothy Yeater Scholarship.

Staff Council elections will be held sometime in May. If you are considering whether or not to nominate yourself, come to our April 24 meeting to see what being on the council is like.

Islander Awards Celebration and Employee Excellence Awards

Please post your calendar for Friday, April 21 at 1:30 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. At the UC, Anchor Ballroom. Service pins and faculty and staff excellence awards will be presented and a Parade of Achievers will be honored for their achievements. Faculty and staff are encouraged to visit with retirees prior to the event and then join in celebrating with honorees. Family and friends are also welcome to attend!

New IT security enhancements at TAMU-CC will change the way staff and faculty access applications.

On **April 3**, TAMU-CC will be enhancing security on Blackboard, Banner, and a variety of applications used at TAMU-CC. Implementing these new security measures will change the way all faculty and staff will access campus applications. Instead of typing a username and password, all faculty and staff will also have to authenticate using a system called Duo. Each faculty and staff user must take steps to prepare for this change to Duo. During the month of March, each faculty and staff user should enroll in Duo and register at least two devices (e.g., a smartphone and an office phone). To learn how to do this, go to the following website: it.tamucc.edu/twostep.

On **April 3**, faculty and staff who have not taken these steps will be unable to login to Blackboard/Banner as well as other applications. If you need more assistance, contact the TAMU-CC IT Helpdesk at (361) 825-2692.

[Click here](#) to see all the fun events happening this month at the Art Museum of South Texas!

TAMU-CC Presidential Search News

Staff Council will now be represented on the Presidential search committee by Christopher Palfreyman, President.

[Click here](#) to see the complete list of members of members on the search committee. While the nature of this search is confidential, comments or feedback may be sent to anyone on the committee.

*Staff is also represented on this committee by Ms. Dechant and Dr. Albrecht.

Wellness Service Expo-April 19

Campus and community agencies, organizations, and businesses supporting wellness services will be providing educational tables, interactive demos, and opportunities for engagement at the Dugan Wellness Center.

Catapult Health Checkup

Texas A&M University System has partnered with Catapult Health to provide free and confidential preventive on-campus health checkups to all TAMU-CC employees covered under the A&M Care health plan. Appointments are available on April 18, May 16,-18 from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Dugan Wellness Center, room 243. An appointment is required. Click www.TimeConfirm.com/TAMUCC to schedule your appointment.

Completion of a Catapult Health Preventive Checkup will qualify as the annual wellness exam for the purpose of the Wellness Incentive Program. Exams will involve a blood test and a private virtual meeting with a licensed Nurse Practitioner who will answer your questions and if needed help create an action plan for improving your health. [Click here](#) for more information.

Important Payroll Changes

Beginning September 1, non-exempt employees who are paid on a monthly basis will transition to the biweekly payroll to be paid every two weeks. This change will not alter the annual salary or hourly rate a non-exempt employee is paid. For more information, [click here](#), all ext.5792, or email payroll@tamucc.edu.

Payroll invites non-exempt employees to attend one of 3 workshops to assist you in calculating your bi-weekly net pay, [click here](#) for details.

Contact Us:

- Visit our website: Staffcouncil.tamucc.edu
or
- E-mail us at: Staff.council@tamucc.edu.
- Call 825-2745
- Office: LIB 218
- Contact your EEO representative (found on website)

No snowflake in an avalanche ever feels responsible.
Stanislaw Jerzy Lec

Meeting Notice

Staff Council's next general meeting will be:
April 25, 2017
UC, Bayview 320
3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.