

# The Byrd's View to Keep You Informed



**Hello Staff Member,**

I was negligent last week in recognizing all the volunteers that assisted with the Staff Council luncheons so I want to begin this edition recognizing them. To all the volunteers, please know that your assistance and involvement with the luncheons was appreciated by all of us (Staff Council representatives and Staff Employees). I want to give special appreciation to Kimberly Thompson and Alida VanEtton for all their contributions and efforts to making the annual recognition events a success. President-elect Mia Benkenstein told me that all the volunteers made the job she had to do this year easier and for that I want everyone to know how appreciative we are for your commitment to helping out.

Well, there are only three weeks left in the semester before finals and the graduation ceremony. It seems like we just started the semester a few weeks ago so I have no clue where the time went. However, for some of you, you have a real good idea where the time went and what student you spent the majority of your time on. I just want to remind you how emotional and excited you will be in four weeks when you see that student walk across the graduation stage and shake the hand of the president and take ownership of that diploma cover. I know most people are not like me, but I tend to get emotional at the sight of that student accomplishment. It refuels me so I'm ready for the next school year and all the unexpected things that I will need to do to help a student be successful in their academic journey. If you can, come out and celebrate with your graduating students on Saturday, May 6, 2017 at 10am in Holt Arena. And yes, if you come you have to stay for the entire event as all your students need to see you in attendance. Hope to see you at graduation in four weeks.

Dr. James 'Byrd' Yizar  
2016/17 Staff Council President

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Week of April 10, 2017:

## Staff Council News

- **IMPORTANT** ----- This is the last week to submit names of individuals to run for a seat on Staff Council, so please get your nominations in before April 15, 2017. Remember, serving as a representative on Staff Council has its benefits and if you know someone who likes extra benefits (working with others to accomplish a group goal) then Staff Council is for them. Also, it might be for you so don't be afraid to nominate yourself.

## Activities/Events Notices

- The last Staff Council event for the year will be on Wednesday, April 26 at the ISU Softball game vs Boise State University. Event is free to all and Staff Council is inviting all staff and faculty members to attend and to bring a canned food item with them to the game to donate to Benny's Pantry. More details on this event are coming soon.
- Visit the events calendar at <http://www2.isu.edu/calendar/> to see list of other university events for the rest of the month.

**Check the Staff Council webpage on a regular basis for Byrd's View to keep you informed and remember you can contact your Staff Council representative to get additional information.**