

The Byrd's View to Keep You Informed



Hello Staff Member,

I hope you got an opportunity to attend the Employee Recognition Luncheon on your respective campus last week. From the feedback received, staff members liked the format changes and the picture tribute to those being recognized. I can't tell you how many responses said "I have talked to that individual many times but never knew what they looked like."

I would like to personally thank the Human Resources department for their sponsorship of the annual event and the Employee Luncheon Committee for a job well done. Special recognition to Brian Atkinson, Stefanie Shaddock, Michelle Munoz, and Brad Broschinsky for the work they performed on their respective campuses for the luncheons. Special accolades have to go out to past-president Sharra Nelson, Chelsie Rauh, Brain Kraft, Julie VanLeuven, and president-elect Mia Benkenstein for their contributions to the luncheons and for traveling to the Idaho Falls, Twin Falls, and Meridian campuses with me. We had a wonderful time getting to know each other and all I can say now without breaking the slogan promise of "what is said in the car-stays in the car" is that your president-elect will be fun to work with and is a crazy (good kind), wild (again good kind), energetic leader who has some fantastic plans for next year, so get some rest everyone as we will need it to keep up with her. To all the other Staff Council representatives that helped with the luncheons, THANK YOU for your time and assistance at the annual event. I am blessed to have the opportunity to work with such special caring people as you.

In closing, the food was exceptionally great this year so THANK YOU to Chartwells for the Idaho Falls and Pocatello meals, to Great Harvest Bread for the rolls, muffins, and treats in Twin Falls, and to Whatever Works Catering for the wonderful spread in Meridian. I got to tell you that I will need to walk twice as much this week on the treadmill to burn off all the calories I took in last week. While walking that much won't be fun, I will have a big smile on my face because of everything that Staff Council was able to do last week for all of the university staff employees. I hope all staff employees had a wonderful time and know how much we appreciate all of you.

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

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Week of April 3, 2017:

Staff Council News

- **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR YOU**---There are only a few days left to submit names of individuals to run for a seat on Staff Council, so please get your nominations in before April 15, 2017. Check your email for information on what the procedure is and if you didn't get an email about Staff Council elections, you can email staff@isu.edu and we will get you the information right away. Serving on Staff Council is rewarding and allows you the opportunity to represent your colleagues' needs and concerns to make the university environment a better place to work. Do you know someone who cares about their fellow university employees? If so, Staff Council is the place for them so don't be afraid to nominate someone today and have them join us as we are working together to make ISU the best place to work in Higher Education.

Activities/Events Notices

- 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.