Words from the Chair

The Arts & Science Staff Network has a remarkable tradition of community service and outreach, and one component of that tradition that I'm particularly proud of is our individual participation in the local school and food drives.

This year’s school drive benefited Sturgeon Primary School and Hatton McCredie School. The principal at Sturgeon Elementary was so excited and touched by the donations that our staff so willingly donated – He stated that the need was great and that our donations were extremely appreciated. Thank you so much for all that you contributed.

Our food drive was a great success this year! We were able to collect 994 lbs. of donated food and $220 which provided over 2,000 meals across Boone County. This has been such a challenging year and your support has literally kept the food flowing to many people who have never needed food assistance before. Peggy Kirkpatrick, Executive Director at Central Missouri Food Bank told us of a call she received from a gentleman who had just moved his family to town since there were still jobs available around Columbia. They had spent all their money on renting a trailer and getting the utilities turned on. He and his wife both found jobs but they would not get paid for two weeks. They had no money and they had no food for their family. They met at the food bank and they were able to obtain some boxes of food. As he was taking the food, he started crying and said “I am so ashamed. I have never needed help like this before.” This man was weeping out of shame, out of desperation and out of relief because his family would be fed. Because of your generous donations, families like this one can find some relief from hunger. A quote comes to mind “We were not put on this earth to see through each other, but to see each other through”. Once again, thank you so much for all that you have done!

We look forward to many good things this year, our annual bowling tournament and our bi-annual retreat – which promises to be bigger and better than ever! We look forward to serving you this year! If you have any suggestions on how we can make the ASSN work better for you, please feel free to contact us.

Best regards,

Sandy Kietzman, Chair

Arts & Science Staff Network

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Someone you should know: Jenny Miller

I have lived in Columbia 21 years now and have officially been converted to a Tiger instead of an Indiana Hoosier! This next week I will celebrate my second year at the front desk of Academic Exploration and Advising Services in the Student Success Center, after 20 years of being a "stay at home mom"! I do miss being at home but my co-workers are wonderful, including the students that work in our office. They have been an encouragement and support to me as an individual which makes me a better person. I enjoy being able to help students who come into our office, after all they are just bigger kids and I'm used to kids. I've seen them at my desk when they were a little lost...concerned...frustrated...crying...exploring...got everything together...declaring their major with enthusiasm...and one that asks if I want to go to lunch! I have to confess the lunch student would be my own son. Yes, I am proud to be a "Mizzou parent" also. I am looking forward to another exciting year at MU.

Upcoming Events

ASSN Events Planned for the 2008-2009 Academic Year

Be sure and mark your calendar now for these upcoming events!

February 20: Bowling at Town & Country Lanes

March 2 - March 13: Charity Drive for Ronald McDonald House

April 22: Retreat/Luncheon at Peachtree Catering & Banquet Center

May 4 - May 15: Second Food Drive for the Central Missouri Food Bank
Carol Martin attended the MO Academic Advising Association State Conference on September 11th & 12th at the Lake of the Ozarks. She was awarded $150.00 to attend this conference. Carol indicated that her favorite session was entitled "Steps for Success--A Return to Good Academic Standing". Attending state conferences is a great way to build excellent working relationships with our community college colleagues. It’s nice to be able to put a name and a face together as we both work to help our transferring student population.

The Arts & Science Staff Network created the A&S Staff Enrichment Award in order to help develop nonacademic staff as a human resource and foster continued education and professional development. The award is intended to support participation in short courses, workshops, conferences, and similar short-term experiences. Applicants must be a full-time (at least 75% FTE), permanent nonacademic staff of the College of Arts and Science who have completed six months of continuous employment with MU. If you are interested in applying for the Enrichment Award go to the Arts & Science Staff Network web site and fill out the form.
The Department of Art History and Classical Archaeology is located in Pickard Hall on the Francis Quadrangle. Currently, there are 9 faculty and 3 staff members in the department. With nearly 80 undergraduate majors and 25 graduate students, we all stay very busy. The department also is home for the Visual Resources Center (http://aha.missouri.edu/research_resources/VRC.html) that has an extensive collection of images and other materials for use in teaching and research. The Cast Gallery in Pickard Hall is a magnificent collection of plaster casts mainly of Greek and Roman sculptures. John Pickard collected these casts in Europe beginning in 1895 (http://aha.missouri.edu/research_resources/castgallery.html). The Museum of Art and Archaeology is located in Pickard Hall as well and the two departments have enjoyed a long history of working together for the advancement of teaching and research.

For more information about Art History and Classical Archaeology, please go to the department’s web page or feel free to stop by (http://aha.missouri.edu/welcome.html).
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCE STAFF

RECOGNITION ENDOWMENT FUND

The Arts and Science Staff Network Board has identified an opportunity to increase recognition of the excellent staff of the College by establishing an endowed fund that will augment, not replace, the resources already generously provided by the Dean of the College of Arts and Science. This endowment is to be used solely for the College of Arts and Science Staff Awards. It is the desire of the Network Board to enlarge the endowment to ultimately allow recognition of staff in each job category and to continue to increase the value of the awards. I hope everyone received his or her letter in the mail in which to donate to this worthy cause. If not, please email Jessie Becker at Beckerjes@missouri.edu and she will put you on the list to send donation information regarding the Endowment Fund.

WELCOME

The names listed below are new employees in the College of Arts and Science. The Arts and Science Staff Network Board members would like to welcome you to the College. Please feel free to contact us and we wish you all the best in your new positions.

Miranda Atkinson, Academic Advisor II, Psychological Sciences
Tara Bailey, Secretary, Psychological Sciences
Bret Glass, Office Support III, Psychological Sciences
Matt Wells, Office Support II, English

Note: If you are a new staff member in the College of Arts and Science and we have not mentioned you here, please accept our apologies! Send us your name and information and we will be sure to acknowledge you in the next newsletter.

FINAL NOTES...

We want to let everyone know that there are a few Centennial Cookbooks for sale and they would make great last minute Christmas gifts at $10 each. Contact Patty Eggleston at EgglestonP@missouri.edu or 882-2481.

Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone. All the best to everyone in 2009!