



The Mid-Summer Fun Fest included an array of activities, such as the cash cab, lawn games, rock painting, sweet and savory treats, and a dunking booth. Despite the sunshine at the start of the event, a spontaneous summer storm swept through the area, but did not spoil the fun.

Mid-Summer Fun Fest in rain and shine

For the second year, Staff Council held its Mid-Summer Fun Fest. While Staff Council members from the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 terms were part of making this event happen, former Staff Council President Dane Glenn, and the Staff Appreciation and Events Committee and Spirit Committee took on the majority to duties and planning.

Chairs for those committees include Beth Mowry for Staff Appreciation and Events 2021-2022, Lauren Gaston for Staff

Appreciation and Events 2022-2023, Brittney Lee for Spirit 2021-2022, and Goodie Demiraz 2022-2023.

The newly formed Fundraising Committee, which was chaired by Lauren Gaston in 2021-2022 and Lynn Garrett in 2022-2023, also worked to secure funding and donations for the event. Thank you to everyone who helped in anyway, especially those who helped tear down the setup in the rain. There were more than 80 staff members in attendance.

University messaging featured at July meeting

Kelly Polden spoke about new University branding efforts. Several Staff Council members gave input, and suggested highlighting accomplishments within departments to tie into campaign. They also voiced a need for each department needed to be briefed about what is going on across campus to increase the likelihood of more consistent messaging.

It was noted that Chris Rea is the webmaster and may be a possible resource for fillable online forms.

ASK STAFF COUNCIL

Have a question about Staff Council or WT? Scan the QR code to submit a question. You have the option to stay anonymous or to be contacted directly. If anonymous, questions and answers may be highlighted on social media.



Staff Employee of the Month named for July, August

Each month, the Employee of the Month Committee of Staff Council selects a WT staff member to honor. This process is done through a nomination process, followed by a vote through a rubric system.

The July 2022 Staff Employee of the Month was Glendis Villasmil-Sultan. Glendis, the former manager of student employment in Human Resources, was celebrated July 20 and awarded gifts and a certificate in a reception outside President Walter V. Wendler's office suite.

"She constantly goes above and beyond to make sure our student workers are taken care of in the hiring process," according to her nomination letter. "She truly cares about her job and about the students who are coming to work for WT."

The August Staff Employee of the Month is Dane Glenn, Student Success Coordinator for the Sybil B. Harrington College of Fine Arts and Humanities. Dane will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 29, on the third floor of Old Main.



Dr. Walter Wendler, left, President of WT, presents Glendis Villasmil-Sultan with July Staff Employee of the Month. Steven Knadle, Staff Council Vice President, conducted the event.

"Dane is also a strong advocate for WT and the university community, and, to my mind, consistently represents all things FAH and WT in a positive manner to everyone," according to his nomination letter.

"Frankly, Dane is someone who takes the initiative in reaching out to our department to see how he can help us, how he can promote our events, and see if there are things that he can do for our students."



Dane Glenn

To nominate a deserving employee for Employee Staff Council of the Month, submit a nomination form through Submittable, which can be found on the Staff Council webpage. WT appreciates the efforts of the employees to achieve goals and maintain the vision of the University. Outstanding employees are to be recognized both as a reward for their performance but also to serve as a model for other employees.

WT Staff and SSC employees are eligible to be nominated for Employee of the Month, but faculty and student workers are not eligible. Please review the nomination process rules, procedures and eligibility before nominating.

Staff Council to offer Mental Health First Aid

Staff Council held its most recent meeting on Aug. 11. Dane Glenn discussed an offer from Texas Panhandle Centers to train staff on Mental Health First Aid. The seven-hour course will consist of two hours on one's own time and five sessions held in person.

The training would be free of charge. Diane Brice made a motion to host the training and make it open to all WT staff, which was seconded by Steven Knadle. The training will cap at 30 people. More information will be available at a later date for those interested in participating.

JOIN US FOR A MEETING

Staff Council meetings are open to the public. Staff Council meets at 2 p.m. the second Thursday of each month in the Student Senate Chamber Room of the JBK. We welcome visitors!

Happy Birthday!


FROM STAFF COUNCIL

We want to give you a day off for your birthday!

Once you have a date approved, follow these steps:

1. In Workday, select the time off icon
2. Under request, click on time off
3. Select a date on or 30 days after your birthday
4. Click the request time off button
5. Select "Other Emergencies"
6. Under comment, type birthday


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