CEHS Staff Council - 2014

The mission of the Staff Council is to enhance the work environment for staff, promote team work that benefits the CEHS community, and to advocate for staff within that community.

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**Staff Council Upcoming Events**

Spring Events:

Staff Council Meeting
Thursday, April 17, 2014,
10:00am
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CEHS Staff Council
International Lunch

**Dan Hartig, Staff Star!**

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CONGRATULATIONS to Dan Hartig, Specialist in the Instructional Design Center, for being selected as the June recipient of our Staff Star Award!!

Some of the things Dan’s nominators said about him are:

- Dan is an innovator that supports the teaching and outreach mission of CEHS and UNL’s land grant mission. In the past two years he has helped our department produce over 200 videos supporting instruction and generating interest with our students, Nebraska and reaching all corners of the world. With his guidance and help, a series of online videos were created on technology integration for Chinese educators. The result was an overwhelming acceptance and over 60K hits on our videos in 4 months. Dan has expertise in filming and editing that makes our ability to generate meaningful digital content exceptional. Dan has been producing and posting two weekly shows on top of everything else he is doing for our programs and college. When students host our shows Dan serves as a guiding hand and calming influence. In short I believe that Dan is innovative, doing things no one else is currently doing, and is serving above and beyond the call.

- Dan has been a fantastic asset with my work with preservice elementary teachers teaching science. While his job is to record videos of my students, Dan takes time to talk with me about what he is able to see that I often don’t see. He also encourages me to try new and innovative practices in my course instruction. With his wealth of knowledge about videoing, in many ways,

Thursday, April
10, 2014,
11:30am
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RSVP to Joan
Kunzman
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Dan is my collaborator in developing course experiences that impact the students’ knowledge of teaching and learning.

- Dan has made tremendous strides in using video for educational YouTube and other social media outreach for CEHS, particularly for TLTE. He has learned how to use analytics to gauge the success of each effort. He has worked to streamline the process for those faculty, staff and students with which he works. His focus and attention to detail results in continuous quality improvement and viewership. Recent efforts on Chinese YouTube have proven successful. Dan has shown leadership, a willingness to learn new skills and a positive attitude through this endeavor.

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2013-2014 Staff Council members gathered for lunch with staff members recruited to the council for two-year terms beginning in 2014. We thank the members whose terms are ending - Melisa Bieber, Carrie Brownyard, Valerie Crook, and Sandie Hager - for doing such a great job over the past two years. We welcome new members Ben Bannon, Ann Grasmick, Roz Hussin, Marj McKinty, and Dean Young. 2014-2015 will be the second year for Julie Catalina, Joan Kunzman, and Allison Nespor.

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International Luncheon ()

Posted on 2014-05-01
CEHS staff enjoyed a delicious international hors d'oeuvres buffet prepared and served by students of Dr. Fayrene Hamouz April 10 at the International Quilt Study Center & Museum. Those attending could sample dishes from Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Americas.

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Marj McKinty, Staff Star! ()

Posted on 2014-04-07

CONGRATULATIONS to MARJ MCKINTY, Administrative Associate in the Nebraska Center for Research on Children, Youth, Families and Schools, for being selected as the April recipient of our Staff Star Award!!
Some of the things Marj’s nominator said about her are:

- Marj fulfills her role outstandingly, going above and beyond in everything she does. She routinely anticipates the needs of everyone with whom she works and strives to fill these needs even before they become evident. Marj meets every request efficiently and effectively, and juggles the many, many tasks that are part of her regular responsibilities while still being effective in meeting the multiple “urgent” requests that come her way.

- Always greeting everyone with a warm smile and a pleasant word, Marj is quick to stop what she is working on to meet someone else’s request, and then goes back to her work as though the interruption were not an interruption for her. She is able to provide solutions when others see problems.

- Marj provided exceptional staff support for our Big Idea Seminar Event which entailed multiple months of planning and preparation bringing together faculty, researchers and students across multiple departments, colleges and within the community. Her organizational skills, positive engagement and efficiency contributed greatly throughout the planning and implementation process. It was not only a joy to work with Marj but also to learn from her on how to work graciously under stress and pressure, and how to efficiently tackle multiple tasks and demands.
Staff Technology Workshops

Posted on 2014-03-19

CEHS Staff Council is offering Staff Technology Workshops again this year. March 25th (spring break) we will have two morning sessions available for sign up (with lunch following in TEAC 105). To RSVP (https://docs.google.com/forms/d/10dq-MYaoQEpcfd5SbmjHpztkzWzETXHRsVhlocJcUqk/viewform) please click on the link below. RSVP's are due Friday, March 21st by NOON. See class descriptions below.

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Tuesday, March 25th
City Campus (Teacher's College & Mabel Lee)

Session 1: 9:00-10:15am
Session 2: 10:30-11:45am
Lunch: 12:00-1:00pm

Descriptions of Classes

Outlook/Lync Tips & Tricks: Learn the most useful and under-used tips when working in Outlook for Windows. Find out what Lync is and how it can help you better communicate with your colleagues. There will be time for a Q&A. If you have a laptop, bring it along!

Excel Tips & Tricks: Come to learn some tips and tricks in excel. There will be time for Q&A so bring your own spreadsheets if you have specific questions. This class will be taught in the PC lab (Windows). We will have apple laptops available for MAC users.

Adobe® Connect™: Adobe® Connect™ is a web conferencing platform that can be used for web meetings, remote training, or a simple online gathering. Connect is free and is simple to get started with. In this session you will learn how easy it is to have a basic online meeting, share your screen remotely, and get started with the fundamentals of using this tool and customizing it to fit your specific needs.

We will confirm your attendance after we receive your RSVP. If you have any questions, contact Jess Hustad jhustad2@unl.edu or 2-2231.

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Rasma Strautkalns, Staff Star!

Posted on 2014-02-28

CONGRATULATIONS to Rasma Strautkalns, Staff Secretary II for the Buros Center for Testing, for being selected as the February recipient of our Staff Star Award!!

Some of the things Rasma’s nominator said about her are:

- Rasma manages the front office of the Buros Center and is the sole provider of clerical support for the publications unit, which publishes three major reference book series. She is both dependable and conscientious and demonstrates a natural tendency to help others.

- As the first point of contact for all who visit the Center, Rasma is professional, courteous, and attentive. She is exceptionally diligent--arriving early to work in order to ensure that the office is truly “open and ready for business” at 8 a.m. not just “open.” To expedite certain aspects of our work, Rasma often carries parcels or letters across campus to deliver them by hand to the addressee.

- Rasma is an enthusiastic team player who consistently acts in the best interest of our organization. We depend on her to establish, maintain, or restore order, and to (simply) get things done or help us to do so.

Rasma said, "When you have a wonderful department with a
wonderful, wonderful staff, it’s just easy to do those things.”

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India Brown Bag ()

Posted on 2014-02-28

Dr. Dipra Jha and Dr. Marilynn Schnepf and three of their HRTM students displayed pictures and souvenirs from the first HRTM International Study Tour. Three faculty members and 18 students visited Delhi, Agra, Ranthambore, and Jaipur, learning in depth what is required to provide a 5-star hotel experience.
Don't Worry, Be Happy: Positive Psychology and the Art of Happiness

Posted on 2014-01-15
Please Join Us

Don’t Worry, Be Happy: Positive Psychology and the Art of Happiness

Date: Thursday Jan. 30th
Time: 12:00 - 1:00 pm
Place: City Campus Union - Colonial Room

Presented by Robert N. Portney, Ph.D. Licensed Psychologist
Department Head Counseling and Psychological Services, UNL

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