



Doane staff members worked their tails off to put together events this month, including the Back to School Community Picnic (pictured above) and move-in days.

Staff Council

Doane University Staff Council Monthly Newsletter
September 2023

Updates

Per the announcement on Tuesday, Aug. 29, Doane is outsourcing its custodial services, which is impacting 17 full- and part-time staff members, including Group 1 representative, Kodie Kershner.

President Roger Hughes held a Town Hall meeting on August 31. Have questions? Share them with your Staff Council representative and we'll bring them to the attention of the Leadership Team. We're already working with Anne Ziola on the changes mentioned for performance reviews/evaluations.

A new campus plan is in the works, and will be shared with Staff Council in the future. Until then, Group 5 representative Stephanie Hemje is our liaison during that project.

We're considering an all staff assembly and want your thoughts! Before the start of the academic year, Faculty Council leads Fall Faculty Days, which includes presentations on different subjects. We want to know — is there something you can speak to that would benefit all staff members? Is there something you want to know more about? Reply to this email with suggestions!



The lavender in front of the Chab Weyer Education and Hixson-Lied Art Building looked fabulous this summer!

September Events

Academic Success Center Open House

Thursday, Sept. 7
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
ASC Office in Comms. Building, in Crete

Allo Fiber Tailgate

Saturday, Sept. 9
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Outside of Fuhrer Fieldhouse in Crete.
Followed by Doane vs. Dakota Wesleyan at 1 p.m.

Generational Wellness: How we can encourage wellness across campus

Monday, Sept. 18
11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
The Academic Success Center is hosting speaker Raymond Achille in the Art/Ed building in Crete.

Lunch & Learn: edX/2U

Monday, Sept. 18
11:30 a.m.
Trobaugh Conference Room in Perry Campus Center in Crete

Doane Theatre presents: "A Midsummer Night's Dream"

Sept. 28, 29, 30
[Tickets are free](#) for Doane staff and faculty!
Curtains open at 7:30 p.m.
Inside the Whitcomb Lee Conservatory in Crete

Homecoming

[See the full events schedule](#)

And join the non-residential staff in Lincoln for a Homecoming tailgate on Thursday, Sept. 28 from 1-3 p.m. More information to come on Sept. 14!



Meet a member of Staff Council

Meet Brad Jenny — Staff Council Chair-Elect! But by day, he's head coach of cross country and assistant track and field coach. He's been at Doane for 24 years, and was a Tiger athlete himself even before then, graduating in 1993. He says Coach Fred Beile saved him from a coaching job at another school up the road.

Brad married Jenny (yes, Jenny Jenny), a fellow Doane grad. Together, they have two boys, Miles (13) and Pacen (8), and one pup, a Weimaraner named Rey. The Alma, Nebraska native (go Cards!) says his favorite meal and favorite restaurant can be summed up with: whatever is cooking on the fire in their back patio.

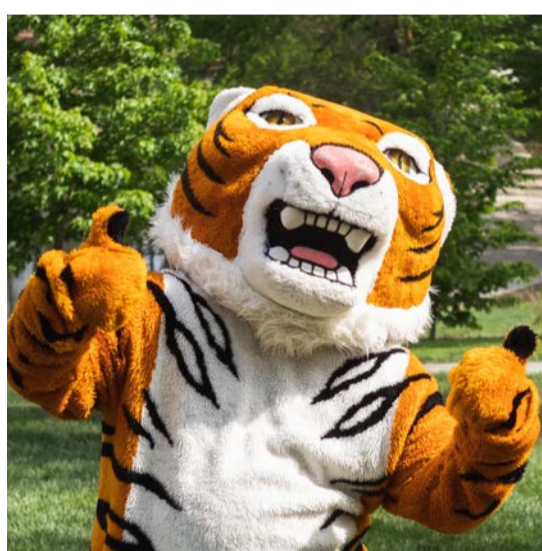
Good to know!

Doane now has a Student Emergency Assistance Fund! This fund will be available to students enrolled in classes in Crete, Lincoln or Omaha who need a little financial help to support them through an unexpected circumstance, such as:

- Covering college-related expenses if a student has a sudden loss of income.
- Paying for transportation to medical appointments if students don't have a car
- Supporting living expenses as a student transitions or moves out of an unhealthy living situation

[Donations](#) to the fund can be made online.

Doane University fun fact



Did you know that the Doane Tiger mascot is named Thomas? He's named after Thomas Doane, who founded the university in 1872.

STAFF COUNCIL MISSION STATEMENT

We pledge to work in partnership with Doane faculty, students, the Leadership Team and the Board of Trustees to enrich the culture of Doane staff by supporting an inclusive, inviting and equitable community. Staff Council serves as a communication conduit between staff and administration. Staff Council commits to providing a voice for staff to formulate and endorse recommendations for action to improve the work environment, opportunities, policies and procedures for the betterment of the Doane community.

Your 2023-24 Representatives

Brandon Rieschick — Chair

Brad Jenny — Chair Elect

Miranda Henderson — Secretary/Treasurer

Liz McCue — Vice Chair of Communications

Kaleb Arterburn — Vice Chair of Staff Recognition

Shalea Wood-Akers — Vice Chair of Staff Development/Events/Services

Denise Ellis — Co-Champion

Kerry Beezley — Co-Champion

Jenei Skillett — Liaison to the Leadership Team

Kodie Kershner — Group 1: Maintenance, Facilities, Grounds, Events

Marie Knapp — Group 2: Academic Support, Advising, Library, Registrar, Institutional Research, Campus Directors, Faculty Secretaries

Liz McCue — Group 3: Instructional Design, Open Learning Academy, Information Technology, Service Center, Human Resources, Business Office, Student Accounts, Safety Office, Marketing

Mike Sebaaly — Group 4: Athletics

Stephanie Hemje — Group 5: Admissions, Enrollment, Career and Leadership, Diversity Equity & Inclusion, Financial Aid, Veterans Affairs, Residence Life and Education, Counseling, Nurse, International Students, Advancement, Alumni

Kelsee Dunn & Mellanie Gilroy — At-Large; Non-residential programs in Lincoln, Omaha, online and/or graduate programs



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