

## A Note from the Chair

It's hard to believe that it's less than a month from Spring Break, the semester seems to be flying by. Things have been moving forward with TTC and the Executive Committee has been working to try and make sure that the process for those appealing job titles goes as smoothly as possible.

Have you ever applied for a professional development grant that USC sponsors? I encourage you to investigate this and other programs that the council promotes. The programs offered by USC define what the council thinks is best for University Staff, but if you have ideas for new programs or even constructive criticism of the existing programs, please share them with us.

In the next few months, we'll be looking for the next recipient of the University Staff Excellence Award. If you know of someone who you feel goes above and beyond, nominate them. I hope you will work with the council- attend a council meeting, join a committee, or even running for a seat on the council.

Thanks for all you do and remember we all play an important role in making UWL the place it is today

Terry Stika, Chair University Staff Council

## Meetings

The Council meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month in Graff Main Hall, Room 325 from 2-3 pm. Meetings are open to all university staff. Remaining spring semester meetings are **February 8, March 8, April 12, May 10, and June 7**. [Contact us](#)

## Get Involved with USC

*Attend a meeting!* Get involved by coming to a meeting; talk with your supervisor about office coverage and then just show up! Reach out to a council member if you have questions about the meetings.

*Join a committee!* Get involved by joining a USC committee. The official call for committee membership will be emailed this summer, but if there is a committee



that interests you, feel free to look online and reach out to the committee chair to ask if you can attend their next

meeting. *Run for council!* Get involved by running for a seat on the council! **The call for nominations goes out in March and voting will start in April.**

## Recap of Fall 2021

### University Staff Excellence



The University Staff Excellence Award is given annually to a member of the University Staff who has shown excellence in performance, personal interaction, initiative and creativity. The recipient has supported the university and its mission through positive interaction with the university and the community. Britney Heineman is the 2021 recipient of the excellence award. Read Britney's story [here](#).

The University Staff Excellence Committee is all about recognition. The committee gives an annual award to an exceptional university staff member to recognize the work they do for UWL.

Nominations are open now for the 2022 University [Staff Excellence Award](#)! Deadline is **April 1**.

### Staff Appreciation Lunch



In lieu of our traditional staff excellence breakfast; University Staff were recognized at a Staff Excellence Lunch held August 10 at the Veterans Memorial Field Sports complex.

## Fall 2021 Activities

### Fall Wittich Showcase



University Staff PGF committee showcased the newly renovated CBA home in Wittich.



The Wittich showcase was held on Thursday October 28. The CBA provided swag and tours.



### UWL Food Pantry Halloween Food Drive



Here is one of many decorated boxes that helped support the UWL Food Pantry in October. Usually, USC supports iFeed, but with the Pandemic that event did not occur, so we focused on the UWL Food Pantry.

## ROTARY LIGHTS PARTICIPATION



Karen DeSchepper, Kellie Flottmeier, Tom Fell and Lynne Smith are working hard stringing lights



Becky Yoshizumi, Karen DeSchepper, Lynne Smith, Ingrid Iverson, and Bobbi Webster decorated the USC Tree at Rotary lights on a frigid, windy day.

## Rotary Lights

The University Staff Council (USC) Programs, Grants and Fundraising (PGF) committee organized our yearly involvement with Rotary Lights 2021.

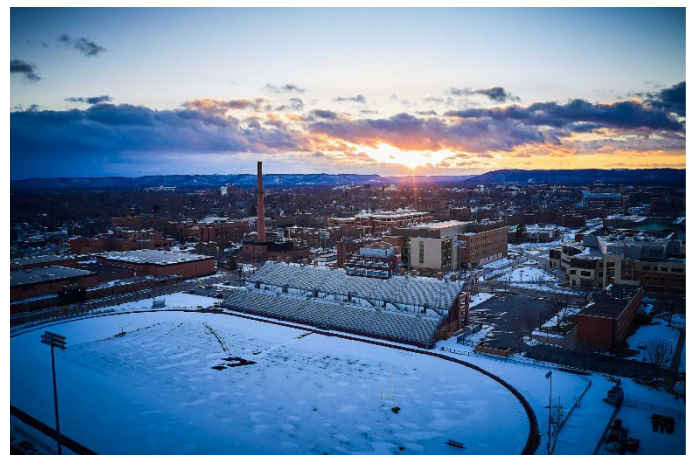
Programs, Grants & Fundraising Committee: Karen DeSchepper (chair), Ben Cornforth, Kellie Flottmeier, Ingrid Iverson and Becky Yoshizumi.



## Upcoming Events & Opportunities

**Spring 2022 USC Showcase:  
Thursday, April 7, 2:30 - 4 p.m.**

*It is more than just bleachers!*



### ***Roger Harring Stadium at the Veterans Memorial Field Sports Complex***

- Tours
- Networking
- Refreshments
- Prizes - *all sports passes*

## Employee Enrichment Day 2022

Planning has started on bringing a speaker to campus. Watch for more information. Date, speaker, and topic to be announced at a later date.



## Professional Development Grant Update

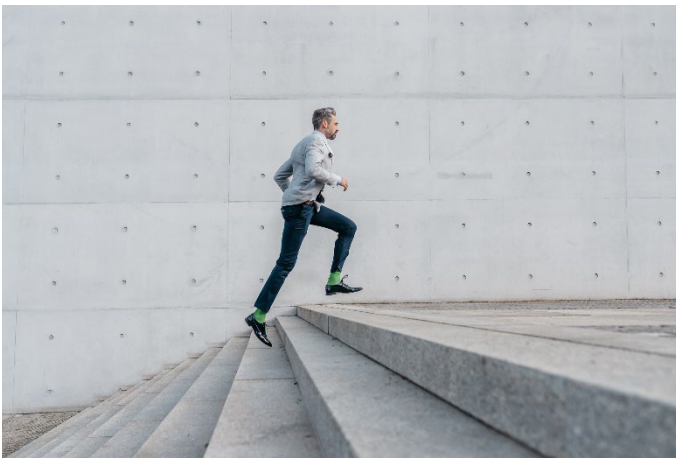
The pilot program for the USC Professional Development Grant is a success. The USC professional development grants have continued to see a strong demand.

Deadline: February 1 (Events between March 1–June 30)

Deadline: June 1 (Events between July 1–October 31)

Deadline: October 1 (Events between November 1-February 28)

Information about the [grants](#) can be found on the USC website



## Employee Educational Assistance Program



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Don't forget we also have the Employee Educational Assistance Program available through the university. Reimbursements are available for job-related and for career-related courses.

More detailed information about the program can be found [here](#) .

## Jeans Day - Small donations can help a lot!



Are you looking for a way to help in our community without spending a lot of money? Jeans Day could be what you have been looking. Yes, it is a

day designated to getting to wear your blue jeans to work on the last Friday of each month in exchange for a \$1 donation. Charities are designated each month who receive the donations from everyone's \$1 donation. Remember Jeans Day is not necessarily about the jeans; but rather it is about donating to local charities. Thanks for all your continuing support for this worthwhile effort.

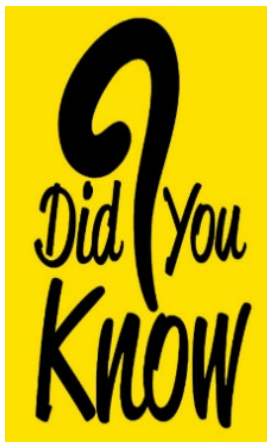


## Mark your calendar

- **Council meetings - March 8, April 12, May 10 and June 7.**
- **Run for council March – voting April**
- **Staff Excellence Award nominations - Due April 1**
- **USC Showcase: Veterans Memorial Field Sports Complex - April 7**
- **University Staff recognition event: Lunch, July 20**



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- Wing Technology Center has an "All Gender Restroom" on first floor right across from Rm 108
- Keep up with proposed changes to benefits by checking out HR's ["News and Alerts"](#) page.
- You can see what policies and procedures are under review at UW System Administration. [Click here](#) to find out.
- You could donate your clean, gently used clothing, bedding, shoes and accessories to our own [UWL Campus Thread](#), run by and for students and is open to our UWL community for free. They are located inside Common Ground, 1334 Pine St., across from Angell Hall and open Fridays from 10-3. You can also drop off items at Center for Transformative Justice, 1120 Centennial, M-F, 9-4.