A Note of Thanks

Dear Staff,

Thank you for allowing me to serve as the Staff Council Chair for 2015. It has been a pleasure and an honor to work with all of you and follow up on all concerns you have brought to the committee.

With the arrival of 2016, I prepare to begin my 30th year here at WC as a staff member. I welcome you to join me in support of President Bair’s goal to increase scholarship support for The Washington Fund. Excessive student loan obligations have the potential to impose personal hardship on young people and slow future economic growth. Containing costs and increasing student scholarship support is the best way to lower college loan debt for Washington College graduates.

As members of the WC community, I think it is important for us to be a part of the solution. Making a contribution to The Washington Fund not only shows that you care about this institution, but also the students - the true reason we’re all here. I invite you to join me in making a gift to The Washington Fund this year. Let’s join President Bair to help WC students graduate into opportunity, not overwhelming financial obligations.

Giving is easy. Credit cards can be accepted at https://www.washcoll.edu/giving/giving-form.php or sign up for payroll deduction at https://www.washcoll.edu/live/files/2472-wc-payroll-deduction-form-edited-51313pdf. A check in the mail is good too!

Peach Hawn ’08, 2015 WC Staff Council Chair
UPDATE – WC Smoking Task Force  
January 2016

As you heard about in the November Staff Breakfast, an ad hoc task force has been established to review and make modifications to existing policies and procedures, and to recommend education and enforcement efforts and campus improvements to President Bair and the Senior Staff with the goal of creating an environment of mutual respect, safety, and stewardship of our campus among smokers and non-smokers. The membership of the task force includes:

- Carolyn Burton (HR), chair
- Chris Beasley (Faculty at-large)
- Tom Brennan (SGA)
- Joe Case (Grounds)
- Taylor Frey (SGA)
- Peach Hawn (Staff Council)
- Lisa Marx (Student Health)
- Anna Robinson (Housekeeping)
- Jerry Roderick (Public Safety)
- Sara Ann Smith (Staff Council)
- David Stuebing (Residence Life)
- Mike Davenport (Athletics)

The task force has met twice (November & December) and discussion has included:
  - having a common, well-communicated policy that indicates where smoking is permitted (clarity and consistency)
  - the location of receptacles for used smoking materials (safety and cleanliness)
  - enforcement of appropriate smoking practices by all members of the campus community (mutual accountability and enforcement)
  - the importance of health education and cessation support (health and safety)

You will note that the discussion has not included efforts to move towards a smoke-free campus, other than to confirm that is not the current direction.

As the group continues to meet, evaluate and make recommendations, please feel free to reach out to anyone on the task force with your ideas or concerns. We will continue to provide updates on the progress of the group.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

Please welcome the following staff members to the WC Family:

Cindy D. Childs, Jylier M. Freeman, Ursula M. Herz, Kay King, Heather Legg,

David E. Smith, Allison Spurrier, Tyler Wiltbank

(if we have missed someone, please email us so they can be included in the next newsletter)
WC Volunteer and Service Efforts – WC Gives Back

During the Holiday season the Washington College Veterans Association were able to send 15 care packages to our troops overseas. Student volunteers along with staff members Laura Johnson, Gene Davis and Jeff Mullikin collected items, boxed them and labeled them to send out so that some of our troops got some much needed items and some love from those of us at WC. Our thanks go out to this student organization and the staff members dedicated to helping out and giving back.

Volunteers of all ages were feeling the holiday spirit as they packed boxes to be distributed to the less fortunate Monday morning, Dec. 14 for the Lions Club’s annual Kent County Christmas Basket food drive. Our own Robyn Moore (Business Office) along with 30 other WC Community members packed up 525 fifty pound boxes of food to be distributed to approximately 500 families in need.
UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday January 25, 2016 – Undergraduate Classes begin

Monday February 1, 2016 – Graduate Classes being

Thursday February 18, 2016 – George Washington’s Birthday Convocation

Monday March 14 – Friday March 18, 2016 – Spring Break (no classes) – college offices CLOSED Friday March 18, 2016

Monday May 9 – Friday May 13, 2016 – Final Exams for students

Saturday May 21, 2016 – 233rd Commencement

Monday May 30, 2016 – Memorial Day - college offices CLOSED

Wednesday July 4, 2016 – Independence Day – college offices CLOSED

Many thanks go out to Santa and his elves (those pictured here and the many other elves) for a wonderful 2015 Children’s Christmas Party

DON’T FORGET to check out the Staff Council webpage at:
https://www.washcoll.edu/offices/human-resources/staff-council/

GUS says “DID YOU KNOW?”
There is a WC Staff Facebook page?
Like us at:
facebook.com/washcollstaff