Happy Holidays From Your Operating Staff Council

NIU will host its fourth annual Bridal Expo from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, at the Holmes Student Center’s Duke Ellington Ballroom. The show features more than 40 exhibitors, a groom’s room and a professional fashion show at 2 p.m. Parking is available in the visitor’s parking lot, located just south and west of the student center on Carroll Avenue, or in the Campus Life Building parking lot, located on the northeast corner of Normal Road and Lucinda Avenue. Admission is free and includes a free taste-testing from the HSC’s fine catering department. Call (815) 753-6389 for more information.

Year-End Charitable Giving

The campaign to endow the Operating Staff Dependent Scholarship has received $21,430 in gifts as of November 15th, or 86 percent of its goal of $25,000. If you are looking to make a charitable gift before the end of the year, please consider making a donation to the NIU Foundation designating the Endowed Operating Staff Dependent Scholarship. It’s easy to do. The forms and instructions on how to make a donation can be found at the Operating Staff Council’s web site: www.niu.edu/osc/dependentaward/donate.shtml If you have any questions about making a donation, please contact Clair Williams at 753-8382.
Outstanding Service Award

The Outstanding Service Award is presented each year to up to four NIU Civil Service employees. The objective of this award program is to recognize individual Civil Service employees who have demonstrated outstanding service and have made significant contributions to the university community. A plaque will be presented to each recipient of the award at the Annual Operating Staff Awards Banquet in Spring and a $1,500 award, which is considered taxable wages and subject to payroll deductions, will be received by the Outstanding Staff Award recipients shortly thereafter.

Nominations may be submitted by any current or retired employee of NIU. Nominees must be full- or part-time, status Civil Service employees who have been continuously employed at NIU on or before February 1, 2005. Employees who were laid-off, on leave, or hold less than twelve month positions are eligible. Employees who will retire before July 1, 2011, are eligible. The award may be received only once by an employee.

Nominations will be reviewed by a selection committee comprised of Civil Service employees who are designated representatives of their respective NIU divisions. Please make sure ALL three nomination criteria are addressed. Be specific and give examples. Nominees are evaluated on ways in which the nominee has:

1. **On the Job (counts for 40% of evaluation):** displayed abilities in the tasks associated with his/her position which were above and beyond the expectations of the nominator.

2. **Within the University (counts for 40% of evaluation):** demonstrated effectiveness in dealing with members of the University community and/or made contributions to the University which were above and beyond the expectations of the nominator.

3. **Within the Community (counts for 20% of evaluation):** made contributions to their community of residence which were above and beyond the expectations of the nominator.

Send nomination packets to: Human Resource Services, Attention: Outstanding Service Awards Selection Committee. *Deadline for nominations is February 25, 2011 by 4:30 p.m.*

For more information and the nomination forms please visit [www.niu.edu/osc/serviceaward/index.shtml](http://www.niu.edu/osc/serviceaward/index.shtml)

Support Groups to be Offered

Employee Assistance Program is offering three support groups starting in February. Support groups are known to have a very positive affect on dealing with any difficult, challenging, and potentially scary situation. Usually these situations involve some type of loss and a grief response. Elder care is unique and is very stressful. Cancer creates a tremendous need for information regarding treatment, physical response to treatment, and fears about the diagnosis. Each group will meet once a month on Thursdays at noon at the Holmes Student Center in room 703: Grief on the 1st Thursday, Elder Care on the 2nd Thursday, and Cancer on the 3rd Thursday.

Employment Changes

**September 2010**

**Welcome New Employees**

- Andrea Allen, Office Support Specialist—Student Financial Aid
- Louise Beukelman, Office Support Specialist—Partnership Office
- Jamie Daniel, Kitchen Helper—Housing & Dining
- Deborah Dogan, Clerk—Motorcycle Safety
- Clarissa Hill, Child Development Supervisor—Family, Consumer and Nutrition
- Dustin Kerwin, Kitchen Helper—Housing & Dining
- Sofia Komitas, Kitchen Helper—Housing & Dining
- Cheryl Korth, Office Support Associate—College of Health and Human Sciences
- Dawn Montgomery, Clerk—Housing & Dining
- Kevin Osterhout, Cook—Housing & Dining
- Jerry Reynolds, Office Support Associate—College of Health and Human Sciences
- Vicky Rippberger, Office Manager—NGO Leadership and Development
- Tammy Voyles, Office Support Specialist—Engineering Technology

**Changes**

- Helen Hopkins to Cooks Helper—Housing & Dining
- Randy Skinner to Stationary Engineer—Physical Plant
- Jesse Tellez to Stationary Engineer—Physical Plant

Get Healthy with the Huskies Program

Looking for a way to get out of the house and stay active as the cold winter weather approaches?

NIU Athletics has the perfect solution to shake those winter blues and keep active with the Kishwaukee Community Hospital Center for Joint Care’s free “Get Healthy with the Huskies” program. Fans of men’s and women’s basketball can walk the track at the Convocation Center prior to each home game and receive prizes for reaching certain goals.

For 30 minutes before every men’s and women’s home game, Huskie fans can come into the Convocation Center and walk the track from the time the gates open until half an hour before tip-off. Get Healthy with the Huskies participants can record their progress and receive prizes for reaching goals of 25, 50, 75 and 100 laps.

“Most people think of a hospital only when they’re sick, but Kish Hospital also plays an active role in helping people stay healthy and get healthier,” said Sharon Emanuelseosn, Kish Health System’s director of Marketing and Public Relations. “We look for ways to support efforts in the community that promote healthy lifestyles, so sponsoring Get Healthy with the Huskies was a good match.”

“The program also gives the hospital a chance to introduce our new Center for Joint Care. During Get Healthy with the Huskies, we plan to provide information on how to cope with arthritis and about our team approach to joint replacement surgery and rehabilitation, when that becomes the best option for restoring an active lifestyle.”

The program is free and open to all Huskie fans who present a game ticket as they enter the Convocation Center.

Fans who wish to participate in the Get Healthy with the Huskies program can register by sending in the form, sign up in person at any Huskie home game or by contacting NIU Athletics Director of Marketing Amanda Benzine at abenzine@niu.edu.
Change in Department
Kathryn King, IT Support Associate to Testing Services
Carol Patch, Office Support Specialist to Teacher Certification

Death
Leslie Volkstorf, Building Service Worker—Building Services

Retirements
David Bunger, Building Service Worker—Building Services
Michael Nelson, Building Service Worker—Building Services
William Newell, Building Service Foreman—Building Services
Patricia Solomon, Web Specialist II—College of Business

Separations
Gary Gates, Assistant Bookstore Manager—Holmes Student Center
Guy Groner, Internal Auditor IV—Internal Audit
Barbara Johnson, Office Support Specialist—Assessment Services

October 2010
Welcome New Employees
Kristine Sipe, IT Technical Associate—Information Services
Sara Kiefer, Library Assistant—University Libraries
Cynthia Meeks, Business Administrative Associate—Holmes Student Center
Jasmine Brown, Food Service Sanitation Lab—Housing & Dining
Stormie Surles, Admissions/Records Specialist I—Division of Research and Graduate Studies
Michael Storandt, Motor Vehicle Operator/Mechanic—Transportation
Amber Daugherty, Kitchen Helper—Housing & Dining
Crystal Coppell, Office Support Specialist—Assessment Services
Angela Collin, Kitchen Helper—Housing & Dining
Eric Schelley, IT Support Associate—College of Health and Human Sciences

Changes
Jeffrey Anderson to Stationary Engineer—Physical Plant
Jelmir Atkins to Office Manager—College of Engineering and Engineering Technology
James Collin to Stationary Fireman—Physical Plant
Barbara Coulter to Office Support Specialist—NIU Outreach Non-Credit Program
Kari Larkin to Office Support Specialist—University Legal Services
Janet Smith to Office Manager—Engineering Technology

Change in Department
Dian Faber, Cashier III to Holmes Student Center

Name Changes
Sara Richter to Sara Kiefer, Library Assistant—University Libraries
Kimberlee Lippman to Kimberlee Barnes, Mailing Equipment Operator/Expediter II—Materials Management

Retirements
Betty Baugh, Office Manager—Center for Governmental Studies
Sandra Gustafson, Office Support Specialist—Engineering Technology
Elsie Johnson, Building Service Worker—Building Services
Cheryl Mosbarger, Office Support Specialist—Counseling, Adult and Higher Education
Phillip Nelson, Carpenter—Physical Plant
Riley Querrey, Painter—Physical Plant

Separations
Kimberly Lamansky, Office Support Associate—Office of Support and Advocacy

November 2010
Welcome New Employees
Amy Calenberg, Police Telecommunicator—Public Safety
David Flavin, Stationary Fireman Helper—Physical Plant
Patricia Gingrich, Office Support Specialist—Student Involvement and Leadership Development
Kevin Kantorski, Chief Television Engineer—Media Services
Elizabeth Mueller, Office Support Specialist—Art
Cheryl Murphy, Staff Nurse I—Health Services
Sandra Reh, Cashier III—Campus Parking
Michael Rios, Police Telecommunicator—Public Safety

Changes
Candace Hintzsche to Office Administrator—College of Business
Ruth Murphy to Assistant Chief Accountant—Controller

Change in Department
Diana Grace, Office Manager to University Libraries

Name Changes
Cheryl Beckman to Cheryl O’Neal, Account Technician II—Regional Development Institute

Retirements
Helmut Mayer-Helmer, Chief Clerk—Regional Development Institute
Patti Schweitzer, Food Service Administrator II—Housing & Dining

Separations
Lisa Harvel, Printing Production Assistant—Document Services
Benjamin Lenard, IT Technical Associate—Information Services

Service Awards
September 2010
5 Years
Lucas Bailey—Information Services
Devon Buckle—Public Safety
Jack Carr—Campus Parking
Barbara Coulter—NIU Outreach
Thomas Finn—Building Services
William Fuller—Holmes Student Center
Kimberly Keith—Building Services
Todd Lewis—Building Services
Cynthia Price—NIU Naperville
Vicki Stover Grubbs—Building Services
Sara Warford—Campus Parking
Pamela Wood—Housing & Dining

10 Years
Donald Butler—Media Services
Michael Dreyer—Housing & Dining
Monika Giadziszewski—Health Services
Jeanne Johnston—Teaching and Learning
Kenneth Larsen—Building Services
Shane Larsen—Building Services
Helmut Mayer-Helmer—Housing & Dining
Patricia Myers—College of Business
Frances Pugh—Housing & Dining
Darlene Seilheimer—Building Services
Margaret Sloat—Access-Ability Resources
David Sniegocki—Physical Plant

15 Years
Daniel Lindeen—Building Services
Tim Rasmussen—Physical Plant
Lorraine Scurti—History
William Vickers—Physics

20 Years
Amelia Gould—Leadership, Educational Psychology and Foundations
Debbie Grove—Lorado Taft
Linda Gustafson—Housing & Dining
Jane Johnson—Housing & Dining
Terry Kessler—Affirmative Action and Diversity Center
Ronald Olson—Transportation
Barbara Palmer—Public Opinion Lab
Mary Rose—Registration and Records

25 Years
Barbara Berg—University Press
Sheila Berg—Intercollegiate Athletics
Sirena Hazelton—Housing & Dining
Jack Hendricks—University Libraries
Rosalie Miller—Human Resource Services
Theresa Paulson—University Libraries
Robert Rissman—Heating Plant
Steven Wilhelm—Building Services
October 2010

5 Years
Nathan Books—Housing & Dining
Timothy James—Information Services
Valerie Lorusso—NIU Outreach & Regional Development
Audrey Maxey—Housing & Dining
Christina Pilling—Development Operations
Elizabeth Wright—VP Research and Dean of the Graduate School
Jason Wright—Public Safety

10 Years
Ruth Carlson—NIU Hoffman Estates
Amy Deegan—Faculty Development
Jane Ferro—University Libraries
Dianne Leifheit—Health Services
Michael McNeill—Building Services
Cheryl Mosbarger—Counseling, Adult and Higher Education
Janet Rigney—NIU Outreach Naperville
Marilynn Russell—Registration and Contract Services
Robert Spangler—Materials Management
Jessica Webb—Affirmative Action and Diversity Center

15 Years
Brenda Jones—Literacy Education
James Tyne—University Libraries
Kimberly Whalen—Access

20 Years
Craig Gilbertson—College of Law Library
Susan Lovell—Partnership Office
Angela Schroeder—University Libraries
Gendi Shi—Holmes Student Center
Constance Spohn—Allied Health and Communicative Disorders

25 Years
Judy Baker—Building Services
William Heal—Grounds
Susan Recknor—Holmes Student Center
Mark Scott—Physical Plant

30 Years
Cheryl Ross—Finance and Facilities
Rhonda Wybourn—Human Resource Services

November 2010

5 Years
Anthony Chatman—Customer Support Services
Abraham Cotto—Information Services
Sharon Freeman—Admissions
Deborah Gutierrez—College of Engineering and Engineering Technology
Margie Little—University Libraries
Andrew Rasmussen—College of Business
Brandon Welch—University Libraries
Janie Wilson-Cook—Art

10 Years
Mary Cochrane—Building Services
Kristi Gordon—Grounds
Amber Jorgensen—Holmes Student Center
Dorothy Rains—Building Services
Stephanie Reed—Lorado Taft
Vidya Sagar—Housing & Dining
Amy Simon—Enrollment Management
Jesse Tellez—Physical Plant
Jennifer Woolbright—Holmes Student Center

15 Years
Joel Cochrane—University Libraries
Ilene Covert—Registration and Records
Pamela Davis—Holmes Student Center
Deanna Kristen—Information Services
Eugene Massey—Operating Staff Services

25 Years
Wanda Enburg—University Libraries
David Rogers—Physical Plant
Gary Ziegler—Media Services

30 Years
Freddie Johnson—Building Services
Frederick Menke—Housing & Dining