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MTSU Finance and Administration



Business and Finance Employees Appreciation Day and Food Drive THURSDAY MAY 28, 2009

Breakfast

6am until 7:30am

Location: Hazlewood Dining Room James Union Building

Menu: Fruits, danish, biscuits, pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage, coffee, juice, milk

Contact the following individuals before May 18, 2009, if you are plan to attend the breakfast

Brenda Dressler
bdressle@mtsu.edu
ext. 2309

Connie Sekulich
sekulich@police.mtsu.edu
ext. 2260

PICNIC

11am until 1pm

Location: Walnut Grove between Peck Hall and Cope Administration Building.

Rain Location: Tennessee Room James Union Building

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Menu: BBQ chicken or pork, coleslaw, baked beans, fruit, corn muffins, cookie bars and tea or lemonade

Activities: Bingo, Horseshoes, badminton, Music by the "Can Do Crew" Band, and visiting with co-workers. Please bring an item for the Rutherford County Emergency Food Bank

The Employee Appreciation Breakfast and Picnic is funded by the MTSU Foundation

We also will have a food drive for those less fortunate. Rutherford County Emergency Food Bank will pick up our donations from the Employee Picnic. They suggest any of the following items:

Spaghetti sauce/pasta, laundry detergent, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, dry cereal, canned fruit, canned vegetables, canned soups, canned meats, pancake mix, powdered milk, instant potatoes, peanut butter, macaroni dinners, rice, beans, crackers

**Please see one of the following Image Committee Members to obtain a ticket for the picnic
by May 18, 2009**

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| Tammy Barton | tlbarton | Custodial Services | 904-8432 |
| Ed Carlton, Chair | ecarlton | Building Services | 5387 |
| Jay Chalmers | chalmers | Business Office (Foundation) | 904-8045 |
| Jeff Cogdill | jcogdill | Building Services | 2414 |
| Jennifer Coppinger | jcopping | Budget and Planning | 5377 |
| David Feagans | dfeagans | Custodial Services | 5097 |
| Darryl Ingle | | Grounds Services | 2409 |
| Ben Jones | bwjones | Business Office | 5328 |
| Li Liu | lliu | Business Office | 8385 |
| Shana Miller | samiller | TN Miller Coliseum | 494-8879 |
| Connie Sekulich | sekulich | Public Safety | 2260 |
| Linda Vogt | lvogt | Campus Planning | 904-8437 |

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We are looking into other possible events; any suggestion for possible events is appreciated.

Letter from John Cothorn Senior Vice President

As you may expect, it is with much concern that I start this message with the budget situation that we have faced and will continue to face for the next several years. A blessing though is what appears for now to be a reprieve with the federal stimulus funds that will provide some support for two years.

I hope that you were able to attend one of President McPhee's Public Forums on the budget reductions and made suggestions to the Work Groups that he appointed. It is very important that everyone participate in the process. Much is still to be determined about how budget reductions will be made.

As you have surely read or heard by now, our state appropriation reduction will be \$19.3 million. Increased students fees will not be large enough to fully cover the reduction. Therefore, budget cuts are a reality. With the federal funds, layoffs will not be part of what has to take place immediately, and voluntary buyouts will be considered. Every effort will be made to minimize the effect on employees.

Especially with the current budget situation, your support is more than ever needed and appreciated including your continued support for the Image Committee and the Business and Finance Council. We need to hear about your concerns and recommendations.

Even though we will be faced with many hard and difficult decisions, we will work through the challenges and come out better in the long run. Please keep a positive outlook.

Also, notwithstanding the budget concerns, I feel that we should still have our Employee Appreciation Day. The cost, however, will be paid with Foundation funds and not University operating funds. Although it may only be a small token to say thanks for the work that you do, it is important that we occasionally come together to visit and renew and maybe even begin friendships.

As I know you always do, please be sure to thank our students for making MTSU their university.

And thanks for being a Business and Finance Can Do Crew member.

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Rodeo

On Friday, March 13, 2009, several members of the Can Do Crew, their family, and friends attended the Rodeo at the Miller Coliseum. Everyone had an enjoyable time. Thanks to Shana (Risinger) Miller for arranging for the discounted tickets. Also, thanks to John Cothorn for allowing us to arrange these events to build morale.

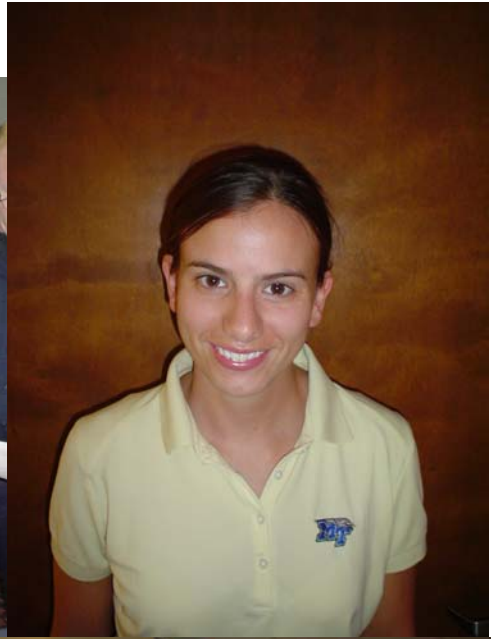


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Business & Finance Employee Doughnut and Coffee Break



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On January 22, 2009, several of the employees in Business and Finance got to gather for donuts and coffee/hot chocolate. It was good to see everyone from the various departments in our division that you don't see every day. If you were unable to attend, I hope you will try to attend the Employee Appreciation Breakfast and Picnic on May 28, 2009.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION WINNERS

The Business and Finance Division had a clean sweep of the annual employee of the year awards on April 22, 2009. The winners were:

Charles Fitch Classified

Lisa Batey Administrative

Keith Jenkins Technical

Donna Reed Secretarial Clerical

Congratulations everyone and keep up the good work!!

Welcome New Employees

Anita Carter, Business Office Accounts Payable

Carol Clark, Human Resources

Morris Stone, Campus Planning

Retirements

Congratulations to Officer Michael Patrick (Public Safety) on his retirement after 11 years of service.

Congratulations to Lieutenant Darrell Collins (Public Safety) on his retirement after 21 years of years of service.

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Congratulations to Linda Chrysler (Facilities Services-Work Orders) on her retirement after 11 years of service.

Congratulations to Rachel Goodwin (Post Office) on her upcoming retirement after 21 years of service.

Condolences

Condolences to the family and friends of John Downs (Energy Services) he worked for the university for over 30 years. Mr. Downs died March 9, 2009.

Condolences to the family and friends of Grady Cooper, Jr. (Custodial Services) he worked for the university for 7 years. Mr. Cooper died April 8, 2009.

Events at the Miller Coliseum

The American Quarter Horse Association will be celebrating its 68th year at the Miller Coliseum on May 1-3, 2009. Please visit the Miller Coliseum website, <http://frank.mtsu.edu/~tmc/>, for more details about this event and future events.