Join the Celebration!

Quarter Century Club Breakfast on October 3

Washington State University will host the 85th annual Quarter Century Club Breakfast on Wednesday, October 3, 2018. The celebration will start at 9:00 a.m. in the M.G. Carey Senior Ballroom, Compton Union Building, Pullman campus. You can register at go.wsu.edu/qcc.

The following WSU employees reached 25-year milestones in 2018. If you know them, please congratulate them and thank them for their service!

Geoffrey Allen
Anjan Bose
Aaron Brumbaugh
Rebecca Craft
Allan Felsot
Akram Hossain
Stewart Hughes
ChulHee Kang
Amy Mazur
Brian Nicholson
Craig Parks
David Savage
Nathan Tarlyn
Julie Watkins
Michael Bergam
Brenda Boyd
Gale Carpenter
Jody Everett
Charles Harrsch
Chris Hoyt
Kevin Imel
Brian Lande
Norah McCabe
Kat Odell
Bruce Pinkleton
William Schillinger
Paul Verrell
Mark Wildung
Drew Betz
Bart Brazier
Gillian Coldsnow
John Farnsworth
Desiree Hellegers
Larry Hufford
Tom Johnson
Jeannette Mageo
Michael Morgan
Kay Palmer
Roger Rada
Marian Sciachitano
Mary Wack
Lydia Zalubil

For those who cannot attend at the Pullman location, the breakfast will be hosted concurrently at the WSU Everett, Spokane, Tri-Cities, and Vancouver campuses. Light refreshments will be provided at these host locations. Seating is limited at all locations. Visit go.wsu.edu/qcc to register for the QCC celebration.

Please contact Human Resource Services at 509-335-4521 or hrs@wsu.edu for assistance.
Benefits

Open Enrollment

The annual benefits open enrollment period is almost here! Be on the lookout in October for information from the Health Care Authority (HCA), including the For Your Benefit newsletter. The newsletter will have all you need to know about the upcoming changes to the benefits plans.

Wellness Tips

Aiming for at least 150 minutes of physical activity each week can result in lifelong health. It’s easy to be intimidated by that big number, but don’t be! You can split that up into increments of as little as 10 minutes throughout the week. Also remember that physical activity is not limited to gym time. Get creative and get moving!

- Make your meeting a moving meeting instead of huddling in a conference room.
- Walk or bike to run your errands.
- Spend some time in the garden or tackle that home project you’ve been putting off.
- Pair media with activity: find a podcast that interests you and listen as you walk or jog.
- Find a workout video or class that interests you.

Did you know? Some physical activity is better than none, and adults who participate in any amount of physical activity gain some health benefits (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2018). Assess where you stand today and take one realistic step toward improving yourself.

Crimson Spirit Award

Sheryl DeShields, secretary senior in the Department of Psychology, received the September 2018 Crimson Spirit Award.

One nominator called Ms. DeShields “the heart and soul of our talented and close-knit department.” Another nominate simply notes “Outstanding in every way. I have had experience with at least twenty different secretaries in two different colleges, and Sheryl is the best that I have seen.”

Ms. DeShields’ colleagues honor her for her noteworthy extra efforts and commitment. She promotes the work and accomplishments of the Psychology Department, provides creative problem-solving, and is unfailingly helpful.

WFSE Represented Employees

Requests for a personal leave day/personal holiday should be submitted in writing to your supervisor no less than fourteen (14) days prior to the date for which the leave is requested. Such scheduling requests must be made no later than November 1 of each calendar year.

Questions? Please contact HRS at hrs@wsu.edu or 335-4521.

Walking on the Chipman Trail, photo by Bob Hubner
Training and Development

Featured Online Training

Reaching Goals Using Perseverance and Resilience
This short course explains how the signs and symptoms of stress can be physiological, behavioral, and psychological in nature. The training reviews strategies for coping with stress and avoiding burnout. The course also covers how you can positively change your responses to stress once you are able to recognize how you respond to stressful situations. Relaxation techniques such as breathing and mediation are offered.

Click here to take the course. This may require you to log into WSU’s training website with your WSU network ID and password.

Featured Online Book

Hard Facts, Dangerous Half-Truths and Total Nonsense: Profiting from Evidence-Based Management
by Jeffrey Pfeffer and Robert L. Sutton

This book guides managers in using evidence-based management to establish best practices for their companies, rather than simply copying what seems to have worked elsewhere. This practical and candid book challenges leaders to commit to evidence-based management as a way of organizational life. It also shows how to turn common sense into common practice.

To read this online book, click here. This may require you to log into WSU’s training website with your WSU network ID and password.

Instructor-Led Trainings (ILTs)

Click the links below for more information. This may require you to log in with your WSU network ID and password.

WSU Online Training System: Management Functions
Oct. 2, 9:00–10:30 a.m.

Dreaded Conversations: Effectively Communicating Difficult News
Oct. 2, 9:00–10:30 a.m.

Interpersonal Communication in the Workplace
Oct. 4, 9:00–11:30 a.m.

Customer Service at WSU
Oct. 9, 9:30–11:30 a.m.

Hands-On Training: Tips and Tools
Oct. 10, 9:00–10:30 a.m.

Supporting LGBTQ+ Students in Advising
Oct. 11, 9:00–10:00 a.m.

Coaching for Growth
Oct. 16, 1:30–4:00 p.m.

Inclement Weather

Pre-Retirement Seminar
October 3, 2:00–3:30 p.m.

Monthly pre-retirement seminars are offered at Human Resource Services (French Administration, room 139, Pullman).

Concurrent videoconferencing is also available for other WSU locations. More information about retirement is available here.

Modernization Initiative Updates
Visit modernization.wsu.edu and click on the News link for updates on recent activities.

Inclement Weather Suspended Operations: Employee Training
Oct. 18, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

Inclement Weather Suspended Operations: Manager Training
Oct. 26, 1:30–2:30 p.m.