



First-year Jack Wilson puts up the Tigers' final shot in the Doane men's basketball exhibition game against the University of Nebraska-Lincoln on Sunday, Oct. 29. There were quite a few Doane staff cheering throughout the Pinnacle Bank Arena, from the boxes to the bleachers!

Staff Council

Doane University Staff Council Monthly Newsletter
November 2023

Updates

We received several questions from staff before the Board of Trustees meeting in October — and we've got some answers for you! Take a look through the attached PDF and let us know if you have any follow-up questions by emailing your representative, or staff.council@doane.edu.

Can you be-leaf it's already November? 🍁 As a token to show our appreciation for staff, the Staff Council purchased twenty \$20 grocery gift cards to help staff offset the Thanksgiving holiday food expense. We drew names on Tuesday! Gift cards will be delivered via staff representatives throughout the week. Congratulations to:

- Carol Bietz
- Kimberly Blum
- Haylee Carpenter
- Quint Geis
- Wilma Gerena
- Emily Hand
- Katie Herrick
- Julie Heyen
- Eric Jones
- Sandy Koll
- Nancy Murphy
- Keith Nesja
- Becky Omon
- Carlos Palacios
- Jessica Polt
- Kyle Schachenmeyer
- Jean Semler
- Patty Stehlik
- Georgia Thomas
- Heidi Wohl

Upcoming Events

Religious Accommodation Policy Info Session
POSTPONED
Thursday, Nov. 30
12-12:50 p.m.
Fred Brown TBA (Lincoln)
A Bright New Boise
Presented by Doane Theatre (Doane employees get free tickets, [available online!](#))
Thursday, Nov. 16
Friday, Nov. 17
Saturday, Nov. 18
7:30 p.m. each night
Whitcomb Lee Conservatory (Crete)

Free Thanksgiving Dinner 🍂
For all staff & faculty
Friday, Nov. 17
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Enter through the East/West Dining Room doors in Perry Campus Center (Crete) and sign your name to receive a FREE Thanksgiving Meal with all the fixings.

Thank you, Human Resources and the Doane Leadership Team!

Doane Concert Band Performance
Friday, Nov. 17
10:45 a.m.
Lied Center for Performing Arts (Lincoln)
Doane campuses and locations closed from Wednesday, Nov. 22 through Sunday, Nov. 26

Thank you to the Doane Leadership Team for an additional day off!

Holiday Open House
Friday, Dec. 1
4:30-7 p.m.
Fred Brown Center (Lincoln)
[RSVP here](#)

Relay for Life Sweet & Savory Showdown
Saturday, Dec. 2
8-10 a.m.
Crete High School



Thankful leaves in Padour Walker (top) and the Fred Brown Center.



Meet a member of Staff Council

Meet Kelsee Dunn, she/her, associate registrar for non-residential students! Kelsee has worked at Doane since July 2012, just a few months after completing her undergraduate degree in Crete in social science with an emphasis in history, and minors in psychology, sociology and history. As a work-study in the registrar's office during her education, she learned the in's and out's of the office — and returned as a staff member when a position opened on the Lincoln campus. In 2020, she also completed a Master of Business Administration degree at Doane.

Kelsee hails from a farm outside of McCook, Nebraska and now calls Lincoln home, with her wife, K'Lee Dunn, and pets Cap (a corgi) and Izzy (a cat). If you see Kelsee, you can strike up a quick conversation by asking her what video game she's playing, what her tattoos mean, or her thoughts on the latest NBA game (go Lakers!)

Good to know!

Have you gotten your Top Five? CliftonStrengths, that is. You've probably seen them popping up more and more in Doane email signatures.

Human Resources is now using CliftonStrengths to help managers provide strengths-based performance evaluations moving forward. So if you don't have yours yet — make sure to reach out to [Sara Weixelman](#) for a code!

Registrar Denise Ellis held training last week on FERPA — that's the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. You can think of it like HIPAA for educational institutions, and while it can be daunting, Denise has dialed in on the do's and don'ts. If you missed her training, here's a [link to view the Zoom recording](#).

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*Click the link, use your Zoom Login information (SSO option, Doane credentials), then enter the passcode.

Doane University fun fact



Did you know that Doane programs have been taught in Lincoln since 1981? While classes haven't always been held at the Fred Brown Center (pictured), this building, named for Doane's 11th president, Fred Brown '59, is now the hub of the Lincoln campus.

Doane classes were first offered in collaboration with Southeast Community College in 1981. In 1982, Doane's offices and classrooms moved to the home of Selective Research, Inc., to provide computer training to SRI employees at the request of Don Clifton (yep, the same guy who developed the CliftonStrengths we use today!)

Later, Doane moved to its current location at 303 N. 52nd St. in Lincoln, which includes the FBC, a building for the Master of Arts in Counseling program and the Admin building, which houses.

STAFF COUNCIL MISSION STATEMENT

We pledge to work in partnership with Doane faculty, students, the Leadership Team and the Board of Trustees to enrich the culture of Doane staff by supporting an inclusive, inviting and equitable community. Staff Council serves as a communication conduit between staff and administration. Staff Council commits to providing a voice for staff to formulate and endorse recommendations for action to improve the work environment, opportunities, policies and procedures for the betterment of the Doane community.

Your 2023-24 Representatives

- Brandon Rieschick** — Chair
Brad Jenny — Chair Elect
Miranda Henderson — Secretary/Treasurer
Liz McCue — Vice Chair of Communications
Kaleb Arterburn — Vice Chair of Staff Recognition
Shalea Wood-Akers — Vice Chair of Staff Development/Events/Services
Denise Ellis — Co-Champion
Kerry Beezley — Co-Champion
Jenei Skillett — Liaison to the Leadership Team
- Interim: Brandon Rieschick** — Group 1: Maintenance, Facilities, Grounds, Events
Marie Knapp — Group 2: Academic Support, Advising, Library, Registrar, Institutional Research, Campus Directors, Faculty Secretaries
Liz McCue — Group 3: Instructional Design, Open Learning Academy, Information Technology, Service Center, Human Resources, Business Office, Student Accounts, Safety Office, Marketing
- Mike Sebaaly** — Group 4: Athletics
Stephanie Hemje — Group 5: Admissions, Enrollment, Career and Leadership, Diversity Equity & Inclusion, Financial Aid, Veterans Affairs, Residence Life and Education, Counseling, Nurse, International Students, Advancement, Alumni
Kelsee Dunn & Mellanie Gilroy — At-Large; Non-residential programs in Lincoln, Omaha, online and/or graduate programs

