FYI FROM YOUR PRESIDENT, Patricia Flanigan

Welcome to the first issue of the Bronco Beat. What a great way to start the 2016 academic year by springing into action; we hit the ground running. The FSU Staff Senate took pride in introducing and awarding its first Education Grant. We are proud to be able to award this grant twice a year to a deserving member of the staff. Our goal is to continue to increase the fund each year allowing us to award larger grants.

Our calendar is full with activities, such as the Annual Food Drive with Second Harvest Food Bank, the Mr. and Mrs. Staff Competition, the UNC Staff Assembly Golf Tournament, which supports the J. B. Royster Scholarship that is awarded to a staff member on one of the 17 campuses, and the Annual Employee Appreciation Week with the awarding of the Employee of the Year. These activities make the 2016 year extremely active and rewarding for the staff.

We are proud to represent, serve, and partner with you in being a part of this great university.

From a Proud Legacy to a 21st Century University

The first Staff Senate Grant Award in the amount of $250 was awarded to FSU Staff Member Carmen Wade. Chancellor James Anderson presented the award to Carmen during the Chancellor's Christmas Party in the Rudolph Jones Student Center Multi-Purpose Room on December 9, 2016. Carmen works in University College as a coordinator for student activities in the CHEERS Scholars Program.

Ms. Wade is pursuing a doctorate degree in Education Management from Hampton University and chose as her topic “The Perceptions of Military Veteran Transfer Students’ Challenges During the Transition Experience in Advisement and Mentoring.” Ms. Wade chose to investigate this study due to its benefit in assisting the UNC System schools, to include Fayetteville State University, in the areas of improving access, retention, and graduation rates for active duty service members, veterans and their families.

The grant award was established by the FSU Staff Senate in 2015 as a means of giving back to the staff and providing them with a gateway for professional advancement. The FSU Staff Senate will award two grants each academic year.
SECOND HARVEST FOOD DRIVE

The Fayetteville State University Staff Senate’s annual “UNC Impacting Our Community Food Drive,” in conjunction with Second Harvest Food Bank, is underway. The food drive will run from February 1-29.

Barrels are located in the following buildings on campus: Barber, Chesnutt Library, Collins, Continuing Ed, Nursing, Lilly Gym, and the Lyon Science Annex.

This year, the Senate’s goal is to collect enough food and/or monetary donations for 2,000 meals. Every $1 donated provides 5 meals.

FACTS: 1) It takes more than $850 million to meet the food needs in our service area, 2) More than 20% of individuals in our service area are critically food insecure, and 3) More than 27% of children in our area are critically food insecure. So please help us fight hunger.

Senator Teresa Griffin is the staff coordinator of this event. If you have any questions about the Food Drive Campaign, you may contact her at 672-1678 or by at tagriffin@uncfsu.edu.

Our goal this year is to supply 2,000 meals. Every $1 donated provides five (5) meals. More than 27% of children in our area are critically food insecure, thereby impacting their ability to grow and learn appropriately.

HELP US HELP THEM!

Senator Carlitta Moore was crowned Ms. Alumni 2015-2016 at the Coronation Ball held during the 2015 FSU Homecoming festivities in October. Ms. Moore is an athletic trainer in the Athletic Department.

Senator Byron Riddick was recently elected Vice President of the UNC Staff Assembly. He’s a member of the FSU Staff Senate (formerly President), and we applaud his work on the Senate’s behalf.

Senator Cassandra Jenkins, who served as the Senate’s Chair of the event, said it was a positive experience and a blessing to serve.

Notable Notes

HOMELESS AND HUNGER STAND DOWN

Annually, the FSU Staff Senate has been invited to participate in the Homeless and Hunger Stand Down Community Service event sponsored by the Cumberland County Continuum of Care on Homelessness. The Staff Senate assisted with event set-up, check-in, food service, vendor services, clothing distribution, and check-out. The Staff Senate donated a large number of gently worn and new clothing, shoes, coats, toiletries, and non-perishable food items.

Congratulations to Senator, Dr. Claudette Fuller, for successfully completing her dissertation on December 14, 2015 in Instructional Design and Technology. Dr. Fuller is an IT Training Coordinator at FSU and has been with the university for 10 years. Dr. Fuller has a ME from NC A&T and a BBA from Campbell Universities.
Ms. Alice Smith, a staff member in the Charles W. Chesnutt Library, is the first recipient at FSU to win the Janet B. Royster Scholarship. Ms. Smith is a 2014 FSU grad and is currently pursuing a Master’s Degree in Health Care Management.

The purpose of the Fund is to provide scholarship(s) to full-time, permanent non-faculty employees who are taking either undergraduate or graduate level courses at an accredited institution of higher education, or enrolled in approved – short courses, licensure, certificate or continuing education programs that supports staff development. The Fund has been established in the memory of Janet B. Royster, a UNC-TV employee who provided important leadership, knowledge and dedication of the UNC Staff Assembly where she served as its first Parliamentarian until her untimely death in June 2011.

Congratulations, Alice Smith, on this great accomplishment!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to all employees who celebrated a birthday in the month of January and February. They are as follows:

**JANUARY**

Zohair X. Ahmad  
Joseph D. Alston  
Diana Amerson  
Karen E. Andrews  
Vickie P. Bannon  
Yufang Bao  
Tyson J. Beale  
Kiara T. Brinkley  
Timothy E. Buckner  
Turrell M. Burgess  
Ronald H. Buryk  
Christine M. Cardoza  
Man-yee Chan  
Yunkai Chen  
Barbara W. Cohen  
Valerie S. Colorado  
Alexandra B. Denman  
Christopher M. Dudley  
Beverly L. Edwards  
Erin Eldridge

William C. Evans  
Maelois Freeman  
Claudette R. Fuller  
Cheryl S. Gaines  
Arasu T. Ganesan  
Billie G. Gibson  
Cynthia L. Gibson  
Peggy Green  
Heather Griffiths  
Shana T. Hammonds  
Suzanne E. Hesseltine  
Dwane T. Hodges  
Vera D. Hooks  
Debra M. Johnson  
Oliver J. Johnson  
Candace S. Jones  
Ngozi C. Kamalu  
Alphonza Kee  
Jainab Khatun  
Rashonda Kirk  
John M. Lewis  
John E. Lowe  
Elizabeth A. Lowman  
Gloria K. Mills  
Linda B. Mitchell  
Daniel A. Montoya  
Josephine S. Moore  
James A. Newton  
Jilly M. Ngwainmbi  
Suzette M. Perkins

LaTara Y. Ray  
Keisha D. Roberts  
Bradley B. Robinson  
Linda M. Saunders  
John J. Scarsella  
Cynthia T. Shamberger  
Jannie M. Shaw  
Jackie M. Smith  
Jane M. Smith  
Ocie J. Stroud-Melvin  
Jessica L. Teagle  
Lynnadora S. Thompson  
Billy J. Tripp  
Jonathan A. Tupuola  
Mary F. Wesley  
Kimberly W. Moore  
Dorothy T. Whitehead  
Kelly P. Wrench  
Bing Wu

**FEBRUARY**

Shenetta Adams-Dudley  
Eugenie Almeida  
Christina Amsterdam  
Sydney Benton  
Frederick Bittle  
Bridgitte Bonner-Lindsay  
Yolanda Bonnette  
Shane Booth  
Teresta Bravo
The FSU Staff Senate welcomes the following new employees to the university in the month of January:

Teresita Bravo - School of Education/MGS
Andrea Bennett - Department of Math & Comp Science
Shawnta Cummings - Department of Biological Sciences
Paula Drummond - Residence Life
Dr. Brian Kent - CDHS
Latoya Parker - Department of Sociology
Kevin Crutchfield - Business and Finance
Essence Floyd - Human Resources
Syed Gilani - Sponsored Research & Programs
Tanya Simpson - Human Resources

Birthday's (continued)

**FEBRUARY (cont.)**

Bionca Bright
Joe Brown
LaShonda Brown
Ray Brown
Raphael Calhoun
Sarah Calhoun
Shirley Chao
Darla Cole
Monica Davis
Celestine Davis-Franklin
Ronald Duffer
Nathaniel Gantt
James Georgoulakis
William Gill
LaQuanda Gipson
Carla Hall
Phoebe Hall
Michael Head
Allen Hearon
Timothy Heath
Druann Heckert
Katrina Hoffman
Priscilla Jackson
Johnny Jarman
Linda Johnson, Linda
Rachael Johnson
Paris Jones
Earlyn Jordan
Markita Latimer-Sport
Carlos Lazaro
Phyllis Lennon
Johnny Leonard
Sherry Leviner
Charles Lovick
Steven Mack
Cynthia McArthur-Keamey
Deborah McPherson
Seneva Miles
Carlitta Moore
Ronnie Moore
Steven Murphy
Dorothy Nixon
Stephania Oates
Blessing Okobi
Carla Padilla
Mamy Penix
Terrance Phillips
Elizabeth Quinn
Daniel Roes
Charles Ross
Cesreaa Rumpf
Zachary Sentel
Assad Tavakoli
Linda Tomlinson
Keith Townsend
Yan Valdes
Sabrina Vollrath-Bueno
Carmen Wade
Jurlonna Walker
Tavoria Wax
Carole Weatherford