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IT'S A QUOTE

"What would life be if we had no courage to attempt anything?"

—vincent van gogh

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WE WANT U!

—chelsea ewer

MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2008 kicks off our Arizona Student Unions Employee Recognition week of events with a Presidential theme. Remember, these events are for all Union employees, so grab a student, co-worker or supervisor and join us for a week of fun. Here's what's planned:

Monday, April 7: Campaign Kick-off—Make someone's day by giving a big thank you to other Union Employees with our "U get my Vote" thank you cards.

Tuesday, April 8, Ballroom 6pm: Annual Service Awards Banquet.

Wednesday, April 9, 1–2:30pm, SUMC 4th floor terrace: "We Want U" Ice cream social.

Thursday, April 10: Thank you Thursday is departmental appreciation day.

Friday, April 11, 7–9am, Cellar: "Red, White and U" employee breakfast in the Cellar with great food and Wii competition! ■



STAFF AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

—larry jones

CHRIS BLEVINS FROM the Event Services Department has won the University of Arizona's 2008 Staff Award of Excellence! This award comes with a \$1,000 award along with a certificate, and attendance in the Awards of Excellence Reception, held on April 11th, from 3-5 pm in the Student Union Ballroom.



This is the first time that the Arizona Student Unions have had an employee win this award, and hopefully will allow others to achieve this same goal.

The next time you see Chris take a moment to congratulate him on his accomplishment and recognition for work well done. ■

BIRTHDAYS

FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES CELEBRATING
THEIR MARCH & APRIL
BIRTHDAYS. HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

March

- 3 Bonnie Arriaga
- 6 Jose Hernandez III
- 6 Melissa Villafane
- 8 Herminia Serino
- 9 Felix Ruiz
- 10 Dave Mitchell
- 13 Adam Burt
- 15 Rosalba Acuna-Siqueiros
- 16 Cindy Wells Hintze
- 17 Rosalia Grodzicki
- 18 Michael Montros
- 18 Edgar Salazar Perez
- 18 William Shiba
- 22 Maria E. Osuna
- 23 Norma Juarez
- 25 Paul Ewer
- 25 Carime Inclan
- 26 Daniel Davis
- 27 Jesse Gomez
- 27 Miguel Lopez
- 28 Manual Ramirez
- 29 Irma Nava
- 29 Becky Thomas

April

- 1 Elizabeth Freeman
- 3 Longina Bustos
- 4 Gregory Stinnett
- 5 Don Bennett
- 6 Amporn Gullock
- 6 Jean Poston
- 9 Gloria Fierros
- 12 Justin Judd
- 14 Kenneth Davis
- 14 Mark McGehee
- 14 Olga Rodriguez
- 16 Arnold Figueroa
- 16 Willis McQuerry
- 17 Yolanda Canez
- 20 Opal Hughes
- 20 Annette Rivers
- 20 Carol Underwood
- 21 Patricia Lopez
- 24 Sean Oneil
- 25 Saul Rodriguez
- 28 Catherine Speece
- 29 Ronald Williams Jr.
- 30 Stephanie Cunningham



WE ALSO WISH A "HAPPY BIRTHDAY"
TO ALL OF OUR STUDENT
EMPLOYEES!

EMPLOYEE NEWZ

ACUI Awards

■ The Arizona Student Unions received numerous awards and recognition at the annual ACUI (Association of College Unions International) conference. Our PIP (Professional Intern Program) received the "The Excellence in Student Training Program Award" and our marketing department received 13 "Steal This Idea Competition" awards for outstanding graphic design and marketing work. Congratulations!

Highland Happenings

■ Should you happen to see **Alan Wetzel** back on campus, he is not picking up his football season tickets. Alan is graciously offering his expertise to Highland Market which has become a 24/7 C-Store operation since January 21. **Mario Celis** and **Felipe Acuna** have accepted the night owl supervisory positions. We look forward to expanding the growth and development of this fantastic looking market. Stop by some night at 3am to see if the burrito line has gone down!

UITS Agreement

■ The Arizona Student Unions and University Information Technology Services (UITS) have entered an agreement that will allow UITS to run our Union network infrastructure. This agreement will help to defer future replacement costs for our network switches. From the user standpoint there will be no noticeable change, if a problem occurs you will still report it to **Greg Horner** or **Larry Jones**.

Conference a Hit

■ The National Collegiate Leadership Conference (NCLC) was a hit! With over 530 participants, from 22 states and four different countries, NCLC reached a broader audience than ever before. The conference planning committee, advisors, and participants would like to extend a warm thanks to all of the Union employees who contributed to the success of this year's conference. Without the support of amazing teams like operations, marketing and facilities, this event would never have happened. Thank you for making a difference in so many students' lives!

DAG NEWZ

■ The Director's Advisory Group (DAG) has held two Brown Bag lunches so far this semester, one for students and one for full time employees. The Hot Topics that were discussed include:

1. Union policy on using your recycle mug to get a break drink
2. 50/50 card usage in Core
3. The need to update Student Training to include more information on the Unions so staff can provide better customer service.

DAG took these questions to the appropriate departments and here are our findings:

Break Drinks

You may use your Union recycle mug to get a break drink of soda or coffee at any Union restaurant. Please keep in mind that it would be helpful to our staff to avoid units with heavy customer traffic or during peak hours.

50/50 in Core

You may now use your 50/50 employee card in Core after 1:30pm.

Student Training

The Student HR committee is in the process of creating an on-line Student Orientation that will include information on all departments and locations within the Unions. Stay tuned.

If you have an opinion on any of these Hot Topics mail your comments to the Director's Advisory Group through GroupWise, or submit your feedback online at: www.union.arizona.edu/dag

Concessions Did You Know?

■ Did you know that the Concessions department is a part of Dining Services and that they handle concessions at all UA sporting events? Did you also know that:

- Over 1.5 million fans attend UA athletic events?
- In a typical year, Concessions sells 80,000 large sodas?
- Last year we sold 93,000 Hot Dogs?
- Fans ate 70,000 Nachos last year?
- 21,000 bags of peanuts were shelled by those fans last year?
- Student employees or clubs can sell water at football games to earn money for themselves or their club?