

## Summer 2018

# USPDD 2018 - Paying it Forward

Another successful University Staff Professional Development Day is in the books. With over 170 participants, this year's event didn't fail to satisfy. The day started off with an amazing breakfast prepared by our Sodexo staff and included three different kinds of scrambled eggs, fresh fruit, and delicious danish. **Lisa Goetsch**, USPDD Program Chair, who stepped in after the current chair quit working for UW Oshkosh, welcomed staff and gave us all the day's plans. Many thanks to Lisa for stepping in! She also announced the winners of the donated prize baskets: **Marc Miller**, **Rose Ragenoski-Campbell**, **Jenny Hoerth** and **Jess Kleier**.

**Cindy Schultz**, USS Grant Chair, showed up to let us all know that there are grants for University Staff to apply for. Check online at: <https://uwosh.edu/uss/awards-and-grants/> and apply for next year's awards. Find a list of this year's award winners later in the newsletter.

Chancellor Leavitt followed Cindy with another welcoming presentation. He found a way to intertwine his four pillars of workplace joy into the day's event and shared his thoughts for renaming the University.

On to our morning sessions everyone went. Lunch was held at Blackhawk and food was wonderful. How can you get tired of a buffet lunch? Games Committee Chair, **Kristina Mosley**, and her team put together another fun trivia contest to work on while mingling with co-workers. There were 80 people who aced this contest! Dr. Barbara Rau was our keynote speaker for the day and gave a presentation on the day's theme - Coming Together to Paying it Forward.

The last session was attended and then on to Bingo and games! We are pretty fortunate to have a supporting Chancellor who allows us to coordinate and attend this day. Without that support, it'd be just another work day. Remember to appreciate and thank those who helped with making this day a winner.

See pictures from the day later in the newsletter.

## University Staff Senate 2018-19

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## 2018 USPDD Workshops & Comments



*"Very Interesting and it was good to see Hondo."*

*"Absolutely wonderful."*

### Peregrine Falcon Facts



*"Fabulous information about the falcons. I actually took notes and shared them with my husband when I got home that night!"*



*"This one really touched me. I truly enjoyed connecting dance with Life Balance. It was great."*

### Dancing Through Life



*"I loved this session, so much fun and laughter!"*

*"Wonderful! Fun! Energetic!"*

### Living with Rabbits



*"Very informative education session on America's #3 top household pet."*

*"I love animals so I always choose options that deal with our furry companions, when these are available. I honestly learned a lot, even though I do not personally have rabbits or plan to get rabbits in the future."*

*"Wish there were more rabbits to play with."*





### Children's Learning & Care Center



*"Met some really cool kiddos."*

*"I really valued having the chance to be active and give back to my campus. I would love this session to be offered again!"*



*"It was a great feeling to do such a small bit with so much appreciation from them."*



### Bingo and Outdoor Games

*"LOVED Bingo-prize committee does a fabulous job and the Marketplace was really nice for the location. AWESOME new cards too!"*



*"The hosts were awesome. Very entertaining."*



*"Didn't win! Glad others did though, loved meeting new people!"*

*"Very fun. Loved the atmosphere and the bingo callers did a great job."*

### A Historical Walking Tour of Campus

*"It was interesting to learn more about the history of the campus and the surrounding community."*

*"I was excited to finally get to do this. Dr. Kercher was very knowledgeable and I learned a lot of new things."*

*"I loved being able to learn more of the historical connection between UWO and the surrounding buildings, grounds, green spaces, etc. as well as some significant events that are a part of the UWO history."*

*"Spectacular! I didn't want it to end. Can Dr. Kercher do more tours, maybe picking up where he left off? Maybe a double session next year?"*

## Habitat for Humanity Restore - Cleaning shelving units



*"I enjoyed volunteering for Re-Store. It was great giving back."*

*"Wonderful experience! Have these sort of sessions each year please!"*

*"It was a great feeling to give back! They kept us busy and were very friendly and personable."*

## Our Oshkosh Area Community Pantry Volunteers



*"Loved it! Very satisfying opportunity!"*

*"I loved it, just wish it could've been longer since the Pantry is in great need of volunteers. Felt so appreciated by them!"*

*"This was hard work, but I had an amazing time and plan to do more volunteering on my own time with my husband at the food pantry. I thoroughly enjoyed the experience and the people there – both customers and workers. It serves such an important role in our community that I just have to be a part of it!"*

## Active Threat Response and Preparedness

*"Very good!"*

*"Excellent-Will attend again if I can."*

*"This should be mandatory for staff to learn"*

*"Awesome"*

## Canvas Painting

*"It was fun...great presenter."*

*"LOVED THIS. Please offer again next year."*

*"Tons of fun! Learned about a new activity. Will be doing canvas painting with friends in the future."*

*"It was fun to have the experience with everyone. It was hard to complete in an hour but it was still a lot of fun."*



## Alterations Station -UW Oshkosh Career Closet



*"Loved every minute.  
The clothes closet needs  
more advertising!"*

*"Learned that the service for  
students was more than I had  
heard of"*

*"Great idea for the workshop because of  
the need! I think we accomplished a LOT in  
the hour we were there."*

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## It's Your Garden. Do What You Want

*"Really enjoyed Tom – he's a  
wonderful presenter!"*

*"Very informative and fun."*

*"Always very informative."*

*"Loved Tom Fojtik! Not a gardener myself, though very enjoyable  
and learned a few plant names".*

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## Planting around Campus

*"I enjoyed this very much."*

*"It was great to help plant  
around campus."*

*"A pile of fun. Made some  
new friends too."*

*"I love this idea. I felt that we could have done a lot more planting.  
There were a bunch of us so everything went really quickly."*

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To see all photos from University Staff Professional Development Day, please check out:  
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/uwoshkosh/sets/72157667575040607>

# 2017 -2018 USPDD Committees

## Facilities

Linda Koon, Chair      Jess Kleier      Dana Hartel      Lisa Goetsch      Julia Hodgen

## Programs

Katrina Helmer, Co-Chair      Sue Robl, Co-Chair      Angie Hammond      Jan Kossel  
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## Games

Kristina Mosley, Chair      David Miles      Jenny Krautsch

## Marketing

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# ★ Star Award Recipients ★

The STAR award is given monthly to a University Staff member who has worked at least six months at UW Oshkosh and has demonstrated a “commitment to the University by virtue of outstanding performance in support of the University’s goals... Individuals must have performed above and beyond the expectations of their assignment position.” Winners of the STAR award receive a framed certificate, a reserved parking space for one month and a gift from University Books & More. For more information on how to nominate a STAR visit the USS website.

<http://uss.uwosh.edu/awards-and-grants/star-award/>



## June 2018

**Brian Ramsay**, who works for the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Department of Teaching and Learning as an academic department associate, has been named the recipient of the June 2018 STAR Award.

He was nominated by Stephanie Bernander, associate professor in the Department of Teaching and Learning.

Ramsay’s nomination follows:

“Brian came to us at a time of transition in the department. He quickly learned all his job responsibilities plus helped out the part-time academic department associate in our department when she was hired. Our part-time academic department associate is now leaving, and Brian

has gone above and beyond to make sure that all aspects of both positions are covered at all times. If he doesn’t get the work done himself, he is very good at delegating work to other graduate assistants or STEP workers to make sure that the department continues to run smoothly. Our department continues to run smoothly because of his dedication and commitment.

“On several occasions when I have needed some last minute work done for my grant, Brian has been willing to step in and help me get the work completed. This happened at a time that my sister was diagnosed with cancer, and I wasn’t on campus for a couple weeks in the summer to be with her. Brian stepped in to make sure forms got down to the dean for signature and over to financial services for payment. Even though the grant is not technically a requirement of his job, he was willing to help out in a time of great need.

“I have listed two specific examples, but could provide more. It is the daily things Brian does like always greeting everyone with a smile and hello. Every night before he leaves, he checks to see if there is anything else people need before he leaves. If they do happen to need something, he will stay a bit longer to make sure it gets done. Brian has been an absolutely wonderful addition to our department. I can honestly say I don’t know what we would do without having him here.”



## July 2018

**Eliza Farrow**, who works for the Women's Center as a University Services Associate, has been named the recipient of the July 2018 STAR Award. She was nominated by Alicia Johnson, Women's Center director.

Farrow's nomination follows:

"Eliza goes above and beyond her normal job responsibilities on a regular basis, even though she is not full-time in the Women's Center. She is a tireless advocate for the work we do in the

Women's Center and is always generating new ideas to creatively support that work.

"The first example is her commitment to fundraising for the Women's Center so that we are able to offer an ample number of programs and events to students. This is not part of her formal job description but she engages with the task anyway due to her passion and commitment. One particularly creative fundraising opportunity spearheaded by Eliza is having a Women's Center table at the House of Heroes' Free Comic Day event. While there, Eliza participates fully by dressing up as a comic character, promoting the work of the Women's Center to attendees, selling the Women's Center's fundraising items (cookbooks, bow ties) and getting donations.

"The second example is the Women's Center's Level Up! A Feminist Gaming Initiative. It was Eliza's passion for video games that sparked the idea to have a feminist gaming initiative in the Women's Center. Since the launch of the initiative, Eliza has gone above and beyond to present to various groups about the initiative and to discuss a variety of topics about diversity and gender in video games during weekly meetings. She adjusted her limited hours (23/week) so that she could host these meetings in the evening and accommodate student schedules.

"A third example I would like to share is Eliza's commitment to ensuring that the Women's Center's marketing material looks professional. She uses her graphic design background to enhance the branding of the Women's Center and communicate a consistent message across and beyond campus. Eliza's design skills have helped amplify the reach of the Women's Center.

"The Women's Center has significantly grown since Eliza joined the staff in 2014. I firmly believe that it is Eliza's commitment to and passion for the work of the Women's Center that has allowed the Women's Center to continue growing during director transition in recent years."

# University Staff Grants

The following is a list of grant recipients for the 2017-2018 academic year. If you'd like to apply for one of the University Staff Grants, go to the web site: <https://uwosh.edu/uss/> and click on the Awards and Grants link. You can apply right online. Please contact Cindy Schultz if you have any questions.

## 2017-2018 Recipients

### **University Staff Grant Program**

Mindy Roever - \$149

### **Sally Margis Fund - \$500 each**

Michelle Peplow

Tom Romanowski

Melissa Starr

Shawn Stephany

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**Interested in joining one of our committees for the next USPDD event?  
Contact one of the following committee chairs below. Hope to see you at  
our next meeting!**

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