I am honored to serve as APSAC chair for the 2017-2018 term. I’d like to take this opportunity to introduce myself, tell you why I joined APSAC, and briefly describe the role that APSAC can play on our campus.

I am a three-time alumna of Purdue University. I relocated to West Lafayette from South Bend, Indiana in 2000 to pursue a B.S. in atmospheric chemistry and continued my graduate studies in science education culminating in a Ph.D. in 2009. My husband (B.S. Technology, ’05) love Purdue and West Lafayette so much that we decided to stay in here to make a home and raise our family. I am so grateful to the university for allowing me the opportunity to pursue my career and intellectual goals at the university I love. I work with an excellent group of professional scholars and researchers in my role as Associate Director of the Evaluation and Learning Research Center in the College of Education.

The reason I joined APSAC was to advocate for Administrative and Professional staff across campus. I have the privilege working with some amazingly talented staff every day and I wanted to work for greater inclusion of the perspectives of administrative and professional staff in university decision making and to raise awareness of the depth of knowledge and expertise present in our ranks. APSAC is a valued and respected campus partner to the university administration and governance bodies, and we are often involved in reviewing and providing feedback to help develop strategies and procedures that affect all University employees. For example, last year we sought and communicated your feedback directly to university leaders regarding Purdue’s implementation of changes to the Fair Labor Standards Act. Additionally, just last month, our colleagues in the Clerical and Service Staff Advisory Committee (CSSAC) asked for and received free tuition for Purdue employees at NewU.

This year we want to increase our engagement with our AP staff colleagues so we can more effectively and efficiently convey your perspectives and leverage your expertise. We are eager to put the collective strengths, skills and knowledge of administrative and professional staff to work for the continuous improvement of our university.

Please contact us. Every area on campus has at least one APSAC member. I encourage all AP staff to get to know their APSAC member. Reach out to us if you have a question, concern, solution, or challenge. Keep your eyes peeled for communication from and events hosted by your APSAC member. We are here to serve as the pulse of the AP staff community at Purdue and we want to engage with you. We look forward to hearing from you!

APPLICATIONS FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS BEING ACCEPTED

APSAC will begin accepting applications for its individual professional development grants on September 1, 2017. Examples of funded grant applications include but are not limited to professional education or certification; attendance at lectures, conferences and seminars; or tuition assistance for academic classes. The maximum award amount is $750. Applications for fall grants will be considered for activities occurring from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. The application process will be completed online, and the deadline is October 2, 2017 at 11:59pm for this grant period. More information and a link to the online application are available at http://www.purdue.edu/apsac/Grants/index.html. Questions may be directed to the Professional Development Subcommittee at APSAC-PD@purdue.edu.

NOW ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR THE COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARD

Nominations will be accepted from September 13, 2017 to September 22, 2017. Any A/P or C/S staff member is eligible to be nominated. Any organization or individual, on or off campus, may submit a nomination. Nominations may be submitted at https://purdue.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_b3p5sqbTGt8py3X. Questions can be directed to Abby Hostetler, alillpop@purdue.edu or 765-494-4390.
The Administrative and Professional Staff Advisory Committee (APSAC) and Clerical and Service Staff Advisory Committee (CSSAC) will highlight campus programs, courses and services available to employees Sept. 28th at a Resource Fair. The fair will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Purdue Memorial Union, South Ballroom. The event is open to all Purdue employees.

Employees will have the chance to ask questions, gain awareness of available resources and sign up for programs and activities. "The resource fair is an opportunity for employees to learn about the benefits available and to talk with representatives from several vendors," says Jackie Baumgardt, chair of APSAC's Compensation and Benefits subcommittee. Staff from several departments and vendors will be at the fair to promote their services. The Academy of Student Pharmacists will have a table for the Drug Take-Back program where you can deposit unwanted and expired medicines. Alpha-ASP will also be offering a limited number of cholesterol screenings.

Other participants include:
- Anthem
- CityBus
- Civic Engagement & Leadership Development
- Digital and Professional Education
- Division of Financial Aid
- Environmental Health & Public Safety
- Evans, Piggott and Finney Eyecare
- Fidelity
- ITAP
- Latino Cultural Center
- Liberty Mutual Insurance
- Office of Institutional Equity
- One to One Health
- PerksConnect
- PURA-Purdue University Retirees Association
- Purdue Athletics
- Purdue Benefits
- Purdue Convocations
- Purdue Dining & Catering
- Purdue Federal Credit Union
- Purdue Fire Department
- Purdue Polytechnic Lafayette
- Purdue University Pharmacy
- Purdue Women’s Club
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Are you looking to sharpen or learn some new skills? Don’t have time to attend a full class but maybe some online learning might fit your busy schedule? Well, Purdue offers just the solution for this. Human Resources Leadership and Organizational Development has a resource through Lynda.com to allow you to get the skills you may be looking for.

You can log in with your career account here: https://www.purdue.edu/hr/iod/lyndaTraining/

Lynda.com offers individual sessions on specific skills or you can take a Course Track that takes you through learning about an entire subject. What are some of the benefits of using this course work? Well, you can:

- Learn about new software, business or creative skills
- Track your success by looking at your course history and activity
- Bookmark specific courses that you may want to view later
- Use some exercise files included with the course to get extra practice or ideas
- Collaborate by extending training to other areas
- Earn certificates of course completion when you finish a course.

So, this all sounds good but how easy is it to use? You don’t even have to sign up for an account. You just click the link above and sign in. If you have never been here before, you may get a screen that asks you if you have an account. Click that you don’t and it will create your account automatically based on your career account.

That’s it! It is that simple.

Well, what can I learn? Lynda.com offers courses based in the following areas:
- 3D + Animation
- Audio + Music
- Business
- Computer Aided Design (CAD)
- Design
- IT Developer
- Education + ELearning
- Information Technology
- Marketing
- Photography + Video
- Web Design

Start exploring this resource and see what you might learn. You never know, it may lead to the next area of advancement for you!
The first of five one-hour webinars on different aspects of Purdue NewU is now available online at https://youtu.be/Yzf44tlGpNU.

This webinar, held Thursday (Sept. 7), focused on the mission, rationale and timeline for NewU and featured Frank Dooley, senior vice provost for teaching and learning at Purdue, and Betty Vandenbosch, Purdue NewU chancellor-elect and president of Kaplan University.

The next webinar, scheduled for 1:30-2:30 p.m. Sept. 19, will look at online learning.

The webinars are intended to bring together faculty and staff from Purdue and Kaplan University to foster learning, share best practices, promote ongoing collaboration, and support better understanding among our teams and campuses.

Whether you’re looking for answers, have an idea for a Sentinel article, or just want to let us know how you feel about what’s going on around campus, you can now email APSAC at: sentinel-request@lists.purdue.edu