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Purdue’s open enrollment is fast approaching, which means individuals will soon need to determine which health insurance and voluntary benefits they’ll select for 2016. Therefore, now is a great time to take advantage of the opportunity to speak with a variety of vendors and get more information about the resources offered to Purdue employees. With our APSAC Resource Fair coming up on Sept. 25, we are providing you with that opportunity. In case you do not know, the APSAC Resource Fair is an event that highlights different services and programs available to Purdue employees, including some of the lesser-known resources and those that are tried and true. Even as a 10-year employee of Purdue University, I find there are still resources I am unaware of or have questions about. That’s why we have many vendors lined up to speak with you and explain some of the benefit they can provide.

First, it’s important to keep track of the cost of your medical treatment, in addition to your medical information. Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield is our health insurance carrier, but are you aware that Castlight can help you make smarter choices on health care providers by helping to identify the costs associated with medical treatment? Also, the Center for Healthy Living has providers close to campus who can help you with health care needs. Each of these organizations will have representatives at the Resource Fair to answer your questions.

Have you looked into the voluntary benefits that are offered to Purdue Employees? Trustmark and Unum will be available to discuss those things in life that may be easy to overlook until you need them, such as accident plans, long-term care, and life insurance. Fidelity Investments also will be there to help you make good choices in your retirement. Delta Dental and VSP Vision Care will be on hand as well for your dental and vision questions.

Are you thinking about going back to school? Digital and Professional Education, a representative from the Weekend MBA program, and Purdue Polytechnic Institute will be at the Resource Fair to provide you with information on possible program choices. The SPAN plan, Financial Aid, and the Bursar’s Office, which also will participate in the fair, may assist you with your questions about tuition and affordability.

You can also come and learn about different centers that are located around campus, including Purdue’s cultural centers, banking institutions, or organizations that might help you on a more personal level with things like pet insurance, auto and home insurance, and the Recreational Sports Center.

These are just a few of the organizations that you can discover more about at the Resource Fair. Please mark your calendars and come join us at the APSAC Resource Fair from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 25 in the Purdue Memorial Union North and South ballrooms!

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Most students, and some faculty and staff, will now need to change their career account password less frequently — basically once a year — due to a recent policy change.

Based on recommendations by the IT Operational Oversight Committee and IT Strategic Governance Committee, students, faculty and staff at Purdue will now have either a 90- or 365-day password change cycle, depending on the data they have access to in University systems.

Robert Stanfield, director of the Identity and Access Management Office in the ITaP Security and Policy unit, says security research indicates that a shorter password change cycle does not necessarily increase security. In fact, many security professionals believe more frequent password changes actually lead to a reduction in security, because people may choose an easier-to-guess password or write down their passwords to help remember them.

“Employees who have access to financial, employee, or student information within Purdue’s OnePurdue Portal and myPurdue systems will still be required to change their career account password every 90 days to maintain compliance with payment card industry and health privacy requirements,” Stanfield says. “Most students, except student employees with elevated privileges in those systems, will now need to change their career account password every 365 days, as opposed to every 180 days.”

As of early June, each person’s password change deadline was extended for the relevant period. That means, for example, someone who last changed their password Jan. 1, 2015, will need to change passwords by Dec. 31, 2015, instead of June 30, 2015 (moving from 180 to 365 days).

If you are unsure about how often you must change your password, please visit ITaP’s User Account Information website to find out.

In conjunction with this change, faculty and staff may now take advantage of the campus two-factor authentication service known as BoilerKey. Using an app on a mobile device, faculty and staff can install and activate two-factor authentication to access many campus services, including the OnePurdue Portal.

Individuals also may contact the ITaP Customer Service Center via email at itap@purdue.edu or by phone at 49-44000 for questions regarding password services (requests for a password reset cannot be handled via email).

Todd Iler, an assistant director in Purdue’s Office of Admissions, is a presentation ninja. He earned that accolade by completing a series of public speaking, story-telling and Purdue trivia challenges housed within ITaP’s digital learning platform, Passport.

“Even though employees in the Office of Admissions are using their presentation muscles on a daily basis, it’s one of those things you can always improve,” Iler says. “The Presentation Ninja badge contains exercises to eliminate fillers like ‘so’ and ‘um’ from your speech. It’s also helped me modify the format of my communication to students by entertaining them with stories instead of overwhelming them with details.”

Senior Assistant Director of Admissions Ja’Niah Downing says he and his team started researching tools to improve their training and onboarding processes after watching an informational video about digital badges. Their search turned up few external options, but they were surprised and delighted to discover what they were looking for in Purdue’s homegrown badge solution, Passport.

In 2014, Admissions launched six badges on topics such as presentation skills, diversity, relationship building with prospective students and high school counselors, teamwork, and more. While Downing does not require staff to pursue the badges, at least 39 employees currently participate in the initiative. He says they enjoy the flexibility and freedom to become experts in areas they choose.

In a sense, Downing’s office has become an active classroom, and his team is expanding its curricula. In August, the office launched four new badges to complement the original six. The new badges will help current employees sharpen skillsets and supplement onboarding for four recently hired assistant directors. Downing believes Passport will be critical to these individuals’ training and success.

Kevin O’Shea, an educational technologist who worked with Downing to implement Passport in the Office of Admissions, says he and his colleagues are available to work with departments on implementing a similar Passport system. Staff and faculty who have other ideas about how technology might be leveraged to improve life at Purdue are encouraged to reach out to his team at studiohelp@purdue.edu.
The Community Spirit Award seeks to recognize Purdue employees’ outstanding service to the community, society and humanity.

Administrative, professional, clerical and service staff members are eligible for the award. APSAC and the Clerical and Service Staff Advisory Committee (CSSAC) created the award in 2011.

The number and quality of recommendations the award committee receives will determine the number of awards given this year. A primary nominee will be selected, but others also may be recognized as honorable mentions.

Applications are available every August and awards are announced in October. Updates will be communicated via Purdue Today.

Past Winners:
2014: Molly Cripe-Birt, Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital
2013: Kurt Stull, Operations and Maintenance Department
2012: Nadine Dolby, Professor of Curriculum and Instruction
2011: Melissa Swathwood, a research and faculty secretary for the School of Nursing

Nominations will be accepted until September 18, 2015. 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. Please use our online nomination form. Questions can be directed to Kelly Delp, KJDelp@prf.org or 765-494-9650.

Greetings, Boilermakers!

On behalf of the Asian American and Asian Resource and Cultural Center (AAARCC) I’d like to welcome you to a new year at Purdue! Whether you are returning or new to our campus we are excited to have you and thrilled to introduce you to the newest addition to our diversity centers here. My name is Victoria Loong and I am currently serving as the interim director. As a proud Purdue graduate I am happy to be back at my alma mater to be a part of this exciting start. We opened on April 29, 2015 and have been preparing our space and calendar to provide opportunities to delve into the Asian and Asian American experience.

To kick off the year we invite you to attend our Open House Week! It will take place From Monday August 31st to Friday September 4th from 1-5pm in Stewart 162. The detailed schedule is below. As this is our first full year on campus we have chosen to focus each day as an opportunity to discuss potential partnerships and how we can help serve Purdue. If a particular day does not suit your schedule, you are always welcome to stop by another time.

AAARCC Open House Week, 1-5pm
Monday 8/31: Undergraduate Welcome
Tuesday 9/1: Graduate Welcome
Wednesday 9/2: Staff Welcome
Thursday 9/3: Undergraduate Welcome
Friday 9/4: Faculty Welcome

To sign up for our once-monthly newsletter for updates on events and more you may sign-up here: http://bit.ly/1ERbXKD. We look forward to welcoming you into our new space!

Sincerely,
Victoria Loong | Interim Director | Asian American and Asian Resource and Cultural Center (AAARCC)
Purdue University | Stewart Center, Room 162
PURDUE UNIVERSITY SURPLUS STORE

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AUGUST 31 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 4 — 50% OFF
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NOTHING IS EXCLUDED. ALL ITEMS MUST BE SOLD.

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For additional information, contact the

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COME PREPARED!

Items must be removed on the day of purchase.

Buyers are responsible for loading their own purchases.

There are limited quantities of all items.
Long weekend trips, visits to see grandma in Florida, or car problems are all very good reasons to rent a car. Did you know Purdue is part of the Big Ten Travel agreement with National Car and Enterprise Car Rentals? This means if you are traveling on business for Purdue or for pleasure you qualify for the Big Ten pricing rate.

According to the Purdue University National Car contract, “Eligible Renters are defined as faculty, staff and retirees; spouses and children (living in the same household) of Faculty, staff and retirees; Consultants and Contractors whose rental will be reimbursed or paid by the university and Graduate Students on business rental for the university. Authorized Drivers are the spouses of faculty, staff and fellow employees.”

To apply the car rental discount use the Purdue Contract ID XZ08035. There are also coupons for class upgrades and $15 off weekly rentals. By using this contract number you do not need to purchase extra insurance.

For more information visit the Purdue travel website. To book your car online, visit the Purdue travel page for a link to the online Purdue contract ID reservation form. https://www.purdue.edu/business/travel/Discounts/national.html

Apple: Free Beats Headphones ($200 retail value) or $200 off Wireless Beats Headphones with purchase of any Mac computer (a new iMac, MacBook, MacBook Pro, MacBook Air, or Mac Pro). The standard Purdue educational discount on Apple products still applies. Offer available to faculty, staff, and students. Last day to purchase and receive this offer is September 18, 2015. See details on Apple Store website.

ITaP Purchasing for Personal Use: https://www.itap.purdue.edu/shopping/

Dell: Free 32” HDTV (choice of LG or Samsung) with any computer purchase from “Buy a PC, Get a Free TV” Back To School specials priced $699 or more. Purdue discounts have already been applied to these special prices. Limited time offer available to faculty, staff, and students.

APSAC is now accepting applications for its individual professional development grants. 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, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

The application process will be completed online, and the deadline is October 1, 2015 at 11:59pm for this grant period. More information and a link to the online application are available at www.purdue.edu/apsac. Questions may be directed to Sal Vallejo at APSAC-PD@purdue.edu or Carrie Hanson at 765-494-7397 or carrie@purdue.edu.

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