



YEAR IN REVIEW

October 2015

Presenter: United Way gave an overview of different programs UW supports. They shared a video about these programs, and thanked UA for being #1 in donations for the SEC and for being instrumental in reaching goals.

Professional Development: Working on matching of 403B (TIAA-CREF, VALIC) plan to present.

Service & Outreach: Plans to partner with Faculty Senate for the annual gift card drive for Alabama REACH.

November 2015

Presenter: Dr. Stuart Bell, President of the University of Alabama was the guest speaker.

From the Service and Outreach Committee: Then November 2015 Gift Card Drive for Alabama REACH was a success through the joint effort of the OCTSA and Faculty Senate. We continually support Alabama Reach during the year with pantry donations (list on OCTSA website). The Service and Outreach Committee would like to encourage faculty and staff to support Alabama Reach.

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December 2015

Presenter: Dr. George Brown, Director of University Recreation reminded the OCTSA that all recreation facilities are open to Faculty/ Staff. There is opportunity for individual and group workouts, and personal trainers are available.

Communications & Public Relations: A new table banner for OCTSA functions will be ordered.

Professional development: TIAA-CREF rep shot down matching funds for hourly employees.

Service & Outreach: OCTSA, with PSA, received \$545 in gift cards, \$1050 in checks, and \$720 in online donations for a total of \$2315 for Alabama Reach.

February 2016

Presenter: Dr. Darryl Meyer. The OCTSA and members of the PSA met for a listening session of the strategic master plan for The University of Alabama.

Service & Outreach: Continue to bring items for Alabama REACH

March 2016

Presenter: Allie Sorlie, Museum of Natural History shared spring and summer camp programs.

Nomination and election of officers:

President: Allyson Holliday
President- elect: Jessica Richardson
Treasurer: Lacey Nisbett
Secretary: Marina Klarić
Past- President: Todd Hester

Communications & Public Relations: Table banner has been ordered and should be ready. There will be a newsletter after the awards ceremony.

Professional Development: Accepting nominations for Outstanding Staff awards until

March 25, 2016. The awards ceremony will be May 12, 2016 in 205 Gorgas Library.

Service and Outreach: Continue to bring items for Alabama Reach.

April 2016

Presenters:

Monica Watkins, UA Arboretum
Dr. Margaret Purcell, The Resiliency Initiative

Professional Development Committee had 13 nominations for staff of the year awards for the 2015-2016 year. The winners were Donald Brown and Lou Baucum. Teresa Faulkner was our speaker and helped present the awards. Congratulations Donald and Lou!



The Staff Life committee is currently working on various projects with Human Resources to organize and grow Work Life Resources on campus.

In coordination with the Outreach Committee, Staff Life is working to organize multiple Tuscaloosa and Campus Community Engagement Days throughout the 2016-2017 academic year. We are also providing support to the Professional Development Committee to bring OCTSA led UA workshops and specialized Work Life training to nonexempt staff.

REACH Pantry Donations

Items needed are toiletries, nonperishable food items, gift cards*, gas cards*, extension cords, cleaning supplies, toilet paper, paper towels, sheets, towels, laundry detergent, etc. A suggested list of items can be found on the OCSTSA website.

