

Utah State University

Classified Employee Association

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Dates to Remember

- CEA Legislative Forum **March 24.**
- CEA Scholarship Applications Due-**May 16.**
- CEA Basketball Tournament **May 27-29.**
- CEA Week **June 3-5.**

Message from CEA President

With the snow finally melting and spring starting to appear, before more time goes by I want to express my thanks to President Albrecht for giving us the days off at Christmas. It was a very generous gesture and I know it was appreciated by all of you. This is a great place to work, because the administration makes us feel appreciated and is willing to listen to our requests. Thank you President Albrecht.

CEA and PEA held the annual USU Ski Night at Beaver on January 10. It was open to students, faculty, staff, families and friends. The night was a great success with over 200 enjoying the evening.

February 7 was our annual Legislative UHESA (Utah Higher Education Staff Association) day at the Capital. Representatives from each of the State's nine higher education institutions were in attendance and together

we met with Legislators to discuss the items we want to have addressed and hopefully passed. The items we asked for this year were:

1.4.5% salary increase with continued coverage for health insurance costs.

2.1.5% funding for staff retention.



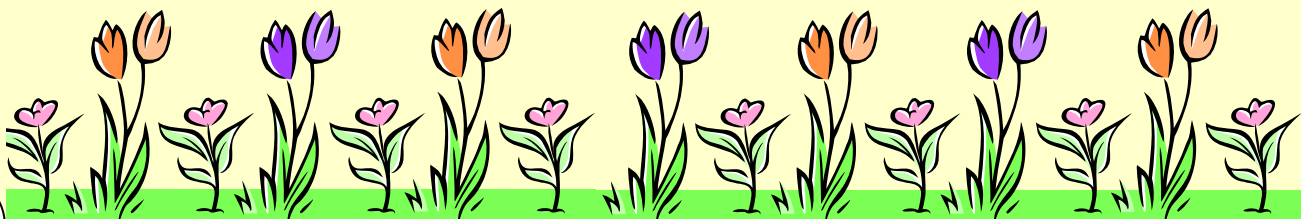
3.Continued support by appropriating funds for recruitment of students into the Higher Education system to help increase enrollments

Mark your calendars for CEA week which will be held on June 3-5 this year. We will be offering a coffee break, forum, and banquet. More information will soon follow.

Check out the CEA website (www.usu.edu/cea) for upcoming events, selected employees of the quarters, scholarship applications and other important information. If you are interested in helping on a committee we are currently looking for volunteers. You can contact me at my information posted on the website.

I appreciate each of you and your contributions to Utah State University. Without you the University would not be able to continue to go forward and accomplish its goals. You are vital to this institution and we can work together to accomplish great things.

Karen Hoffman, CEA President



Excellent Turn-Out for Wellness Forum

On November 12 CEA and PEA employees gathered for a highly anticipated brown bag forum.

The forum started with a warm welcome from Caroline Shugart-Employee Wellness Coordinator who introduced the panel members. The panel consisted of BrandE Faupell-Human Resources Interim Director, Dave Cowley-Assoc VP of Business and



Finance, James Davis-Student Health and Wellness Center Director, and Scott Standing-Blue Cross Blue Shield, My Regence Representative.

The room was set for 50 and before the forum could start the next room was opened for overflow. The response was very exciting because forums usually have lower participation numbers.

A broad spectrum of topics were discussed from current & future goals for the Wellness Program, present benefits that are offered to employees, outreach efforts to off campus locations, and the very useful My Regence website.



USU Catering really helped in creating a great Wellness forum as well. Catering has been making great leaps in providing healthy options for employees. They served fruit and veggies with fat free dips and even cups that biodegrade easily.

Remember to join us for future forums so we can continue to see great results!

- Visit www.usu.edu/hr/wellness for updates and information on the Wellness Program.

4th Annual CEA Basketball Tournament

May 27 - 29, 2008

Times: To be announced

This open to all CEA employees, so please form a team and register by Monday, May 19, 2008. Register your team by emailing Craig Miller at craig.miller@usu.edu.

Featured CEA Member Craig Miller

Craig Miller has been serving as the Vice President on the CEA board for almost 9 months and he has really enjoyed his time helping the University's CEA employees. Craig Miller was born in Oregon but at a young age his family moved to Logan. Needless to say he calls Utah home. Craig recently built a home in Smith-

field, and he is a proud father of two boys Jaden (5) and Konnor (2), and he is married to Bridgett, his lovely wife. Craig works in the facilities carpenter shop, and has been on contract for nearly nine years. Craig can't wait to become better acquainted with all the great people this University has to offer.



Employee of the Quarter



CEA's employee of the Quarter is Melanie Leishman.

Melanie is a Supervisor in the Registrar's Office and has been employed at Utah State University for 8 years.

Melanie pays a great amount of attention to detail, and she is a very diligent worker. She arrives at work early so she can be there when the doors open and often stays through closing. She has a lot knowledge and expertise in office procedures, policies, and guide-

lines. Co-workers and supervisors say that Melanie is trustworthy, friendly, hard working, courteous, and helpful. And she does everything with a smile.

Please join us in recognizing Melanie Leishman as the Classified Employee Association Employee of the quarter.

Congratulations Melanie!

Featured CEA Member Debbie Tidwell

Debbie began her employment at USU in 1992 in Personnel Services (Human Resources). Currently, she is a senior staff assistant in the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Department. She enjoys working at USU because of the great people who work here, and she appreciates the opportunity she has to serve on the Executive Board of the Classified Employees Association. Debbie lives in

Providence and has three sons and five grandchildren, who are her greatest joy. She enjoys camping, hiking, golf, four-wheeling, skiing, playing the piano, knitting & crocheting, gardening, reading, traveling (especially to new places), and playing with her grandkids. This year she plans to take up cross-country skiing and snowshoeing.



Legislative Forum



Date: Monday, March 24, 2008
Time: 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
Location: TSC Sunburst Ballroom

On Monday, March 24 CEA and PEA will be hosting the Annual Legislative Forum luncheon with our local legislative representatives. The Legislators will give us an overview of the 2008 Legislative Session and answer questions.

The participating Legislators are:
Lyle Hillyard Fred Hunsaker
Jack Draxler Rhonda Menlove
Peter Knudsen

Registration is limited, so please contact Annette at 7-3065 or annette.rindlisbacher@usu.edu. The cost of the luncheon is \$4.00. We would also like to thank the Vice President for Business and Finance for helping sponsor this event.

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ATTENTION ALL CEA EMPLOYEES!

Now is the time of the year to apply for the CEA scholarship for the 2008-09 school year. The CEA will award two \$1,000 scholarships (\$500 each semester).

The applicant must meet the following criteria:

- Must be a classified employee, employee's child, grandchild or spouse.
- The applicant must submit two letters of recommendation.
- Applicant must maintain a 3.0 GPA after scholarship has been awarded.
- Student must be a full-time student (Undergraduate=12 credit hours or Graduate=6 credit hours)
- Applications must be received by Pat Anderson on May 16, 2008. Applications can be mailed to 0120 Old Main Hill, Logan, UT 84322-0120 or delivered to TSC 305.

Applications are available online at www.usu.edu/cea/scholarships or contact Pat Anderson at 797-1128 to have one mailed to you.

The scholarship winners will be announced at the Annual Classified Employee Banquet in June.

