

### **New Employees**

**Taylor Bumgarner**: Administrative Assistant for Community Formation

Aubrey Charette: Weddings & Events Support Staff

Penny Hammond: Senior Enrollment Advisor, Tulsa

Hannah Hopkinson: Administrative Assistant to the Dean of the School of

**Biblical Interpretation** 

Jacob Junker: Financial Aid Coordinator

Dacia Wadsworth Mitchell: Senior Enrollment Advisor, Tampa

Ivan Ramirez: Academic Advisor, Bilingual

Maggie Schroeder: Enrollment Advisor

**Christine Senak**: Director of Communications

#### **Employee Transitions**

Matt Barnes is now Vice President of Formation

**Amy Ellis** is now Executive Assistant to the Office of the Provost

Meredith Fulda is now Manager of Academic Affairs

#### **Staff Council Purpose Statement**

The Staff Council exists to represent the perspective of the staff with regard to the employment experience & sense of community at ATS. The council will partner with the administration to make recommendations and present ideas for improvement of employment policies and programs relating to the work environment & community life.

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#### **BIBLE VERSE**

So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 (ESV)

## **NOTEWORTHY**



# Spring Brunch & Talent Show

The annual Staff Spring Brunch and now 2nd annual Staff Talent Show will be hosted on Friday, March 3rd @ 8:30am

If you have a talent that you would like to showcase, or know a fellow staff member that does, we encourage you to reach out to either Dan Errico or Paula Hisel to sign up.

Last year was a fun time of laughter and fellowship and we look forward to a similar event this year.



# "Meet our Team" Page Updates

There has been a lot of staff turnover in the past year.

If your department has a "Meet our Team" or "About Us" page on a departmental website, please make sure that it is updated with the most recent information on your team.



#### **New Insurance Cards**

New Insurance cards are going out in the mail. If you have not already received yours, please keep an eye out for your new card so that you can replace the expired one.

### **Best Christian Workplaces Staff Survey**

Asbury Theological Seminary is partnering with the Best Christian Workplaces Institute to implement their proven assessment tool to evaluate and improve staff culture here at ATS. BCW is a Christian organization that has the primary objective of improving the culture in Christian workplaces around the world.

By partnering with BCW, the administration of Asbury Theological Seminary is making an investment in improving our staff culture. Faculty and full and part-time staff will receive the BCW assessment survey in your email on January 30th, and Staff Council highly recommends that you take the survey. The survey is an external survey and is anonymous.

Please do your part! Your survey information will help ATS identify issues to address so we can ensure that ATS is a flourishing workplace and rewarding ministry career for all!

## **2022 KEMI Destiny Award**

In December, Kentucky Employers' Mutual Insurance (KEMI) recognized Asbury Theological Seminary for our commitment to workplace safety by presenting us with a 2022 KEMI Destiny Award. Less than one percent of their 28,000 clients receive this award. Asbury Seminary has been fortunate to receive this award four consecutive years. The Destiny Awards are presented annually by KEMI to policyholders that best exemplify KEMI's motto, "Control your own destiny." The awards symbolize what can be accomplished when organizations work together to improve workplace safety. Policyholders who earn the KEMI Destiny Award effectively demonstrate to KEMI their ability to manage a formal safety program, provide on-site training and regular safety meetings for employees, and display an ongoing commitment to safety from all levels throughout their organizations.



#### 2022 Staff Years of Service Awards

The following staff received 2022 Service Awards at the Thanksgiving Staff Gathering:

10 Years: Otto Alvarez, Robin Murray, Audrey Wagner

15 Years: Daniel Errico, Rebekah Saunders, Patricia Walker

20 Years: Sherri Settles

40 Years: Sheila Lovell, Craig Reynolds

We are so grateful for their service and celebrate with them on these achievements.

## **Photos from the 2022 Fall Walk**











Congratulations to staff member, **CHRISTA NEAL**, for winning the December Reindeer Challenge!



## STAFF COUNCIL MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

#### Welcome to Staff Council, Joel Calicott!



Joel started working at ATS in April of 1994 and has worked through many changes in the landscape since then. In fact, there are only a handful of trees on campus that predate his time here. As a graduate of Virginia Tech in forest management, Joel is partial to the care and use of trees. He says Fall is his favorite season because of the colors (especially burnt orange and maroon). After college, Joel became a lawn care technician which introduced him to the landscape maintenance industry.

Born into an Air Force family while his dad was stationed overseas in Evreux, France and married to a wonderful Puerto Rican makes living and working in a diverse multi-cultural community here at ATS a natural fit. Also, Joel says Asbury will always have a special place in his heart since two of its graduates were influential in his receiving Christ and mentoring him early on in the faith.





#### **STAFF COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Otto Alvarez Joel Calicott Keith Cooper Dan Errico

Robin Ferraro

Medine Keener

Jennifer Miller

Variee Vanlaningham

Barbara Antrobus, Facilitator

## YOUR STAFF COUNCIL IS JUST AN EMAIL AWAY!

Feel free to send comments concerns and suggestions to staff.council@asburyseminary.edu