



STAFF QUARTERLY

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New Employees

Deborah Reining: Administrative Assistant to the Dean of Advanced Research Programs (Full-Time)

David Keener: Asbury Inn Executive Housekeeper (Full-Time)

Suzanne Robinson: Associate Registrar (Full-Time)

Tabitha Perez: Administrative Assistant to the Dean of the School of Counseling and Pastoral Care (Full-Time)

Liberty Wilbur: Custodian (Full-Time)

Ellen Forney: Help Desk and ILL Specialist (Full-Time)

Nancy Hoffman: Recruitment & Benefits Specialist (Full-Time)

Lauren Gilbert: Assistant Director of Asbury Global Formation (Full-Time)

Kate Greener: Academic Advisor (Full-Time)

Jonah Yang: Asbury Inn Housekeeper (Part-Time)

Matt Barnes: Director of Community Formation (Full-Time)

Ty Howard: Student Assessment, Research, and Analysis Specialist (Full-Time)

Lauren Schaupp: DNA Group Coach (Part-Time)

Lindsey Lee: Major Events Assistant (Full-Time)

Ileana Arnold: Colorado Springs Site Coordinator/Enrollment Advisor (Full-Time)

Dan Stephens: General Maintenance (Full-Time)

Rachael Fomley: Coordinator of Mentored Ministry (Part-Time)

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Employee Transitions

Susan Hees is now Registrar (Full-Time)

Sadie Sasser is now Doctor of Ministry Specialist (Full-Time)

Matthew Maresco is now Manager of Event Productions and Integration (Full-Time)

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BIBLE VERSE

*How abundant are the good things
that you have stored up for those who fear you,
that you bestow in the sight of all,
on those who take refuge in you.*

Psalm 31:19 (NIV)

NOTEWORTHY



October Fall Walk

Staff Council Member and Resident Arborist, Joel Calicott, will be hosting a Fall Walk on **October 27th at 2:00pm.**

Come to the Asbury Inn Lobby to get some hot Apple Cider before embarking with Joel on a tour of the Asbury Seminary Campus to learn more about the noteworthy flora that we walk by every day.

The first 15 to show up for the walk will receive fresh mums!



Thanksgiving Meal & Staff Awards

The Staff Thanksgiving meal and Years of Service Awards will be hosted in person this year in the Dining Hall on **November 18th @ 12:00pm.**

Mark your calendars for a time to fellowship with your fellow staff members as we celebrate and give thanks for the years of service of our co-workers.



Christmas Cookies & Carols

Last year, Staff Council (and volunteers) walked around campus caroling and giving out Christmas treats.

This year we will gather together in the Asbury Inn Dining Area on **December 16th @10:00am** for some Christmas Cookies and Cocoa, as well as a time of caroling together led by our own staff members.

STAFF NOTES

Upcoming Open Enrollment!

Benefits Meetings will be held in MC205—206 on:

- October 26th @2:00pm
- October 27th @9:00am

Open Enrollment will be available online from October 31st to November 11th.

Online enrollment is encouraged, however limited one-on-one appointments with HR will be available. More information to follow.

HEALTH & WELLNESS FEATURE



Congratulations to our first month's staff winner, April Hardman! April won September's fitness challenge and will be receiving her choice of a free pair of running shoes. If you like winning really GREAT prizes, consider joining our October, November, or December fitness challenges! A lucky staff member will be awarded each month for participating. Challenge details can be found on our [website](#), or by following us on Facebook ('Asbury Theological Seminary Fitness').

A Message to the Staff from Rev. Jessica LaGrone, Dean of Chapel

I didn't start out looking towards ministry as a career. My first calling was in medicine. I worked in hospitals and doctor's offices in my late teens and early twenties.

With my limited credentials, I was mostly qualified to be that person who calls you in from the waiting room, takes your temperature and blood pressure, and asks you questions about your medical history. The technical word (medicine has so many of them!) for the medical history is the word anamnesis: the story of the body.

Let me tell you that this is holy work. When someone is recounting for you what they've been through - both hurt and healing - you feel a bit like a priest receiving something holy and sacred in that person's story. You're responsible for listening well and asking good questions: How long has the body felt this way? How did it get to this point? When you write down an anamnesis you are passing along information that will help a doctor or nurse determine not only what has passed, but what the next steps are for this particular body to have a healthy and whole future.

Imagine my surprise when I left medicine for ministry and discovered that ministry also used the word "anamnesis!" During Communion, anamnesis is the point where the pastor or priest tells the story of what Jesus has done for us. It tells the story of his life, miracles, ministry, death, resurrection, ascension, and return.

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A Message to the Staff from Rev. Jessica LaGrone, Dean of Chapel (cont.)

This is a different kind of a story of the body. A history of the body of Christ, being retold even as we are about to receive the body and blood in Communion.

During this Centennial year at Asbury, we are doing something a little like an anamnesis: telling the story of the body in lots of different ways. We're celebrating what the Body of Christ gathered at Asbury over the last 100 years has experienced and achieved. I love that we get to be part of Asbury's body present here for the 100th year celebration. What a privilege!

It's so clear to me that the story of the body that is Asbury could not happen without the gathered Body of Christ that is Asbury's staff. I see you daily going about the business of making Asbury a place of blessing to others. In so many ways, both visible and invisible to others, you serve God in your role by serving others. I can't even take a few steps at Asbury without experiencing some blessing a staff member has contributed!

I'm grateful we have a chance to remember that we're part of a larger story here. But I'm equally grateful to you for the work you're doing that is already building the next 100 years. I love being part of the Body of Christ at Asbury with you!

I Corinthians 12:12-14

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.



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