



New Employees

Antonio Archuleta: Manager of Strategic Initiatives
Henry Aultman: Asbury Inn
Caitlin Brooks: Instructional Design Specialist
Cole Forrester: Financial Aid Coordinator
Johnson Martin: Network Administrator
Yakubu Philibus: Asbury Inn
Flordeliza Ramos: Hospitality Assistant for Student Services
Richard Rodgers: Painter
Temesgen Tilahun: Security
Erika Van Der Merwe: Senior Enrollment Advisor, Colorado Springs

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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.

Bible Verse

Only fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart.
For consider what great things he has done for you.

1 Samuel 12:24 (ESV)

NOTEWORTHY



Staff Spring Brunch

Mark your calendars for Friday, March 1st for our annual Staff Brunch! Please keep your eyes out for more information to come in the future.



Upcoming Compensation Town Halls

Staff are invited to attend a compensation town hall to learn more about the work that has been done and is being done to work on staff compensation.

The two sessions are scheduled for:

Thursday, 1/25 @ 2pm
Wednesday, 1/31 @ 9:30am

The sessions will be held in BC157. You can also join via Zoom using [THIS](#) link.



2024 BCWI Survey

The currently planned dates for the 2024 BCW survey are for it to run from February 12th to the 21st.

Watch for more information and instructions in your email in the coming weeks!

Staff News

Dexter Wayne Porter recently received the Jessamine County Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame Award. Dexter graduated from Asbury Theological Seminary in 1976 and began his 46 year career with Asbury in 1978. He has served in the Business Office, the Physical Plant and is currently sharing his talents in the Development Office. He also has served as Vice President and President of the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and continues to be a part of the community by serving on committees throughout our county.

Dexter is well known for his service to others. In his spare time, he can be found helping friends and neighbors with household and lawncare issues.

Dexter has been married to “What a Woman” Dickie Lee Porter for 50 years. He has three married children and six grandchildren – to whom he is known as Pap Pap.

Congratulations, Dexter! You have done well as a good and faithful servant!



Thanksgiving Staff Lunch Trivia Update

Thank you to everyone who participated in the trivia game at the 2023 Thanksgiving staff lunch.

Congratulations to: Dan Mostad, David Keener, Lindsey Lee, Grace Tillson, and Aubrey Charette (who were at the staff table that won the trivia game)!

Please find below the list of answers to the trivia questions.

Asbury Thanksgiving Staff Lunch Trivia

TRIVIA QUESTIONS

Q1: What is a female Turkey called? (Bonus Point) What female crustaceans are also called this?

A: Hen

Bonus Point: Lobster

Q2: President Calvin Coolidge once received this animal as a Thanksgiving gift and kept it.

A: Raccoon: President Coolidge was sent the raccoon in 1926 by Vinnie Joyce of Nitta Yuma, Mississippi. It's odd until you realize it was meant to be served as a dinner option. President Coolidge decided that he loved the adorable creature and kept it as a pet.

Q3: Who was the first President to pardon a turkey?

A: John F. Kennedy: The reprieve occurred in 1963 when JFK received a 40-pound turkey with a sign around its neck that said, "GOOD EATING, MR. PRESIDENT!"

Q4: Thanksgiving leftovers led to the invention of this.

A: TV Dinners: In 1953, C.A. Swanson & Sons overestimated how much turkey it would sell for Thanksgiving and ended up with 260 tons of leftover frozen turkey. A Swanson salesman named Gerry Thomas suggested the turkey be used in aluminum trays for frozen dinners. The following year, the company released what would become known as the first TV tray dinner.

Q5: In 1886, which city held the first Turkey Trot hosted by the YMCA? (Bonus Point) How many contestants were there: 6, 12, or 18 (select one)?

A: Buffalo, NY

Bonus Point: Six

Q6: What city is home to the oldest Thanksgiving parade?

A: Philadelphia: The Philadelphia Gimbel Brothers Department Store hosted the first parade in 1920. It would inspire the famous Macy's Day Thanksgiving Day Parade, which began in 1924.

Q7: Over 300 lbs. of this are used during the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

A: Glitter

Q8: In 1993, what was the first video game character featured in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade?

A: Sonic the Hedgehog: Sonic the Hedgehog made waves as the first video game character in the staple holiday parade. Though '90s kids were pleased, the showing didn't go too well for the Blue Blur. High winds blew the balloon off track and crashed into a lamp post.

Q9: What movie was released in 2019 and holds the record for the highest-grossing weekend in Thanksgiving history?

A: Frozen 2

Asbury Thanksgiving Staff Lunch Trivia

Q10: Which two NFL teams always play on Thanksgiving? (Bonus Point) Which of these teams started this tradition in 1934 to increase ticket sales?

A: Dallas Cowboys & Detroit Lions

Bonus Point: Detroit Lions

TAKE A CLOSER LOOK



Image: Football



Image: Apple



Image: Sweet Potato



Image: Horse



Image: Pumpkin Pie



Image: Asparagus

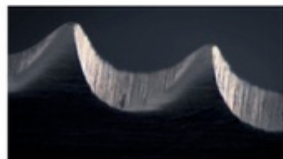


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**Tie Breaker (if needed): How many cranberries does it take to make up one pound?
(The team closest without going over wins.)**

A: 333

*Trivia questions came from [Here](#) and [Here](#).

**All trivia was aggregated from the internet. Not 100% sure of accuracy.



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Personal Training Scholarships Available!

The Health & Wellness team is currently accepting applications for their Spring 2024 Personal Training & Nutrition Scholarship program. If you are interested in being considered for 20 FREE sessions with a Personal Trainer, please email fitness@asburyseminary.edu with a short bio outlining why you would like to be chosen. All entries are due by January 31st. *Please note that scholarship recipients are asked to participate in the filming of a video testimony near the end of their program.*



Staff Council Members

Otto Alvarez
Joel Calicott
Tammy Cessna
Keith Cooper
Dan Errico
Robin Ferraro
Jeremy Fulda
Medine Keener
Jennifer Miller
Rebekah Saunders
Barbara Antrobus, Facilitator

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