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# Message

Welcome to this month's edition of the Staff Senate Newsletter. We are excited to share the latest updates and celebrate our university community achievements. Your dedication and hard work continue to make LSUA a vibrant and thriving place.



#### What is Staff Senate?

Elected staff representatives chosen from staff members of the university. Generally the Staff Senate advocates, communicates information between staff and administration, participates in policy development and review of university policies which effects staff, supports professional development, recognizes and rewards staff achievements.

### MEET THE 2024-2025 LSUA STAFF SENATORS

- · MECHELLE WILLIAMS, PRESIDENT
- CIELTIA ADAMS, V. PRESIDENT
- VICTORIA VILLEMARETTE, SECRETARY
- DONALD COLLINS, PARLIAMENTARIAN
- ALBERTY BROWN, SENATOR
- JOSIE CARMOUCHE, SENATOR
- CONNIE COOPER, SENATOR
- SAMANTHA EVANS, SENATOR
- JAMES MITCHELL, SENATOR
- · LINDA SMITH, SENATOR
- ASHLEY ROBINSON, SENATOR
- RICHARD ROBINSON, SENATOR



#### PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Colleagues,

I am deeply honored and privileged to serve as your Staff Senate President for 2024-2026. It brings me great joy to represent the dedication, hard work, LSUA Staff Senate President



and commitment that our staff contributes to Louisiana State University at Alexandria.

This year, the Staff Senate is focused on reimagining and re-engaging our Senate Body, advocating for the welfare and support of our staff, and ensuring your voices are honored, valued, and heard. My goal is for Staff Senate to collaborate with departments and organizations to provide workshops and training sessions that enhance the university's growth and well-being, as well as the skills and capabilities of our staff.

You don't have to be an elected Senator to get involved! I'd love to know how I can better serve you. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any suggestions or concerns. Together, we can make our university an even better place to work.

Thank you for all that you do. I look forward to a productive year ahead.

Mechelle Williams

STAFF SENATE PRESIDENT

#### HIGHLIGHTING EXCELLENCE ACROSS CAMPUS!

We are proud to celebrate the outstanding achievements of our dedicated staff members! Each month, we will highlight colleagues who have made significant contribution to our university.



Know a colleague who deserves recognition? We want to hear from you! If you know a fellow staff member who has gone above and beyond, achieved a milestone, or made a notable impact, please let us know. Your submissions help us shine a spotlight on the incredible work happening across our campus.

#### How to submit an Achievement:

- Who to contact: Email Mechelle Williams, (Staff Senate President) at mechellew@lsua.edu.
- What to Include: Provide the name of the staff member, their department, and a brief description of their achievements or contribution. Feel free to include any relevant photos or additional details.

Thank you for helping us recognize the hard work and dedication of our amazing staff!



Mr. Jenkins, Facility Services











## What's happening around campus...



- Aug. 8th- Staff Senate Meeting-1:30p- Live Oak
- Aug. 19th- Fall 2024 Convocation-10:30a- Coughlin Hall Auditorium
- · Aug. 22nd- Fall Move-In Day- The Oaks
- Aug. 25th- Sept. 5th- Weeks of Welcome
- Aug. 28th- Do'Nut Break the Law-9:00a-The Quad



"In the hustle of preparing for the new semester, remember: Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out" – Robert Collier



#### OUR MOTTO: "UNITY IN SERVICE, EXCELLENCE IN ACTION: TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE MORE"

WHY THIS MOTTO?

Our motto, "Unity in Service, Excellence in Action: Together We Achieve More," perfectly captures the core values and aspirations of our Staff Senate:

- Unity in Service: Strength lies in collaboration. By supporting each other, we create a cohesive and effective team, ready to tackle challenges and pursue shared goals.
- Excellence in Action: We are committed to high standards and continuous improvement, ensuring a better workplace for all.
- Together We Achieve More: Our collective efforts lead to greater accomplishments than any individual effort could achieve. Teamwork is our key to success.





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