

Campaign Statements

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Staff Council Members – Administrative/Managerial

Darlene Manley – “My 43-year WVU career spans various departments and positions, making me a well-rounded candidate, with a firm grasp on unique issues and challenges Classified Staff and WVU face. As your representative, I’ll advocate for creative work solutions, new programs/benefits, pay equity, better salaries; and help navigate through an uncertain future.”

Staff Council Members – Paraprofessional/Technician

James Dawson – “I am a WVU alumnus. I have worked on the State and Federal level for 19 years. I am a supervisor and have worked for WVU for 14 years. I will advocate for employee/employer relations for classified staff, promote a positive work environment, and uphold WVU core values.”

Jude Thomas – No statement available

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Staff Council Members – Clerical/Secretarial Sector

Tammy Blake – “I have worked at WVU for 32 years. There have been many changes in those years, but the idea that Staff is an important part of WVU has always been my mantra. I can promise to try my best to help make meaningful changes for all Staff.”

Klarissa Brenneman – “I’m a master organizer. My desire to strengthen relationships and make projects “bogie on a budget” makes everyone look good! I love being a team player. Bringing fresh perspective to conversations is where I excel. I’m dedicated to making WVU the best place to work. I represent all Mountaineer values.”

Jay Bucklew – “Hi everyone! My name is Jay and I work in the Conflict of Interest Office as an administrative assistant. I was born and raised in Morgantown, WV and am a graduate of WVU. I enjoy photographing nature and walking. I’m also a supporter of the United Way and local businesses.”

Nancy Cantrell-Byrd – “If elected, I would promote staff by supporting ideas that would enable them to achieve critical balance between being successful at their careers and home lives. I would continue to build on WVU’s community spirit, by enhancing opportunities for staff to blend University’s Core Values into their daily lives.”

Donna Cummings – “I have been with WVU for five years in various roles within Talent and Culture. As a Staff Council Representative, I would play an important role in ensuring that Classified Staff has a voice during this uncertain time and any other situation that we may face in the future.”

Beth Fluharty – “Hello my name is Beth Fluharty I am the admin assistant for the teaching and learning commons. If elected to staff council I will work hard for WVU staff on issues that are important to staff.”

Kayla Hawley – No statement available

Angela Henderson – “As both an employee and alumna of the University, I have a strong connection to campus. If re-elected to Staff Council, I will continue to focus on two issues that are a priority for all Classified Staff, fair compensation and health insurance costs.”

Eva Mays – “I have served on Staff Council since 2020. I’m a perceptive listener and hard worker dedicated to bringing about positive change in the world. If elected to the Staff Council, I will dedicate my skills to supporting the interests of WVU Staff.”

Dana Musick – “I am an Administrative Secretary Senior for the department of Counseling and Learning Sciences in the College of Education and Human Services. I continue to support anything that will help serve our community as staff, both within WVU and out.”

Dianne Stewart – “I have been with West Virginia University for approximately 9 years. I have worked in both the Office of Admissions and now at Benjamin M. Statler College of Engineering. I believe in being a team player and a good listener. I look forward to representing the staff of this University.”

Richie Targosky – No statement available

LaDawn Weaver – No statement available

Sarah Wratchford – “ I have been with the WVU for almost 9 years, I am a Program Assistant II for transportation. I am a dedicated employee and am always looking to find ways to make sure people feel appreciated and I listen to their concerns. Please consider me for clerical sector.”

Staff Council Members – Physical Plant/Maintenance/Service

Joan Crabtree – No statement available

Terrence Dunson – No statement available

Rusty Irons – No statement available

James McMillen – “Hello! I am James McMillen, I have been at WVU for 4 years. I like to serve others and make others feel valuable. The reason, I would like to be considered to be on the Staff Council is to make a difference in the workplace for all employees.”

Melanie Nichols – “Putting the best interest of classified staff first has been my top priority for the past four years while serving on Staff Council. As a member of the Welfare committee, I participated with the back pack and coat drive. Engaged, professional and dedicated are qualities I bring to the position.”

Joshua Rittberg – No statement available

Peggy Runyon – “I have worked at WVU for over 20 years. In that time, I have been on the Staff Council for 4 years. I appreciate the challenge that all classified staff employees find themselves with budget cuts and low pay. I want to continue representing the classified staff at WVU.”

Diana Savage – No statement available

Brian Weimer – “I am a member of the compensation committee where I presented and discussed numerous ideas of how to improve salaries and compensation for employees. With more than 23 years of service in the state system, this allows me to bring a sense of history and perspective to the job.”

Staff Council Members – Professional/Non-Teaching

Thea Browne – “I am running for Staff Council to improve working conditions for all staff at West Virginia University. In my role on the Benefits & Compensation committee, I am working with others to find ways to improve salary scale and offer other benefits for WVU employees. I would appreciate your vote.”

Shari Crowder – No statement available

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Aleksandra Glotko – “I am honored be considered for membership. Having two undergraduate degrees and an MBA, currently pursuing MSHRM degree, and being a staff member at WVU, I am passionate about the holistic well-being of the University community. My priorities for Classified Staff include work-life balance/wellness at work, compensation, and benefits.”

Tina Harvey – “I began working at WVU after returning “home” in 2014. I have always been an active supporter to any organization I have been involved with, in most cases being the “go to” person when assistance is needed. I feel I can be a positive asset to the WVU Staff Council.”

Tiffany Hughes – “Hello! I’m Tiffany Hughes. I spent the past ten years in a University setting as an advocate for students and staff. I have used this knowledge and experience the past 2 years as a member of Staff Council and would like to continue to create positive impact for WVU staff.”

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Rachel Meininger – “I have worked for WVU Extension Service since 2017. As we continue to navigate the COVID pandemic, advocating for our staff community has become immensely important. I am prepared to represent the collective voice for our colleagues and sit at table during important conversations representing you.”

Kevin Patrick, Jr. – “Please reelect me to Staff Council so I can continue to serve the WVU community. I have been appointed to the Legislative committee, to Chair a committee on Student Retention, and elected to the Executive committee and as Parliamentarian. I helped organize events, draft correspondences, and advocated for many employees.”

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Michelle Roman – “Hi, everyone! I am excited by the possibility of serving you on Classified Staff Council. I feel that as a representative, I will be able to effectively address questions, comments and concerns that you may have, since CSC has a direct channel of communication with University administrators. Now, Let’s Go!”