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Civil Service July Spotlight

The Civil Service Council will feature a civil service employee at Illinois State University each month to highlight an exceptional colleague and the outstanding work being done on campus! This month get a chance to learn about and applaud Kevin Hand from the Office of Technology Solutions.



Kevin Hand

What is your position on campus and how long have you been with the University?
I currently serve as the Interim Executive Director of Business Administration & Communications in the Office of Technology Solutions. August 2022 marks eleven years at Illinois State.

What do you find most rewarding about your work?

Given the breadth of services our department provides, we get to work regularly with our friends around campus. The most exciting/rewarding part is when we can use technology in new and innovative ways.

What are your hobbies or favorite past-time?

When not at work, you can find me with my family, gaming, consuming just about anything Marvel, or supporting Chicago sports teams. Not to mention, of course, supporting the Redbirds!

What else would you like others to know about you or your time at ISU?

As a two time graduate (BS '04, MBA '17) and eleven-year employee, I like to say I owe much of what is great in my life to Illinois State. I met my wife here, and we have a beautiful daughter. We have a beautiful campus in a wonderful town. I work with great people, and I feel like each day is an opportunity to have an impact on at least one person. There's not a lot of places you can say that, and it is why I say without hesitation that State is Great.

More about Kevin from Charles Edamala, Associate Vice President and Chief Information Officer:

One of the more significant responsibilities that I have in the Office of Technology Solutions is not technology but budgeting. Juggling large contracts and purchases while also ensuring that our staff and student workers get paid is a complex task. Kevin Hand has been a strategic leader in this area. He has been exceptional in making sure that the books balance, month after month, but he also understands technology. He can talk to our vendor partners and to my technical support team and translate what both groups are saying into contract and license terms. He then figures out the best way to fund those needs. Kevin exemplifies what it means to be an enthusiastic Redbird leader!

Civil Service August Spotlight

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Dani Schroeder

What is your position on campus and how long have you been with the University?
I am the assistant director for trademark licensing and project communications in University Marketing and Communications. I was a graduate assistant in Athletics from 2012-2014 and have been in UMC since 2015.

What do you find most rewarding about your work?

I love the work we get to do in UMC as we help our campus partners share the amazing stories of Illinois State and what it means to be a Redbird. I also love engaging in cross-campus collaboration and getting to work with folks from all different academic areas or units. But I think the most rewarding part of my role is the opportunity to promote the University at the local, regional, and national levels through our licensed merchandise and corresponding marketing efforts.

What are your hobbies or favorite past-time?

I have three small children, so most of my time is spent playing with them! But I love to read, play sports like basketball and pickleball when I can, travel to see family and friends, or bake with my kids.

What else would you like others to know about you or your time at ISU?

Illinois State University has given me so much and provided me so much opportunity to grow personally and professionally and I feel very lucky to be a Redbird and to get to represent our institution through my work.

More about Dani from Brian Beam, Executive Director of University Marketing and Communications:

Dani works tirelessly to make sure all the colleges get outstanding service and individualized attention. She is a wonderful and versatile marketing and communications manager and planner who can create customized plans for clients after a short interview, assembling really outstanding documents full of ideas and insights. Dani's commitment to her clients' success and to the success of Illinois State is substantial and commendable! I admire her perfect combination of kindness/collegiality and grit/toughness.

Tip of the Hat, July 2022

New Employees:

Joseph Alexander, Building Service Worker, Janitorial
Sydney Auth, Office Support Specialist, Psychology
Scott Beaton, Athletics Communications Assoc, Intercollegiate Athletics
Julia Durnell, Program Coordinator, Dean of Students Office
Cody Englund, Program Student Advisor, Intercollegiate Athletics
Shea Grehan, Senior Photographer, Univ Mktg & Communications
Kinsey Hutchinson, Campus Recreation Coordinator, Campus Recreation
Brady Johnson, IT Tech Assoc, Radio Station WGLT
Jack Kunst, Office Support Specialist, University Housing Services
Rachael Lockett, Office Support Specialist, University Housing Services
Krysta Mapes, Senior Library Specialist, Milner Library
Curren O'Connell, Marketing Associate, Campus Recreation
Monica Overton, Program Coordinator, Multicultural Center
Andrew Pakula, IT Support Assoc, Client Services
Megan Ruffin, Program Student Advisor, Career Services
Maria Sanchez, Office Manager, University College
Collin Schopp, Media Write Produce Announc II, Radio Station WGLT
Matthew Tunberg, IT Tech Assoc, Office of Technology Solutions
Kirby West, Parking Serv Agent I, Parking and Transportation
Ryan Wild, Safety Env Compl Spec, Environmental Health & Safety
Matt Wing, Program Coordinator, Univ Mktg & Communications

Promotions/Reclassifications:

Becky Beucher, Program Director, Dean of Education
Christopher Brandt, IT Tech Assoc, Client Services
Molly Briggs-Yonke, Business Administrative Assoc, President's Office
Derrek Drenckpohl, Program Coordinator, Special Education
Julia Frye, Office Support Specialist, Marketing
Misia Grzybowski, Program Coordinator, Health Promotion and Wellness
Lisa Kim, Human Resource Officer, Human Resources
John Larson, Office Manager, Environmental Health & Safety
Alan Lin, IT Tech Assoc, Web Interactive Communications
Taylor McDonald, Program Coordinator, Advancement & Foundation Opers
Adolfo Nteke, Building Service Worker, Janitorial
Stephanie Ogden, Accountant I, Comptroller's Office
Larry Raglan, Pipefitter Foreman, Building Maintenance
Fawn Ray, Admissions and Records Assc, Admissions
Rob Rice, Steam and Power Plant III, Building Maintenance
Michelle Starkey, Administrative Aide, Health Promotion and Wellness
Eric Stock, Program Coordinator, Radio Station WGLT
Gregory Swank, Asst Technical Dir, Event Mgmt Dining Hospitality
Amy Thies, Accounting Associate, University Housing Services
Jennifer Tuley, Office Administrator, Advancement & Foundation Opers
Lindsay White, Marketing Associate, Dean of Education
Dongli Zhang, Program Coordinator, Ctr Integr Prof Dev

Retirements:

Harry Andres, Steam and Power Plant III, Building Maintenance
Robert Blick, Building Mechanic, Bldg Maint Bond Rev
Susan Blystone, Program Director, Univ Mktg & Communications
Jean Conley, Office Manager, Mathematics
Deborah Cowdery, Office Administrator, Conference Services
Judy Curtis, Program Director, Registrar

Brad Hutchison, Program Coordinator, Educational Admin & Foundations
Nancy Kerns, Office Manager, Mgmt & Quantitative Methods
William Link, Business Administrative Assoc, University Housing Services
Patti Munster, Administrative Aide, Dean of Students Office
Patrick O'Connell, Facility Operations Coord, Event Mgmt Dining Hospitality
Kimberly Ummel, Food Service Administrator IV, Event Mgmt Dining Hospitality
Shelley Wilson-Miller, Culinary Worker III, Event Mgmt Dining Hospitality

Years of Service, July 2022

35 Years

Luann Vanmeter, Advancement & Foundation Opers, 7/6/87

30 Years

Pamela Walden, Registrar, 7/16/92

25 Years

Jack Alpers, Campus Services Div Grounds, 7/21/97
Shauna Meyer, School of Biological Sciences, 7/28/97
Corey Oltman, Comptroller's Office, 7/28/97
Donald Reed, University Housing Services, 7/16/97

20 Years

Bradley Brakebill, Building Maintenance, 7/2/02
Janet Carlton, Dean of Education, 7/10/02
Kameron Cox, Military Science, 7/24/02
Scott Fisher, Building Maintenance, 7/1/02
Edward Lawrence, Bldg Maint Bond Rev, 7/1/02

15 Years

Deborah Cowdery, Conference Services, 7/2/07
Barbara Cox, School of Biological Sciences, 7/23/07
Amanda Fain, Ctr for Math Sci & Technology, 7/16/07
Mary Hospelhorn, Comptroller's Office, 7/9/07
Rachel Lawrence, Comptroller's Office, 7/2/07
Kristi Nichols, Event Mgmt Dining Hospitality, 7/11/07
Lyndsie Schlink, Univ Mktg & Communications, 7/2/07

10 years

Adam Behnke, Building Maintenance, 7/3/12
Robert Blythe, Building Maintenance, 7/3/12
Reed Davis, Golf Course, 7/23/12
Ryan Denham, Radio Station WGLT, 7/25/12
Jennifer Dodson, Dean of Education, 7/24/12
Kimberly Grubb, Health Services, 7/30/12
Patricia Gudeman, Sociology and Anthropology, 7/3/12
Rhonda Lovell, Human Resources, 7/1/12
Brian Smiser, Enterprise Data and Analytics, 7/9/12
Bart Spaid, Building Maintenance, 7/2/12
Stephen Vandiver, Dean of Business, 7/1/12
Stephen Wagner, Building Maintenance, 7/2/12

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New Employees:

Matt Adachi, Program Coordinator, Multicultural Center
Carlos Armstrong, Food Service Administrator IV, Event Mgmt Dining Hospitality
Colleen Ayars, Customer Service Asst, University College
Misty Bell, Office Manager, University Housing Services
Joey Brown, IT Manager Admin Coord, Office of Technology Solutions
Tiffany Buckner, Business Administrative Assoc, Event Mgmt Dining Hospitality
Pam Burress, IT Tech Assoc, Comptroller's Office
Wade Clark, IT Support Assoc, Learning Spaces & AV Tech
Cindy Cook, Accountant II, School of Biological Sciences
Mike Cuppini, IT Tech Assoc, Event Mgmt Dining Hospitality
Whitney Dukeman, Accountant I, Comptroller's Office
Jamie Edens, Medical Office Specialist, Communication Sci & Disorders
Teresa Fowler, Office Support Specialist, University High School
Krista Gaff, IT Tech Assoc, Application Services
Lindsey Hall, Program Coordinator, Educational Admin & Foundations
Erin Hastings, Program Assistant, Graduate School
Audrey Hensley, Program Assistant, Illinois Tutoring Initiative
Ramiro Hermosillo, Program Std Advisor, Intercollegiate Athletics
Migue Herrera, Bldg Serv Worker Intern, Janitorial
Taylor Hochecker, Office Manager, Special Education
Danny Homan, Grounds Worker, Campus Services Div Grounds
Monika Jallepalli, IT Tech Assoc, Event Mgmt Dining Hospitality
Jeanine Kankolongo, Culinary Worker II, Event Mgmt Dining Hospitality
Alec Kilgore, IT Support Assoc, Client Services
Christine Komnick, Program Assistant, Illinois Tutoring Initiative
Britt Kotiw, Program Coordinator, Dean of Students Office
Lynda Landes, Teacher Aide, Thomas Metcalf School
Beatrice Manzingidi, Culinary Worker II, Event Mgmt Dining Hospitality
Nikki Maurer, Program Coordinator, Teaching and Learning
Danielle McGill, Culinary Worker III, Event Mgmt Dining Hospitality
Joshuan McNeal, Program Std Advisor, University College
Shemika Perkins, Program Assistant, Illinois Tutoring Initiative
Alexander Peters, Program Assistant, Intercollegiate Athletics
Steve Russow, Procurement Officer, Comptroller's Office
Thomas Sargent, Senior Library Specialist, Milner Library
Mattheo Sawyer, Cinemotrphr/Creative Vid Prd, Intercollegiate Athletics
Steve Skinger, Bldg Serv Worker Intern, Janitorial
Deanna Stewart, Program Std Advisor, University College
Matthew Stott, Cinemotrphr/Creative Vid Prd, Intercollegiate Athletics
Ethan Thomas, Admissions Records Asst, Registrar
Shelly Vits, Clinic Nurse, Health Services
Janoris Walker, Building Service Worker, Advancement & Foundation Opers
Mark Williams, Building Mechanic, Building Maintenance

Promotions/Reclassifications:

Mackenzie Dowling, Program Coordinator, Center for Civic Engagement
Terri Haerr, Marketing Associate, Dean of Students Office
Kelly Harman, Administrative Aide, Psychology
Cody Hazelhurst, Food Service Stores Laborer, Event Mgmt Dining Hospitality

Hayley Helpingstine, Customer Service Rep, Comptroller's Office
Taylor Hornsby, Office Manager, University Housing Services
Madeline Jean-Charles, Procurement Officer, Comptroller's Office
Karen Knackstedt, Culinary Worker III, Event Mgmt Dining Hospitality
Jose Montesdeoca, Dishroom Supervisor, Event Mgmt Dining Hospitality
Melissa Moody, Program Coordinator, Mennonite College of Nursing
Christy Moss, Business Administrative Assoc, Event Mgmt Dining Hospitality
Lauren Palmer, Business Administrative Assoc, School of Theatre and Dance
Andy Reilly, Construction Project Coord II, Building Maintenance
Meg Rhoades, Office Administrator, Conference Services
Michael Stevenson, Food Court Snack Bar Suprvsr, Event Mgmt Dining Hospitality
Evan Tawzer, Customer Service Asst, Mathematics

Retirements:

Karen Eckhart, Pharmacy Tech II, Health Services
Gary Gaines, IT Support Assoc, Client Services
Roberta Moore, Office Administrator, School of Social Work
George Wiman, IT Tech Assoc, Col of Business Support Unit
Douglas Wood, IT Tech Assoc, Infrastructure Op & Networking

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Kevin McCrone, Student Affairs Information Techn, 8/3/92

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Jason Vanheuklon, Conference Services, 8/18/97

20 Years

Jennifer Altieri, Criminal Justice Sciences, 8/30/02
Adam Feaman, Event Mgmt Dining Hospitality, 8/19/02
James Hearn, Dean of Applied Sci & Tech, 8/28/02
Rebecca Meier, Event Mgmt Dining Hospitality, 8/26/02
Michael Neal, Event Mgmt Dining Hospitality, 8/12/02

15 Years

Cynthia Bays, Health Services, 8/20/07
Lawson Cassels, Infrastructure Op & Networking, 8/1/07
Angela Francisco, Event Mgmt Dining Hospitality, 8/6/07
Dana Karraker, Ctr Teaching, Learning & Tech, 8/16/07
Matthew Miller, Event Mgmt Dining Hospitality, 8/6/07
Tracy Rosenberger, Student Affairs Information Techn, 8/13/07
Daniel Thames, Infrastructure Op & Networking, 8/1/07
Amanda Trefzger, Registrar, 8/16/07

10 years

Kilee Bell, Plan, Rsrch & Policy Analysis, 8/20/12
Eric Coultas, Campus Recreation, 8/1/12
Joseph Klausner, Intercollegiate Athletics, 8/13/12
Amelia Miller, Dean of Students Office, 8/16/12
Troy Nordquist, Event Mgmt Dining Hospitality, 8/13/12
Marie Themer Bosquet, Col Appl Sci & Tech Support, 8/29/12
Christie Wissmiller, VP and Provost, 8/20/12

Voting: Important dates for Fall 2022

The University's Voter Engagement Coalition reminds the Illinois State community of important dates and voting information for the fall semester. All students registered in McLean County (except Bloomington residents) are eligible to vote at one of the on-campus locations for both early voting and Election Day.

Comprehensive election information is available in the Redbird Voter Guide.

Important Dates

August 10: First day to request a Vote by Mail ballot

September 29: Vote by Mail ballots begin mailing to those who requested them

October 17-November 4: Early voting at the Bone Student Center and Watterson Towers

October 23: Last day to register to vote online

November 3: Last day to request a Vote by Mail ballot electronically

November 8: Election Day and deadline for Vote by Mail ballots to be postmarked

Voting On Campus

Early Voting: October 17-November 4

10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday

Bone Student Center, Founders Suite

Watterson Towers, Rosa Parks Room

Election Day: November 8

6 a.m.-7 p.m.

Bone Student Center, Brown Ballroom

Presentations for classes, faculty

The Center for Civic Engagement offers presentations on voting for November 2022. The presentations, either for in-class or department faculty meetings, can range 5-75 minutes as time allows. Request presentations using this link and choosing "Electoral Engagement."

The presentations topics include:

- Voter registration
- Ways to vote (including by mail)
- Offices up for election
- Candidates for national, state, and local elections
- Voter restoration.

Find out more about the Center for Civic Engagement.