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Civil Service June 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 Brienne Reid from the Purchasing Office.



Brienne Reid

What is your position on campus and how long have you been with the University?

I'm the Strategic Sourcing and Supplier Diversity Coordinator in the Purchasing Office. This June will mark five years working at the University, not counting student work during my degrees. I also completed under-

grad and grad degrees at ISU, so I've been around for ten and a half years when everything's tallied up.

What do you find most rewarding about your work?

My job regularly involves connecting campus units with small, diverse businesses in relationships where the University gets great products and services for great prices—stretching budgets further is always a goal—and the small business grows further. It's very rewarding to see these connections not only happen once or twice, but to watch small, diverse businesses become trusted suppliers and contractors. When supplier diversity clicks, it's a solid win-win for everyone involved—and helps to disrupt the disparity in opportunities that we see for so many minorities—women and person with disability-owned small businesses.

What are your hobbies or favorite past-time?

I'm a big nerd, so I get into all sorts of dorky stuff: cosplay, tabletop RPGs, miniature painting, videogames, etc. I married an equally big nerd and a wonderful artist, so our apartment's full to the brim of lightsabers, d20s, and acrylic paint. I also enjoy getting out a short hike when I'm not staring at a screen or a 28mm chunk of hard plastic, although preferably with a little more elevation than we usually find in Central Illi-

nois. Moraine View is lovely, but—my folks being from the Ozarks—I've got a lot of love for rolling hills too!

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

I'll take any opportunity to tell folks at ISU to get connected with groups outside the University if they haven't already, get invested in our wider community, and be deliberate, active, and urgent in our efforts to stamp out racism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia, ableism, and fatphobia. Groups like the Prairie Pride Coalition do fantastic work in helping our local LGBTQIA+ community, often doing crucial work in materially supporting marginalized people in town and organizing efforts in McLean County to gain strong rights and protections for queer and trans people across Illinois and at the federal level. While we do what we can to improve the operations and culture of the University, we've also got to put time and attention into the community we live, play, pray, and grow in. I'm calling out PPC specifically, but there are so many other organizations in Bloomington-Normal who are doing invaluable work and deserve our support.

More about Brienne from Ernie Olson, Director of Purchasing:

Brie has been with our department since 2017, and she has always been a thorough and conscientious member of our staff. Her role has changed drastically over a few years and she has handled the responsibilities and changes with grace and professionalism. Brie has a strong passion for equity and diversity, and her current role takes full advantage of those traits. Her position as Strategic Sourcing and Supplier Diversity Coordinator is a fantastic fit, and is a benefit to the University, our community, and the State. As ISU has increased the focus on procurement diversity goals, Brie's involvement, passion, and expertise has been a significant reason for the advances and growth over the past few years and will be a strong reason why further growth is accomplished. I hope Brie will be in this evolving position for the foreseeable future, and bring her enthusiastic yet practical approach to this position for years to come.



Meet your new CS Council members

Get to know the new Civil Service Council members with a quick Q&A



**Lawrence Lair,
Group 2**

University Marketing & Communications
Joined ISU in 2021

What are your favorite places on campus?
Bone Student Center, Quad in front of CPA

What drew you to run for the Civil Service Council?

A coworker made me aware of it and encouraged me to run. He knew I had a passion for civil service and local governance. We also believed that the council could benefit from diverse perspectives.

What do you hope to achieve during your time on the Civil Service Council?

I hope to be an advocate for those employed by ISU, especially those who feel minoritized or underrepresented. I hope to foster belonging and offer perspectives that can shape more equitable relations. I also hope to meet likeminded individuals.

Favorite Redbird event or pastime?

I like volunteering for Welcome Week. It's really energizing to see new students. The event helps with creating an inviting atmosphere and I get a chance to join in on the fun.



**Evelyn Whitfield,
Group 3**

Ancillary Facilities Operations
Joined ISU in 2005

What are your favorite places on campus?
Wonsook Kim School of Art and the Vitro Glass House

What drew you to run for the Civil Service Council?

I wanted to get to know more people on campus outside my department and to see what sort of committees that I would be interested in serving.

What do you hope to achieve during your time on the Civil Service Council?

Connect with more departments and committees.

Favorite Redbird event or pastime?

Art sales, printing, glass, gallery shows, etc. I do a lot of art in my spare time and donate a lot of work to these events.



**Beth Theobald,
Group 5**

Alumni Engagement
Joined ISU in 2013

What are your favorite places on campus?
Bone Student Center, Hancock Stadium

What drew you to run for the Civil Service Council?

I wanted to be a part of something bigger. It has been a great way to meet others across campus and network with different departments. It also gives me an opportunity to be on several different committees with Faculty, Staff, and Students across campus.

What do you hope to achieve during your time on the Civil Service Council?

I hope to continue to give CS employees a voice in the institution.

Favorite Redbird event or pastime?

I love all the alumni events I have attended. Cubs games, Homecoming and the White Sox game are at the top of my list.

For more information on the Civil Service Council, or to contact council members, visit the CS Council website at CSCouncil.IllinoisState.edu.

Tip of the Hat, June 2022

New Employees:

Brian Blackburn, Procurement Officer Specialist, Comptroller's Office
Jack Blahnik, Program Coordinator, Campus Recreation
Pam Braun, Office Support Specialist, Physics
Kyle Fisher, Construction Project Coord II, Facilities Planning
Manuel Gaerlan, Accounting Officer, Educational Admin & Foundations
Hunter Hall, IT Support Assoc, Client Services
Edward Harris, IT Support Assoc, Learning Spaces & AV Tech
Michelle Klunke, Human Resource Associate, Human Resources
Laxmi Malladi, IT Tech Assoc, Application Services
Kara Mehrkens, IT Tech Assoc, Comptroller's Office
Kevin Polites, Accounting Associate, Comptroller's Office
Jacob Rottinghaus, Business Admin Assoc Intern, VP Student Affairs
Noah Walker, Police Officer, University Police Department

Promotions/Reclassifications:

Seann Berrocales, Office Manager, Student Support Services
Ryan Dwyer, IT Tech Assoc, Web Interactive Communications
Dayton Hammes, Marketing Associate, Intercollegiate Athletics
Kelly Hasselbring, Business Administrative Assoc, Health Sciences
Lauri Joynt, Business Administrative Assoc, Univ Mktg & Communications
Jordan Kaase, Police Corporal, University Police Department
Sierra King, Financial Aid Coordinator, Financial Aid Office

Brandi Krizman, Business Administrative Assoc, School Information Technology
Alicia Lage, Program Coordinator, Comptroller's Office
Travis Meadors, IT Tech Assoc, Infrastructure Op & Networking
Becca Mellott, Procurement Officer Specialist, Comptroller's Office
Natalie Nybakke, Dishroom Supervisor, Event Mgmt Dining Hospitality
Cassidy Roop, Customer Service Asst, Comptroller's Office
Jason Ross, IT Tech Assoc, Client Services
Grant Thompson, Dishroom Supervisor, Event Mgmt Dining Hospitality
John Twork, Program Coordinator, Univ Mktg & Communications

Retirements:

Cristan Embree, Administrative Aide, School Information Technology
Carol Jones, Accounting Officer, Comptroller's Office
Jo Jones, Mailing Equip Opr Expd III, Mail Service Center
Jerry Malak, IT Manager Admin Coord, Application Services
Larry Milby, Asst Supt of Grounds, Campus Services Div Grounds
Jeff Schaefer, Building Service Foreman, Janitorial
John Staley, Network Engineer III, Infrastructure Op & Networking
Kelley Thomas, Office Administrator, Chemistry
Dana Tuttle, Business Administrative Assoc, Event Mgmt Dining Hospitality
Sandra Warlow, Asst Chief Accountant, Comptroller's Office

Years of Service, June 2022

30 Years

Gary Thiel, Milner Library, 5/8/1992

25 Years

Rachel Beckman, Advancement & Foundation Opers, 5/1/1997
Charles Schlenker, Radio Station WGLT, 5/19/1997

20 Years

Christina Martin, Honors Program, 5/21/2002

15 Years

Andrea Radliff, Career Services, 5/14/2007

10 Years

Michael Bantner, Building Maintenance, 5/1/2012
Stacy Brown, Comptroller's Office, 5/21/2012
Seth Engeman, CFA Instructional Technology, 5/21/2012
Kristen Grimes, Web Interactive Communications, 5/21/2012
Terri Haerr, Dean of Students Office, 5/11/2012
Janet Olson, Dean of Education, 5/21/2012
Zachary Schroeder, Intercollegiate Athletics, 5/16/2012
Scott Spaid, Building Maintenance, 5/9/2012
Annjanette Weaver, Center for Civic Engagement, 5/29/2012

ISU Night at the Corn Crib, July 2

Join the Alumni Association and Redbird Athletics for an evening at the Corn Crib on July 2. The Kernels Collegiate League (KCL) will host a doubleheader with each of the four KCL teams featuring several Redbird baseball players.

Alumni, ISU staff, faculty, and guests can opt for game tickets only or enjoy an exclusive Redbird all-you-can-eat concessions at the Corn Crib. The night will feature fireworks, giveaways, the kid zone, and Reggie Redbird. The Corn Crib will also give out the “Uncle Sam Bobblehead” to the first 250 guests as a part of Born in the USA Night.

Saturday, July 2 @ the Corn Crib, Raab Road

5 p.m., first pitch | 6-8 p.m., all-you-can-eat concessions
9:45 p.m., fireworks (following the second game)

Game tickets are \$8 per person. Game tickets and all-you-can-eat concessions are \$15 per person. Children 2 and under are free. Alcoholic beverages are not included. Register by 4:30 p.m. on June 27 online or contact Alumni Engagement at (309) 438-2586. Guests will pick up tickets and dinner wristbands at Corn Crib will-call between 11 a.m.–4 p.m. At 4 p.m., a designated ISU table will be at the Corn Crib entrance to pick up tickets and wristbands.

2022 Alumni and Friends Night at Shakespeare Festival, July 15

Illinois State University alumni, family, and friends are invited to the annual evening at the Illinois Shakespeare Festival.

As part of one of the most prestigious and well-known Shakespeare festivals in the country, guests will enjoy a dinner and time to socialize before watching drama unfold with William Shakespeare’s King Lear.

Schedule

Friday, July 15, at the Ewing Cultural Center, 48 Sunset Road, Bloomington

5:30 p.m., social hour | 6:30 p.m., buffet dinner
7 p.m., short program | 8 p.m., King Lear at Ewing Theatre

Performance ticket and dinner pricing

Platinum: \$34 | Gold: \$28 | Dinner tickets: \$24

Register for dinner, performance, or both events by 4:30 p.m. on July 1 online or by calling Alumni Engagement at (309) 438-2586. Season ticket holders should contact the Shakespeare ticket office at (309) 438-2535 to reserve seating with the alumni night attendees.