UNIT SPOTLIGHTS

VLAC Culinary CLASH

The University hosted a Culinary Team Builder during this year’s Virginia Leadership Academy Conference. Held on May 18th, the event allowed the students, administrators, and our staff to work together to increase engagement, educate participants on culinary skills, and show off the new Broderick Dining Commons at the same time.

The event was a great success! The Culinary Team Builder is just one of many events to come that supports the University’s intent to increase engagement and cooperation between various departments within ODU. The Virginia Leadership Academy promotes improving teamwork, networking, and synergetic work in planning to engender well-trained student leaders and educational advisers all across Virginia. The University is honored to be a part of such a noble and beneficial cause.

CRAMCart to The Rescue!

During Spring Finals, Monarch Dining deployed the CRAMCart to a variety of campus locations; Perry Library and Learning Commons, Kaufman Mall and Plaza, BAL, and Constant Hall. During Finals, the cart was loaded with more than 1000 free snack items such as Pop Tarts, Nutri Grain bars, Rice Krispie Treats, and more. The cart served as a stress reliever to students studying for finals. Monarch Dining used the CRAMCart as a way to thank students and customers for their patronage throughout the spring semester.
Gazelle Award Turns 20!

In 1996, COO Dave Harnage established the Gazelle Awards to recognize Administration and Finance employees who consistently provide outstanding service. On May 19th, 2017 we celebrated the 20th Anniversary of the Gazelle Awards. This year’s ceremony also marked the last to be officiated by Dave Harnage, who will be retiring from the University this year.

Harnage thanked everybody for their continued hard work, pledging that no good effort goes unnoticed. He presented the Gazelle Award to Candice Goodin, Assistant Director of Client Services in IT. Goodin was honored with a framed certificate, $1000, a free One-Year Parking Pass, and five days of paid leave.

With the Gazelle Awards being hosted by Harnage for the last time, Harnage highlighted a few last experiences in his lifetime. He shared his last moments in college, his last moments within his career and his last few events surrounding his retirement in June. He mentioned that out of the five universities he has worked for in his lifetime, ODU has the best staff he has ever worked with. The great experience of working with the ODU team compelled him to extend kind words of gratitude and hopes of successful new leadership.

He reminded everyone that his new incumbent will move forward with guiding our objectives and goals for the new year. Harnage asked that we maintain the journey of excellence, continuing to succeed in our talents, maintaining the constant impact we have on our Monarchs and greater community.

AWARDS

AREA-WIDE MEETING GAZELLE AWARDS

AUXILIARY SERVICES RECOGNITION BANQUET

CARNIVAL

On May 9th, the annual Employee Recognition Banquet was held in North Cafe in Webb Center. This year’s event was a blast! There were great games, delicious food, and awesome prizes awarded throughout the event. The Employee Recognition Banquet Committee knew how to have fun, bringing out all of the stops with games that brought excitement and friendly competition. Each department was awarded by Todd Johnson for their contributions and we ended the event with delicious food served by our very own dining services! The Employee Recognition Banquet is a great way for the departments to come together and celebrate our highlights of the year.
We bid farewell to COO David F. Harnage after 21 years of dedicated service to the University. Harnage has worked tirelessly under five University presidents, overseeing the construction of 17 campus buildings and securing a range of contracts, including the acquisition of a $7MM IBM supercomputer for free. President Broderick described Harnage’s efforts as “key ingredients to ODU’s success that will remain long after he has retired”. Harnage has spoken on the power of an individual at the University, saying, “one of the things that makes this a great place is that an individual can make a difference here”. We would like to thank Harnage for his years of extensive effort and his commitment to developing the University, and wish him the best of his retirement.

Welcome, Megan Gribble

Megan Gribble joined Transportation and Parking Services as the Transportation Planner in June. Megan is responsible for Transportation Demand Management, Outreach, and Communications. We welcome Megan to her new position!