Welcome to the first edition of our newsletter where we hope to provide resources and tidbits of information about our division and the University.

Did you know?

Business and Finance (OBF) is the 2nd largest division at WMU, following closely behind Academic Affairs. As of January 12, 2023, OBF employed 439 benefits-eligible employees, 214 student employees, and 272 temporary employees, for a total of 925 employees. The other divisions at Western Michigan University are: Academic Affairs, Athletics, Diversity and Inclusion, General Counsel, Government Relations, Marketing and Strategic Communication, President’s Office, Research and Innovation, Student Affairs, and University Advancement.

Did you know?

Facilities Management, Public Safety, Human Resources, Payroll and Disbursements, Auxiliary Enterprises, Logistical Services, and Accounts Receivable all fall under Business and Finance. We have employee representation from bargaining and non-bargaining groups to include AFSCME, IATSE, MSEA, POA, and SCS (staff compensation system). A link to the organization chart will be forthcoming.

Did you know?

W2 statements for 2022 are available now via Employee Self Service to employees who consented for the electronic option through Employee Self Service at GoWMU by Friday, Dec. 31, 2022. For employees who did not consent for electronic delivery of the 2022 W2 form, W2 forms will be mailed before January 20, 2023, to the home address reflected in GoWMU as of Dec. 31, 2022. If you have questions contact Payroll and Disbursements at 7-2935.
Did you know?
Western promotes Heath and Wellness and offers two fitness options: West Hills Athletics Club and the Student Recreation Center. You receive a discount on health insurance if you have an annual follow up with Holtyn Wellness. See our Links of Interest.

Did you know?
1,234 students graduated in December with our very own Jennifer Heilmann (Facilities Management) graduating with a Bachelor Degree of Science in University Studies.

Did you know?
Vice President Jan Van Der Kley will offer open office hours the 3rd Friday of the month beginning March 17th from 8 - 11 am. Details on how to schedule an appointment will be available on the Business and Finance website soon.

Did you know?
Did you know President Montgomery has open office hours. Every other Tuesday from 10:30 to 12:00 you can schedule a half hour block to meet with him. Just go to the Presidents webpage, scroll down to “Connect with the President“, and click “Schedule a Meeting.” It is that easy. Or call the office at 7-2351 See the Links of Interest.
MEET YOUR COLLEAGUES!

**Vice President of Business and Finance Office**

Jan is a WMU Graduate and a 40 year employee. She holds a Bachelor and Masters degree and is the current Vice President of Business and Finance. She has been the Director of Accounting Services, Director of Operations in Development and Alumni, and the Director of Internal Audit. She serves as Treasurer for the Board of Trustees, and currently or has served on numerous committees during her time with the University.

Jan has an eye for antiques and art, loves to walk, and be outdoors.

Stacy has worked at WMU 36 years. She began in University Advancement where she stayed 12 years. She moved to Assistant Athletic Director in charge of events in 1998. She was the brains behind CommUniverCity. She was fortunate to attend 6 Bowl games with the Cotton Bowl being her most memorable. After Athletics, she stopped in the President’s Office (2017-2020) before landing in Business and Finance as the current Executive Assistant for the VP. Coincidentally - when Stacy began in 1986, she was also working with Jan.

Stacy has 4 Children and 2 grandchildren. She loves her job, all things winter, and traveling.

Colleen has been the Associate Vice President since 2020. She was appointed as Assistant Director of Accounting Services in 1997. During her 25 years she served as Director of Internal Audit, Executive Director for Development Administration, and Executive Director for Budget and Financial Planning.

In her spare time she enjoys spending quality time with her large family. She has 4 children, 5 step-children, and 2 grandchildren. When she isn’t entertaining or chasing after them she is reading or watching/attending sporting events.

Karmella is new to WMU. Hired 5 months ago as an Administrative Assistant and still learning the ways of the Brown and Gold. She enjoys digging in and learning. She loved being a part of the football games this past fall, Staff Bash, Bronco Bash and CommUniverCity. Meeting all the new people at the Holiday, Wellness, and Employee Engagement Events were also highlights from her 1st few months. She looks forward to the opportunity to collaborate with all of Business and Finance on the Newsletter Project.

Karmella enjoys spending time with her kids and her grandbabies, watching football, and being outside.

If you are interested in participating in this segment, please reach out to Karmella Todd. Otherwise, don’t be surprised if she knocks on your door asking for participation.
Business and Finance Website is Under Construction

The Business and Finance Website has been getting a major face lift. A completely new landing page, all new links to other OBF pages, and updated information. Looking for something you can’t find? Have a suggestion on content? Reach out to Karmella or send a message from the “Contact Us” page. We welcome your feedback. Get the link in the Links of Interest below.

Just a Thought
Do you enjoy fun and silly like me? I love fun words! Pumpernickel, Quadruple, and even my name, Karmella. Think about it... silly but fun to say and not hard to forget. I learned a new fun word recently and it is perfect for January: Hygge. Pronounced hoo gah, crazy, right? Does not look that way. It comes from Danish culture and it isn't a thing but rather a feeling. Internal contentment, a cozy feeling inside that you create for yourself. Cuddle in a blanket with a good book (not your iPhone), some soft lighting and big pillows. Maybe you prefer something outside with the dog, trees, and wind? Or a place with friends, and lots of laughter. During these long, winter days take the time to embrace your Hygge.

Upcoming Events
Western Wellness
Jan 25 - Let's Get Walking Group
Jan 25 - Healthy Way Virtual Group

Links of Interest
go.wmich.edu
wmich.edu/wellness
wmich.edu/president
wmich.edu/businessandfinance

If you are interested in submitting information for the next Business and Finance Updates, please contact Karmealla Todd at Karmella.Todd@wmich.edu.