

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY™

Professional and Scientific Council

September Council Meeting

Thursday, September 9

2:10 p.m.

Gallery Room, Memorial Union

General meetings are open to all Iowa State University Professional and Scientific employees and the public.



ISU COVID-19 vaccination clinics continue in September

With the beginning of fall semester and a return to full offices, a crowded campus, in-person teaching, no mask mandate and the rampant spread of the delta variant, protecting yourself and others against COVID-19 has become even more important.

Iowa State University's COVID-19 vaccination clinics will continue through September 29 at various locations on the main campus.

Each clinic will be held from noon-3 p.m. The full list of dates and locations can be found on the university's [COVID-19 Vaccinations](#) web page.

Both the Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) vaccines will be available. Vaccination appointments may be [scheduled online](#), and walk-ins are also welcome. ISU employees and students are urged to bring their university identification cards to their appointments.

Get vaccinated! It's the best way to stop the spread of the virus and to show that Cyclones Care!

Iowa State has also launched a new [COVID-19: By the numbers](#) web page with links to information from the Iowa Department of Public Health and Centers for Disease Control. The page will be updated each Wednesday.

As always, look to the [COVID-19: Moving Forward](#) web page for detailed information and links to resources.



Proposals for council's Professional Development conference topics are wanted!

The Professional and Scientific Council Professional Development Conference subcommittee is seeking proposals for sessions



Cultivate Your Adventure
Engage, Innovate, Evolve

2022 Professional Development Conference

that will be offered at the 2022

Professional and Scientific Council Professional Development Conference February 23, 2022. This year's conference theme is "Cultivate Your Adventure: Engage, Innovate, Evolve."

All selected sessions will tie into this theme, fit within one of the four areas of focus (health and wellness, human interactions, leadership, and professional resources), and engage Professional and Scientific (P&S) employees in personal and/or professional development.

If you have a topic you think P&S employees would benefit from learning about and want to share your expertise, please complete [this online form](#) via the proposal to speak track. You will need to have the session title and the session description ready to include in the online form. A separate online form will need to be submitted for each session you would like to propose.

If you would like to recommend a colleague to speak on a topic, please complete [this online form](#) via the recommendation for someone else to speak track. The person you are recommending must be an Iowa State University employee or affiliated with Iowa State. The conference subcommittee will review all submissions and determine if recommended speakers will be contacted.

Individuals will be contacted regarding their proposal status by October 29 and each presenter will receive complimentary registration for the 2022 Professional and Scientific Council Professional Development Conference.

DUE DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF CONFERENCE PROPOSALS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SPEAKERS IS OCTOBER 8, 2021.

Did you know? Power of partnership spurs ISU Extension and Outreach and employee interest areas



Iowa State University's mission: Create, share, and apply knowledge to make Iowa and the world a better place.

In order to do that we rely on a network of faculty, researchers, students, and Professional & Scientific (P&S) staff. Did you know that Extension and Outreach staff is the second largest group of P&S employees?

As the land grant institution in the first state to adopt the Morrill Act, Iowa State University wholeheartedly supports the mission of sharing knowledge beyond the campus borders. It's no surprise that Iowa State pioneered the first statewide Extension Service in 1906. The extension experiment – universities actively transferring their research and expertise to every corner of every state – was immensely successful across America and remains so today. More than a million Iowans annually benefit directly from ISU Extension and Outreach programs.

Today Iowa has 100 Extension offices that support our 99-county campus to support Extension education areas that include Agriculture and Natural Resources, Communities and Economic Development, Human Sciences, and 4-H Youth Development.

Professional and Scientific Council's Peer Advocacy Committee is building collaborative partnerships and interest areas that include:

- Book Study in with the Ames Public Library
- Cooking Collaborations with Human Sciences Extension faculty and staff
- Pollinators & Plants. P&S employees are invited to join us for a partnership event: Monarchs on the Move Field Day at Ledges State Park September 28, 8 a.m. – noon. Key collaborators include 4-H Youth Development, USDA Corn Insects and Crop Genetics Unit, Monarch Conservation Consortium Research Group, Prairie Rivers of Iowa, and Friends of Ledges.

Be on the lookout for more information about P&S Council interest areas. If you have an idea for a new interest area or for more information contact Peer Advocacy Committee member Lynne Campbell at lynnec@iastate.edu.

Virtual financial workshops offer money motivation this fall



Through the Financial Wellness@Work program a series of one-hour financial workshops for all Iowa State University employees will be held virtually beginning this fall, with a new schedule each semester. Some core topics will be repeated each semester, while others will be special topics only offered once.

All sessions are held virtually from noon – 1:00 p.m. Pre-registration is required at least 24 hours prior to each session, and registrants will receive login information by email. The fall schedule topics, with registration links are:

Sept. 21 - Mission Possible: Saving

Saving, whether short-term or long-term, can feel like a challenge, but there are strategies to help you succeed. [Register](#)

Oct. 5 - Raising Money Smart Kids

For children of any age, the parents and other adults in their lives are powerful influencers. Learn strategies for helping children build financial attitudes and skills that will serve them well. [Register](#)

Oct. 19 - Borrowing Smart

This session reviews basic credit principles with a focus on reducing both the cost and the risk of borrowing. It will address ways to build or maintain a good credit history and credit score, ways to monitor your debt levels to avoid excessive indebtedness, and strategies to reduce credit costs. [Register](#)

Nov. 9 and 16 (2-part workshop) - Money Smart: Taking Control of Your \$

This workshop provides a “big picture” overview of what it means to be in control of your money on a month-to-month basis, and then looks at specific strategies to make that easier. [Register](#)

Questions? Contact [Barb Wollan](#) or 515-832-9597. [Learn more](#) about the overall project.

Financial Wellness@Work is part of ISU Extension & Outreach, in partnership with University Human Resources and ISU Wellbeing.

Highlighting ISU Staff: Katie Wiegand

This month we recognize Katie Wiegand, Finance Delivery.

Katie was nominated by Jennifer Schroeder, who said, “Katie is a finance supervisor on the Spruce team. She is a great communicator and has a knack for explaining confusing topics. I often reach out to Katie for assistance in understanding specific accounting topics that might seem obvious to others. Katie always responds in a friendly manner. I can see the smile on her face when I read her emails. She explains concepts in an easy to understand manner and without making you feel inadequate for asking. Finance Service Delivery and ISU are lucky to have Katie on their team!”



Congratulations, Katie, and thank you for all you do!

You can nominate a fellow Professional and Scientific employee (or team of employees) for Highlighting ISU Staff! It only takes a few minutes. Submit your nominations using the [Highlighting ISU Staff form](#) to tell us about a P&S employee or team doing great work in your area. The form will ask you to tell us about who you are highlighting and why in 100 words or less, and to include a picture of the person, team, or output for which they are being highlighted.

One submission will be regularly included in the newsletter as determined by the P&S Council Awards Committee. Other submissions will be featured on social media with the tag #highlightingISUstaff, on the P&S Council web page Highlighting ISU Staff, and/or included in future newsletters.



Chris Johnsen is the 2021-22 Professional and Scientific Council President.

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