Welcome to Human Resources & Diversity's News & Notes *January 2022* edition. Happy New Year to all! January marks the time of the year when we think of resolutions or ways to “renew” our commitments to a safe, happy, and healthy new year. This also marks a new semester and many things to look forward to in the upcoming months!

This newsletter includes new or “renewed” information for campus employees, including our new *Supervisor’s Corner*, holiday leave information, new year benefit and wellness information, payroll, and much more. You can follow the links to any topic in which you seek additional information. As always, the index to the left on this page links to the various pages and topics highlighted in this edition.

If you have questions about any of our subject areas, please refer to this or past editions of the newsletter. If you would like to read previous versions, please go to our *News & Notes webpage* to see the current and past editions.

As always, thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter!

Best,

Janelle A. Crowley, Ph.D.

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“Hello Warhawk Family!

**Supervisor Corner**

Keeping Employees Engaged

**News & Notes**

| January 1      | New Years Day                  |
| January 2      | World Introvert Day            |
| January 12     | National Hot Tea Day           |
| January 14     | Dress Up Your Pet Day          |
| January 15     | Martin Luther King, Jr. born 1929 |
| January 17     | Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday celebration |

- Aristotle

- National Blood Donor Month
- National Braille Literacy Month
- National Hobby Month

The UW System grants nine days of paid legal holidays per year to eligible employees. Full-time employees earn eight hours of leave for each legal holiday. Part-time employees earn a prorated amount based on hours worked during the pay period that includes the legal holiday.

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When a legal holiday falls on a Saturday, the employee is granted eight hours of floating legal holiday (prorated, if part-time).

When a legal holiday falls on a Sunday, the legal holiday is observed and the UW System is closed on the Monday following the legal holiday.

Due to varying business needs throughout the UW System, some employees may be required to work on a legal holiday. Employees who are required to work on a legal holiday, or if the legal holiday is on an employee’s regularly scheduled day off, they will be granted floating legal holiday.

Floating legal holidays can be used like any other paid leave, and must be used by the end of the year in which it was earned (calendar year for University Staff employees, fiscal year for Faculty, Academic Staff or Limited appointees).

Eligibility

To be eligible for a paid legal holiday, you must:
- Be eligible for sick leave; and
- Be actively employed on the legal holiday; and

One of the following:
- Be paid for the work day immediately before the legal holiday; or
- Be paid for the first work day immediately following the legal holiday; or
- Work on the legal holiday; or
- Be on an approved military leave of absence.

Resources

UW System Administrative Policy 1211 (formerly BN 2): Personal Holiday and Legal Holiday Administration

Holiday Schedule

Legal Holiday Overview
Newly Retired? What to Expect

When you first retire you may experience several changes. We'll help prepare you for some of these changes by discussing the following:

- Explain your annuity payment and why it may change.
- Identify mailings you will receive during retirement.
- Be aware of life changes during retirement that may affect your benefits.

To register, go to: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/8621984675289973004

WRS Effective Rates and Annuity Adjustments

Each year you may see changes to the amount of your retirement payment. We'll discuss why and how these changes happen.

By the end of this presentation, you will be able to:

- Define WRS effective rates and annuity adjustments.
- Explain how the Core Trust Fund and Variable Trust Fund effective rates are calculated.
- Explain how the Core Trust Fund and Variable Trust Fund annuity adjustments are calculated.

To register, go to: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/3382179549751870476

Beneficiary Designations – What Happens to My Account When I Die?

Death is never easy to talk about, but it’s important to know where your money is going. Learn what happens to your WRS account when you pass away, why it's important to designate a beneficiary and the importance of keeping your account up to date.

By the end of this presentation, you will be able to:

- Define beneficiary and standard sequence.
- Explain the importance of a beneficiary form.
- Identify who or what could be a beneficiary.
- Select the appropriate beneficiary form.
- Update your beneficiary.

To register, go to: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/8291787039817584396
2022 Benefit Deductions and Contributions

For most employees, benefit deductions and contributions will change in 2022. For complete details please refer to the UW System Portal article [https://uwservice.wisconsin.edu/news/post/694](https://uwservice.wisconsin.edu/news/post/694).

UW 403(B) Supplemental Retirement Program Webinars & Counseling Sessions

UW System is making changes to enhance the UW 403(b) Supplemental Retirement Program (SRP), which provides an easy way for you to save for your retirement. Updates to the program, effective in January 2022, focus on cost-effectiveness, simplification, and ease of use for 403(b) participants. For complete details along with information about webinars and sessions please visit [https://uwservice.wisconsin.edu/news/post/696](https://uwservice.wisconsin.edu/news/post/696).

Deadlines For Health Care FSAS


2022 Benefits ID Cards

If you enrolled or made changes to your benefits during the Annual Benefits Enrollment (ABE) period (Sept. 27 – Oct. 22, 2021), you may receive new ID cards.

Review your ID cards for accuracy. If you discover errors or if you do not receive your ID cards by mid-January, contact the plan directly to request new ID cards. Your institution benefits contact is not able to request ID cards on your behalf.

University Insurance Association (UIA) Life Insurance - Annual Premium Deduction

If you have University Insurance Association (UIA) Life Insurance, the annual premium of $24 will be deducted from your biweekly paycheck dated December 16, 2021. The annual premium was previously deducted in October. Due to the change in the Plan Year starting date from October 1 to January 1, the annual premium will be deducted from pay received during December going forward. Details can be found here [https://uwservice.wisconsin.edu/news/post/691](https://uwservice.wisconsin.edu/news/post/691).

The Benefits & Wellness Team continues to work remotely. Please be assured that we are monitoring emails and voicemails and we will reply as soon as we are able. Thank you, take care and stay safe.

Your Warhawk Benefits & Wellness Team
Stephanie Hartmann, Benefits Specialist
Grace Jezuit, Student Benefits Assistant
Tips for Supervisors – Keeping Employees Engaged

According to a Gallup study, just 15 percent of employees are engaged at work. (Gallup Data). Now that the holiday season is coming to an end, employees may be feeling sluggish and dreading the return to working a full week and feeling overwhelmed with catching up at work after taking time off. Here are some tips to help keep employees engaged.

1. **Listen to your employees**: When employees feel heard, they are 4.6 times more likely to feel empowered to do their best work (Salesforce Research). When employees feel heard, they are motivated and have the confidence that they can do a good job.

2. **Provide learning opportunities**: Encourage employees to learn something new. This could be taking one of the many courses offered at LinkedIn Learning, attending a conference in their area of work, taking the lead on a project, the list goes on. This can foster career advancement and in turn contributes to the employee’s happiness at work and a more engaged employee.

3. **Regularly Acknowledge Employee’s Hard Work**: Employees want to feel valued. When supervisors focus on the positive and encourage and recognize employees on a regular, ongoing basis, it can help employees and the entire team to be more productive, more committed to success and more engaged. Acknowledging employees can be as simple as a thank you email, a shout out in a staff meeting or a hand-written note. Make this a part of your daily or weekly routine and it can not only lift the spirits of your employees, but yours as well.

Recognizing and valuing employees is simple; it just takes a little time and effort and awareness that it does indeed make a difference.

- Victor Lipman
Welcome Elizabeth to Human Resources & Diversity!

Please join us in welcoming our newest employee, Elizabeth Carreon. Elizabeth is working in our office as an HR Assistant.

Elizabeth was born in Mexico City and has lived in Whitewater for 25 years. She has a big family including a husband, 4 children (3 daughters and 1 son), 3 brothers, 2 grandchildren, and 1 dog (and a partridge in a pear tree ♫ ♫ ♫).

Elizabeth has worked for several years in International Customer Service and loves to travel and eat seafood. She also is a ZIN, which is a ZUMBA Instructor. Elizabeth’s passion in life are her family and taking pictures. She has always wanted to be a part of the “Warhawk Family” and believes that with hard work, effort, and dedication, “All of my dreams have come true in my life.”

Welcome to Human Resources & Diversity Elizabeth!!

Immigration/Affirmative Action Services

Margaret Wheeler, our Immigration and Affirmative Action Specialist, can be reached at her office in the Community Engagement Center, Room 123. She continues to be responsible for immigration cases for all international faculty. In addition, she offers workshops and one-on-one assistance, remote or in-person, regarding EB-1 cases, EB-3 cases, form I-485 and supporting documents. She also assists immigrants in the Whitewater community and beyond, with their immigration cases. Currently, she works with UW-Whitewater student interns, training them in the practice of immigration law as they fulfill their legal studies’ requirements.

If you are an international faculty member and have any new information or documentation related to your immigration situation, please contact Margaret Wheeler. This includes: a new work permit, green card approval, marriage, birth of a child, and any situation for which an immigration update or change could be necessary.

Contact Information:

wheelerm@uww.edu;
262-472-1494
University Staff Use of Floating Holiday Time

Floating holiday time can be used any time during the calendar year in which it is earned. January 1 floating holiday cannot be used until the year it is earned. Legal and floating holiday hours should be used in the calendar year in which they are granted. There are no provisions that allow University Staff employees to carryover floating holiday time into the next calendar year. Thus, individuals should use their floating holiday time before using vacation time.

Faculty, Academic Staff and Limited Appointees Use of Floating Holiday Time

Floating holiday time can be used any time during the fiscal year in which it is earned. This means that a “January 1” floating holiday can be used anytime in the fiscal year it is earned. Unused floating holiday time is lost after June 30. Thus, individuals should use their floating holiday time before using vacation time.

- University Staff would add the Floating Holiday usage to your timesheet and choose the Legal Holiday
- Exempt Employees would add the Floating Holiday as an Absence and choose Legal Holiday
- Link to Employee Self Service guides: https://uwservice.wisconsin.edu/help/time-absence/

If you have further questions, please contact payroll@uwss.wisconsin.edu. Thank you!

For those who were on a monthly payroll and moved to the bi-weekly payroll, questions regarding earnings statements or leave reporting (academic year or summer reporting) please contact our Shared Services Payroll partners. If you have questions about funding or furlough, please email: Payroll Support

For questions regarding processing the hourly paid biweekly payroll (timesheet entry and approval, exceptions, etc.) please contact our Shared Services Payroll partners.
Handshake at Rock Campus

The Rock County campus continues to use Handshake for Spring 2022 student employment opportunities!

Handshake is UW-Whitewater's career management system & online job board. You’ll find all of the following on Handshake:

- **Job & Internship Postings**: Search for on-campus and off-campus student jobs, internships, and full-time jobs requiring bachelor or master degrees.
- **Career Fairs**: View information about upcoming career fairs, including employer participant lists and available opportunities
- **Career Events**: Find out about upcoming networking events and career-related workshops
- **Employer Database**: Search for employers by location & industry to network, find potential opportunities, and view company reviews

For more information on Handshake, visit the Career & Leadership Development page here or follow the above icon to the handshake login.

Shuttle Service to Rock County

UW-Whitewater's Rock County campus is located on Janesville's southwest side. A free shuttle links the campus to UW-Whitewater’s main campus and the Van Galder JTS bus stop in Janesville during the academic year. The Warhawk Shuttle service for the Spring 2022 semester will run from January 18 – May 13, 2022. There is no service on days where regular semester classes are not in session including any legal holidays observed by UW System. This means there is NO shuttle service March 21–24, 2022 during Spring Break. All current faculty, staff, and students are eligible to ride the Warhawk Shuttle. Questions or comments regarding shuttle service should be directed to the website or email.

If you have any questions for Tanja, her contact information is:

Email: andersot@uww.edu
Phone: 608-898-5039
Pay Plan Update

The legislature’s Joint Committee on Employment Relations (JCOER) approved the final version of the 2021-2023 Compensation Plan for the University of Wisconsin System. Here is a link to the Pay Plan information from the UW System website: [Link to Pay Plan Information](#).

Eligibility requirements included completion of the Title IX Sexual Harassment and Information Security mandatory trainings, having a performance evaluation on file, and having a combined FTE of .50 or more. For full eligibility requirements and information go to [HERE](#).

The increase begins on 1/2/22 and will first appear on the 1/27/22 earnings statement for the work performed 1/2/22 - 1/15/22. This 2% was calculated on rate of pay as of 12/4/21.

Employee Rehire Submissions for Spring Semester

If you have questions about processing E-rehires or best practices for enrollment-based contract language, etc., please contact your HR liaison for assistance. You may access the E-Rehire application here: [https://www.uww.edu/adminaffairs/hr/rehire](https://www.uww.edu/adminaffairs/hr/rehire).

Title & Total Compensation - Title Appeal Process

The title appeal process allows an employee who believes their Standard Job Title (as assigned through the Title and Total Compensation Project) is incorrect to request a review of their title assignment. You may review SJDs here: [https://www.wisconsin.edu/ohrwd/title-and-total-compensation-study/standard-job-description-library/](https://www.wisconsin.edu/ohrwd/title-and-total-compensation-study/standard-job-description-library/)

The Title Appeal Process document: [TTC - Title Appeal Process](#) outlines what can be appealed, what cannot be appealed, how to file an appeal and provides step-by-step process guidelines. If, after review of this information you feel an appeal is appropriate, submit the [TTC - Title Appeal Request Form](#) according to direction in the process document.

We have created a flow chart to provide a clear outline of the steps in the full process [TTC - Title Appeal Flow Chart](#). The Title Appeal window has been extended to February 4th, 2022.

If you have any questions, please reach out to one of your Human Resources TTC subject matter experts

Amy Sexton, Human Resources Associate Director
Email: sextona@uww.edu

Abby Dunkleberger, Human Resources Partner
Email: dunkleba@uww.edu

Victoria Johnson, Human Resources Business Partner
Email: johnsonv@uww.edu

The Talent Acquisition team is continuing to work remotely when appropriate. We continue to monitor emails and voicemails and we will reply as soon as we are able. Thank you, take care and stay safe.
Wishing Victoria Johnson Well!

Victoria Johnson will be leaving UW-Whitewater the end of January to embark on a new work adventure! Her last day in Human Resources & Diversity will be Friday, January 21st. We wish her much success!

A note from Victoria to her campus partners and friends -

“I will be moving on to a new adventure as an Employee Relations Consultant at UW-Health at the end of this month! This is an exciting opportunity that I am eager to begin, but will miss each and every individual I have worked with during these past 4 years here at UW-Whitewater. You will all be missed and hold a special place in my heart. Thank you for all the support!”

Mandatory Employee Online Training

Employees are required to complete three different online training modules as a condition of employment. Those trainings are:

- **Information Security** (securing data and information technology) - this training is required annually
- **Mandated Reporter** (reporting of child abuse and neglect, Executive Order #54) - this training is required only once during your time at UWW. This is different than the Title IX training.
- **Sexual Harassment (Title IX)** - this training is required once every three years

All three of these trainings can be found in my.wisconsin.edu portal under “Mandatory Training.”

Information about past due trainings went out recently to both the employee and the employee’s supervisor.

Training is mandatory, therefore expectation is 100% completion. Employees have 30 days from notification to complete the training. Training that is incomplete past the 30 days is considered overdue, which may result in notification of the employee’s supervisor. Incomplete Information Security Training may also result in disconnection of technology access until the training is complete.

Title IX Coordinator continues to work remotely but is available for on-campus appointments upon request.

Your Warhawk Title IX Coordinator
Vicki Schreiber, Ph.D.
**Wellness**

**Cheryl Timm Winners For a Free Massage**

In November and December the Wellness Team teamed up with Cheryl Timm, a local massage therapist, to provide 15-minute chair massages at both the UW-Whitewater and the UW-Rock County campuses. Those who participated were automatically entered in a giveaway for a free massage from Cheryl. We picked two winners at random to receive either a free 60-minute Swedish massage or a 35-minute Therapeutic massage!

Congratulations to our winners, **Maryam Enterline** and **Amber Kammeraad**!

Thank you to everyone who participated!

**KEPRO Workshop - Handling Family Crisis**

KEPRO Presents: Handling Family Crisis  
January 26, 2022 12:00 pm Central Time

For those who may be going through a family crisis or simply want to prepare, this class will cover how to manage expectations and guilt. Learn how to cope with financial challenges and what to expect during transition times. This class can also be geared toward managers supporting employees going through a family crisis.

**Webinar Information:**  
**Attendee Link:** [Here](#)  
**Audio conference:** To receive a call back, provide your phone number when you join the event, or call the number below and enter the access code.  
**United States Toll:** +1-408-418-9388  
**Webinar Access Code:** 2633 452 5507  
**Webinar Password:** hX569FBvp3u

**Wear Red Day**

National Wear Red Day is a day where people come together to spread awareness about heart disease and stroke for women all over the nation. You can join in by wearing red either at home or on campus on Friday, February 4th, 2022! We encourage you and your work team to send in a photo of your red outfits to benefits@uww.edu for our next newsletter!

For information on upcoming wellness opportunities, check out the Worksite Wellness website: [Click here to visit the Worksite Wellness page](#)
Share the Good News!

Congratulations to Cierra Woods (Philanthropy & Alumni Engagement) on the newest addition to her family! Cierra’s son, Brice Woods, was born on December 9th, 2021.

Pictured: Brice (2 weeks old) and Montana (15 months old) sitting under the Christmas tree with their dog, Darla!

National Chocolate Cake Day - January 27

According to COSTCO Life January 27th is National Chocolate Cake Day! This can be a struggle if your New Years Resolution has you eating healthier. Here is an easy recipe for 37 Calorie Brownies to help you get your “chocolate fix” without all the guilt!

¾ C nonfat Greek yogurt (you can use vanilla)
¼ C Skim milk
½ C Cocoa powder
½ C Old fashioned rolled oats (like Quaker)
½ C Truvia (or any natural/stevia based sweetener that pours like sugar)
1 egg
1/3 C Applesauce
1 tsp Baking Powder
1 pinch salt

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Grease a square baking dish.

Combine all ingredients into a food processor or a blender and blend until smooth (about 1 minute). Pour into the prepared dish and bake for about 15 minutes. Allow to cool completely before cutting into 9 large squares.
# HR & D Subject Matter Expertise Areas

This section is to highlight areas of expertise of the staff in our office. Many of our staff have expertise in areas outside their current job responsibilities based on previous experience and certifications and may be available to conduct trainings upon request.

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