Staff Council Member Feature: Patti Holt

Beginning in November 2012, the Staff Development Committee will feature a different Staff Council member in the staff newsletter. If you have a nomination for a member doing outstanding work or with a story to tell, please contact Caitie Deranek at cderanek@iupui.edu.

Patti Holt is a devoted Staff Council member and leader with four years of service. She has served as the chair of the Bylaws Committee and Community Outreach Committee. She also served as the Co-Captain of the IUPUI Staff Council Race for the Cure team in 2010, 2011, and 2012. Currently Patti is serving the council as corresponding secretary.

Patti truly values the importance of Staff Council and its mission to support the interests of staff across IUPUI. She cites “getting to know staff members from across the campus” as her favorite part of working on the council. She appreciates the different perspectives and backgrounds brought by members with various levels of professional and educational experience.

Patti champions the importance of getting involved, particularly with Staff Council. She is thankful for the development opportunities provided across the campus and has taken workshops for both professional and personal growth. She states that these experiences have “developed [her] expertise in different areas, [her] self-confidence, and has helped [her] to develop a life-long love for learning.”

When asked how Staff Council has developed her leadership skills, Patti mentioned the importance of responding to constituents and meeting their needs. She prides herself on being able to find the information needed even when she does not know it offhand. Patti values filling this role for her fellow staff members.

Patti has a blended family with seven adult children, five in-law children, and nine grandchildren. In 2010, Patti earned her B.S. in Organizational Leadership from IUPUI and is now working on her MS in Adult Education from IUB. She is the office manager for the Department of Mathematical Sciences in the School of Science. Her hobbies are spending time with her family, reading, and crafting.

If Patti could be any office supply, she would be a pencil. She appreciates the possibility of a pencil being sharpened, “reminding [her] to never become stagnant but to always keep improving,” and erased, “reminding [her] to erase the mistakes made by [herself] and others, correct them, and move on.” Thank you, Patti, for your service to the Staff Council and IUPUI community!

“I consider my involvement with Staff Council as service to the university – I thoroughly appreciate and enjoy this opportunity... I appreciate what Staff Council represents and the opportunity to work with staff from across campus to make IUPUI an even better place than it already is.”

-Patti Holt

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