

The GW Staff Council

Pillars Newsletter



A Message from Staff Council President, Bridget Schwartz

As we move into the holiday season, I would like to express my sincere and deep gratitude to all of the GW staff. Over the past few months as president, I have seen the dedication and passion that staff has to make a difference in the lives of each other and the students we support. Likewise, the Staff Council and our committees are represented by staff who are driven to build our community and advocate for all staff. Please continue to submit your ideas and feedback; we are committed to using the feedback to help guide our work.

During the inauguration activities, it was a privilege to represent GW staff and witness how staff from many areas of the university came together to support the events, quickly pivot plans, and walk alongside faculty and students to represent their schools. As we celebrate President Granberg, it was also a beautiful moment in which all of GW came together as one community.

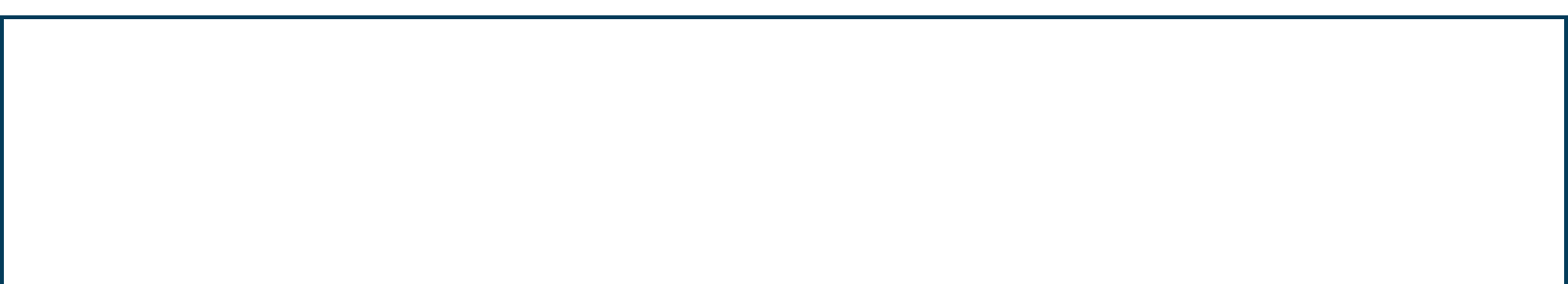
Staff Spotlight

Abby Barham

Marketing Specialist, Health Affairs
Marketing
Office of Communications and Marketing

Abby does a great job working on marketing projects for the School of Medicine and Health Sciences and the GW Medical Faculty Associates. She is always very flexible and willing to help out. She is a true team player - and does a great job with the projects that she leads - her quality is very high! Abby is also a leader for the SMHS social media accounts. She has made a positive impact on our team, on the school and the MFA, and on the lives of the patients we serve!

Nominated By: Anne Banner





Each month, we would like to highlight & recognize GW staff members who make a positive impact on the GW community. If you'd like to nominate a fellow staff member, please the form below. In order to be considered for the December newsletter, please submit your nomination no later than Friday, December 15th. Nominations submitted after this date may not be considered until January.

[Submit a Staff Spotlight Nomination](#)

New Vacation Time Policy

Don't forget to review the new [Vacation Time policy](#) previously announced by GW Human Resources.

If you have any feedback regarding this policy or any other university policies, please complete the [Staff Feedback Form](#) and a member of the Staff Council will reach out to address any questions or concerns.

Winter Celebration

Join fellow staff and faculty for the annual Winter Celebration. There will be live entertainment, music, refreshments, and activities! Please check the table below for dates and times based on your location.

There will be three Winter Celebrations to choose from in December:

- **VTSC:** Tuesday, December 12 from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. in Enterprise Hall on the third floor
- **Foggy Bottom (daytime):** Wednesday, December 13 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m in the University Student Center on the third floor
- **Foggy Bottom (overnight shift):** Wednesday, December 13 from 10:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. in the University Student Center in Room 309.

If you have not already done so, please be sure to register by December 8th for the celebration you'd like to attend.

[Register Here](#)

Winter Necessities Drive

GW has partnered with DC Public Schools to collect winter necessities for local students and their families. Your contribution will ensure that every child in DC stays warm as they go to school in the winter months. Donate new socks, gloves, mittens, and winter hats for children, teenagers, and adults.

Donation stations will be available at the Virginia Campus and Foggy Bottom Winter Celebrations. If you would like to contribute but are unable to attend the events, you may drop off items at the Honey W. Nashman Center for Civic Engagement at Public Service (2300 H Street, NW), through December 22.

Give-a-Gift

Participate in [Give-A-Gift](#), GW's annual winter season initiative. We partner with DC organizations to identify specific families in need of gifts for the holiday season. To sponsor a family or individual with your department or on your own, [visit the Give-a-Gift website](#).

All unwrapped gifts must be delivered to the University Student Center Grand Ballroom or Enterprise Hall on Wednesday, December 6. Every year, we have more requests than we can meet — please support your neighbors by giving a gift this year!

Attend a Staff Council Meeting

The GW Staff Council typically meets on the third Friday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. EST. GW Staff Council meetings occur via Zoom and are open. Agendas, minutes, and meeting information will be posted online. Please direct any related questions to staffcouncil@gwu.edu. President Granberg will join us at the December 15th meeting!

Missed a meeting? Don't worry! We've got you covered. You can find meeting minutes from past meetings on the [Staff Council website](#), along with information on upcoming meetings. Registration is required so please [be sure to register](#) for any upcoming meetings you'd like to attend.

Staff Council Ideas & Feedback Form

The Staff Council welcomes ideas & feedback from the GW community through the Staff Council Feedback Form. We encourage you to share your thoughts, concerns, and feedback so we can better support you. This is your opportunity to make your voice heard. Please be sure to provide your contact information on the form if you would like to receive a response from a member of the Staff Council.

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