GETTYSBURG COLLEGE

PRESIDENT’S DINNER FOR SUPPORT STAFF

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 2017
Good evening!

Welcome to the 2017 Support Staff Dinner. Please join me in thanking the Support Staff Council for organizing this year’s dinner, as well as for the work they do all year on your behalf and on behalf of Gettysburg College.

I send special congratulations to those of you who are being honored tonight for anniversaries or retirement. We are grateful for your years of service to Gettysburg College and to our students.

Gettysburg College would not be the fine institution it is today without the great work and dedication of our support staff. You work diligently to keep our offices and campus processes running smoothly, to put food on our tables, to keep our facilities and grounds in good shape, and to assist our students in countless ways. The quality of your work makes a huge difference in the lives of our students and in our success as an institution, and I have tremendous respect and gratitude for all that you do.

Tonight is a night to celebrate your great work and to enjoy each other’s company and accomplishments. Have a great evening!

Sincerely,

Janet Morgan Riggs
President
Program

Greeting .............................................................................................................Janet Morgan Riggs

President of Gettysburg College

Invocation ............................................................................................................. Ronald Parr

Life Safety Manager

Department of Public Safety

Dinner

Introduction of Council Members.................................................................Becky Best

Presentation of Service Awards ..................................................President Riggs, Becky Best

Special Recognition Remarks

25 Years
- Bob Kallin for Deborah Rinehart
- István Urcuyo for Diann Cooper

Retirees
- Eric Richardson for Eugene Riffle

Entertainment .......................................................... DJ Mark “The Man” Rosensteel
Service Award Honorees
Honoring Years of Service

5 Years
Suzanne Gockowski .................................. Africana Studies/Provost’s Office
Lisa Heinbaugh ........................................................ Dining Services
Zachary Keller ........................................................ Grounds Services
Ashley Mowery ........................................................ Athletics Office
Edith Pigeon ........................................................ Parent Relations
Renee Vargo ........................................................ Custodial Services
Renee Weikert ....................................................... Information Technology
Tina White ........................................................ Dining Services
Brent Yoder ........................................................ Dining Services

10 Years
Lisa Antonich ......................................................... Custodial Services
Ray Aughinbaugh ..................................................... Custodial Services
James Baer ........................................................ Maintenance Services
Stephen Belenski ...................................................... Department of Public Safety
Sandra Blair ........................................................ Art and Art History
Chad Brodbeck ........................................................ Dining Services
Amy Flickinger ........................................................ Dining Services
Nicholas Heller ........................................................ HVAC Services
Christina Marsh ........................................................ Information Technology
Karen Mesher ........................................................ Dining Services
Sally Miller ........................................................ Financial Aid
Lindora Myers ........................................................ Interdisciplinary Studies, Globalization Studies, Public Policy Program
Terry Oyler ........................................................ Dining Services
Debra Small ........................................................ Grounds Services
Lasandra Spivey ..................................................... Custodial Services
Tammy Strawsburg .................................................. College Bookstore
Mikie Woodward .................................................. Major and Planned Giving
15 Years
Eric Day ................................................................. Dining Services
Charlene Felton ........................................................ Dining Services
Melissa Garber .................................................. Finance and Administration Office
Travis Griffie ................................................... Department of Public Safety
Pamela Lafferty ................................................ Admissions Office
John McNally ..................................................... Dining Services
Paul Miller ........................................................ Information Technology
Susan Moyer ........................................................ Orange & Blue Club
Coltt Nelson ........................................................ HVAC Services
Michael Plank ....................................................... Grounds Services
Stephanie Sanders ........................................... Information Technology
Jose Sierra ........................................................ Custodial Services

20 Years
Dian Cramer .......................................................... Health Services
Lisa McNamee ................................................... Musselman Library
Lisa Snyder ........................................................ Dining Services

25 Years
Donald Brill ........................................................... Dining Services
Matthew Miller ..................................................... Dining Services
Deborah Rinehart ................................................ Development Office

30 Years
Rose Taylor ........................................................... Custodial Services
Cheryl Vogel ........................................................ Department of Biology

35 Years
Kenneth Legore ........................................................ Custodial Services

40 Years
Sharon Kuhn ........................................................ Financial Services
Retirees
Diann Cooper .......................................................... Department of Biology
Ellen Hawk .............................................................. Dining Services
Lan Khuu ................................................................. Dining Services
Susan Noel .............................................................. Dining Services
Carol Priest ......................................................... Religious Studies, LACLs, Philosophy
Eugene Riffle ........................................................ Grounds Services
Sandy Stambaugh .................................................. Custodial Services
Donna Brill (25 years)
Congratulations to Donnie on 25 years of service to Gettysburg College. If there was a catalog from which employers were able to order employees, Donnie would be on the cover of that catalog. Gettysburg College hit pay dirt when we hired him. Donnie is passionate about his work and is everything that an employer could ask for; dependability, loyalty, hardworking, and selflessness are just a few of Donnie’s outstanding traits. Donnie is always willing to help others -- students and colleagues alike. His work at various positions within Dining Services has made him a well round and valuable employee. He is a tremendous asset to our team and mission.

Chad Brodbeck
Dining Center Supervisor

Matthew Miller (25 years)
Matt has been an integral member of the Dining Services team since August of 1991. Matt started his career as a cook at the Dive, when it was located in what is now the Junction. Matt has had several roles in Dining Services, including vending driver and office manager. His current position, Ancillary Information System Specialist for Auxiliary Services, is one in which he utilizes his Computer Science degree that he obtained from Gettysburg College in 2005. Matt is also a Veteran, having served in the Pennsylvania National Guard. He is constantly introducing new technology to increase our efficiency as well as developing better ways in which to communicate with the entire campus community. Matt is responsible for creating a new method of displaying menus at each serving location, as well as utilizing biometrics in dining and the post office. He is a member of a gaming club and enjoys attending tournaments in his spare time. Dining Services is very fortunate to have Matt on our team, and we all wish him a very happy 25th anniversary!

Deb Hydock
Assistant Director, Dining Services
Deb Rinehart (25 years)
During her quarter-century at the College, Deb has trained, managed, and tolerated four vice presidents for development. She embodies and embraces the values of our division (integrity, respect, collaboration, compassion, and creativity) and the College. Deb fulfills many roles within our division. She is one of our best “frontline” ambassadors; she is travel agent extraordinaire; she knows every trustee and countless alumni and parents. Deb is the first to raise her hand when we need extra help within the division. She is a trusted confidante, a shoulder to lean on (literally), and a shining example when it comes to doing the right thing for the College and our staff. Congratulations on your silver anniversary, Deb. Here’s to another 25!

Robert Kallin P’12
Vice President of Development, Alumni and Parent Relations
Diann Cooper (Retiree, 37 years)
The US Army was good to Diann Cooper. It was very good. It was while serving in the Women’s Army Corps that she met the two loves of her life: Dick Cooper and Gettysburg College. Diann was born and raised in northwestern Iowa and had never heard of Gettysburg College until she met Dick, a Gettysburg student who regaled his future bride with the promise of a long and happy life with him and his beloved alma mater. Diann married Dick and started working for Gettysburg College in 1979, when her husband returned to Gettysburg to complete his degree. She spent her first six years as the secretary of the College Union then followed that up with 14 years as the campus Scheduling Coordinator (back when the schedule was written by hand). As if that amount of work was not enough, she completed her service to our institution as the much beloved, ultra-efficient, and respected Administrative Assistant in the Biology Department for 17 years. The fall semester was always Diann’s favorite time of the year on campus when she particularly enjoyed meeting the first year students as they began their academic careers. She was always kind, prepared, and was a consummate professional who ensured the smooth working of the most complicated science department on campus. Diann was an inexhaustible source of experienced advice, institutional memory, and patience (to the great benefit of both faculty and students). Diann retired from Gettysburg College in September 2016 after serving a grand total of 37 years and 3 months. During that time, the entire Cooper family has maintained a very close relationship with the college: Dick taught astronomy labs for 25 years, their son Jeff is a 1992 alum, and their daughter, Shannon, worked for Dining Services while in high school. We have high hopes that at least one of her grandchildren (Max, Kingston, or Liv) will continue the family tradition and choose to attend Gettysburg College as well. As a member of the Biology department faculty, I can say without a doubt that Diann has been an integral member of the department, and we wish her a wonderful, long, and healthy retirement. Viva Las Vegas!

István Urcuyo
Associate Professor, Biology
Ellen Hawk (Retiree, 25 years)
After 25 years of service to Gettysburg College Dining, Ellen retired in February 2016. Sadly, Ellen passed away on November 16. Ellen came in every day prepared to work. She could always be counted on to make sure every job was complete at the end of her shift, even if it wasn’t directly her responsibility. The one thing that would prevent Ellen from coming to work was snow. She made it very clear that she did not like it and would not drive in it. However, she would make arrangements for transportation at the first whisper of a snowflake. She was better than a meteorologist at predicting winter weather! She was passionate about her job but also liked to have fun. If something struck her as funny, she would laugh until she was in tears! Above all else, Ellen loved her family and would do anything in her power to help anyone who needed it. Ellen enjoyed having her family to dinner on Sundays and all were welcomed to her table. We miss you, Ellen.

Deb Hydock
Assistant Director of Dining Services

Lan Khuu (Retiree, 10 years)
It’s time to sit back and relax, Lan. Lan was an extremely hard-working and dependable employee. Lan was our resident jokester in the dishroom, smiling every day and always having a good time while working. We wish her all the best in her post-Gettysburg College life.

Chad Brodbeck
Dining Center Supervisor

Susan Noel (Retiree, 22 years)
Over the past 22 years, Sue Noel has played an important role for Dining Services. Sue first started her Gettysburg College career at the Bullet Hole, where she supervised cash operations. Her last ten years of service were spent as a supervisor in Servo. Sue loved greeting the students, which over half of them always greeted her by name. Sue was a dedicated, caring, and insightful person with a great sense of humor! On Graduation Day when the graduates walk past Servo and the Dining employees line up on the sidewalk to clap in celebration of their accomplishments, I have witnessed for the past decade Sue receiving more hugs from the graduates than everyone else combined. Sue played an integral part in making Dining Services successful, from her relationships with students to her direction with staff. She is irreplaceable, but it is time for Sue to enjoy herself. We wish you all the best on your extended vacation, and we miss you greatly.

Chad Brodbeck
Dining Center Supervisor
Carol Priest (Retiree, 35 years)
Carol Priest has organized, motivated, and served brilliantly the faculty and students of the Department of Philosophy, the Department of Religious Studies, and the Latin American, Caribbean, and Latino Studies Programs for many years. Balancing the calendars and needs of three separate programs requires efficiency, competence, and organization—qualities that Carol displayed every day. Actually, in her earlier days, even a fourth program, Interdisciplinary Studies (IDS), was also on her plate! From her earliest work in the College Bookstore and College Life—how could it have been so long ago!—Carol has been a bright and energetic professional. She is remembered fondly by our alumni and faculty, to whom she has been, at various times, administrator, confessor, friend, mother-substitute, nag, and “priest.” When Carol was at her desk in Weidensall 312, we all knew the world was in order. We wish her the very best for retirement and the grandmother role she has embraced so lovingly. Thank you, Carol!

Dan DeNicola
Professor and Chair, Department of Philosophy

Eugene Riffle (Retiree, 43 years)
Gene Riffle has blessed the hallowed grounds of Gettysburg College for the past 43 years with an unparalleled style and grace. Since starting employment in 1973, Gene has serviced the campus community with a smile, a kind word, and a genuine respect for his work and the coworkers he shared time with. Gene never wavered from the things he truly believed in, all the while teaching us a thing or two about humility. After spending a few years working in the College’s mail room, Gene took a position in Facilities Services working for the Grounds Department, and the rest is history. You will not find another person who has mowed more grass, raked more leaves, picked up more trash, and spread more mulch than Gene! More importantly, you will not find another human being that has spread more goodwill than Gene. Ask anyone who has ever received a Werther’s Original from him. With the love and support of his wife Nancy, Gene showed up every day tackling whatever task he was asked to do, and always with a smile. It is with complete respect and honor that we wish Gene a very happy, healthy, and enjoyable retirement. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Eric Richardson
Manager of Grounds and Landscape Services
Sandy Stambaugh (Retiree, 12 years)
Sandy worked for Gettysburg College for the past 12 years, in the Housekeeping Department. Sandy was a very dependable employee, who truly enjoyed her work. I know the folks in Glatfelter Hall will miss her as much as we will. Congratulations, Sandy, on your retirement.

Mary Ann Martin
Manager, Housekeeping Services
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