



CURRY STAFF NEWSLETTER

February 2020

The Curry Staff Advisory Council is pleased to provide its quarterly issue of the Curry Staff Newsletter. Our goal is to provide updates on topics that may be of interest to you as a Curry staff member.

Today's newsletter includes the following topics:

- Mark Your Calendars
- UVA Staff Senate Update
- Curry Common Read
- Food Drive
- New Staff and Transitions

Mark your Calendars

Performance Management: February 10, 2020 Workday release the CY20 goal setting process
February 21, 2020 CY20 Goals due in Workday

Common Read: February 28, 2020 CSAC's Common Read Discussion Group & Lunch
12:00-1:00pm Holloway Hall (pizza and drinks provided – if RSVP!)
1:00-3:00pm Pop-up Library

Windows 7 OS End of Support: Support ended January 14, 2020. Microsoft no longer supports Windows 7 Operating System (OS) and will no longer provide patches or security updates for that OS. This puts them at a higher risk of being compromised. Computers running Windows 7 OS should be upgraded to Windows 10 OS or replaced. Click [here](#) to learn more.

UVA Staff Senate Update

Starting in the fall, you should be receiving regular emails with updates from the Staff Senate and you can always learn more from [Staff Senate website](#). Your representatives on Staff Senate are [Leslie Booren](#) or [Danielle Peacock](#). In case you missed it, here is a summary of some work the Senate has done since the last CSAC newsletter:

- **Vision, Mission, and Goals & Constituency Corner:** In meetings, the Staff Senate continues to evaluate our vision, mission and goals, and hopes to unveil an updated version later this semester. Staff Senate also spends a portion of each meeting discussing comments, concerns, and questions from their constituents, with follow-up assigned to working groups or committees. Past examples include questions about work from home policies, using education benefits to prepare for future positions, and parking. Please feel free to call/email/meet with Leslie or Danielle if you have an issue. Staff Senate is also working on a method to collect constituent feedback via their website.
- **Providing Feedback on University Strategic Plan #5 to Cultivate Staff Success:** Staff Senate continues to work with HR to provide feedback and suggestions. Examples include how to improve recruitment and retention, better communicating resources currently available to staff, and address diversity in recruitment and employment.
- **Other work:** The Staff Senate also provided feedback as UVA launched the [LiveSafe mobile safety app](#) that allows users to report tips or incidents to the police, request emergency services when

traveling abroad, receive safety alerts, and allow family/friends to virtually “Safe Walk” with you to your destination. The Staff Senate and advocacy committee also provided information to HR as they continue conversations about changes to benefits.

Curry Common Read

You're invited to CSAC's Common Read Discussion Group & Lunch (& Pop-up Library)!

Friday, Feb. 28

12-1 pm, Holloway Hall (pizza & drinks provided - if RSVP!)

1-3 pm Pop-up Library

RSVP for lunch: https://virginia.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_08vfiJOWktZlxmZ

Even if you have not read ***Educated*** by Tara Westover, please still come!

Educated encourages us to examine the threads that bind us to our families, communities, and schools.

What happens when we need to sever or question those ties in order to move forward?

We have included chapter excerpts and video clips.

Co-facilitated by Ashley Hosbach (Education and Social Science Research Librarian) and Miriam Rushfinn (CASTL ECE Project Associate).

Description of Educated

At seventeen, Tara Westover walked into a classroom for the first time as a new college student at Brigham Young University. Born to survivalists in rural Idaho, Tara and her family were isolated from mainstream society as a result of her father's fanatical beliefs about the government. When the family was sick or needed medical care, they did not see a doctor. When the children were old enough to attend school, they stayed home. Inspired by her brother, Tara taught herself math and self-studied for the ACT to gain admission to college. Tara went on to receive a doctorate in intellectual history from Cambridge University. Included on the New York Times bestseller list and a finalist for the National Book Critics award, *Educated* is about the transformative power of knowledge in discovering one woman's sense of self.

Drop by the EDFL, the Dean's office, or the Library to see if there are available copies of *Educated*! Jefferson Madison Regional Library has audio-books as well.

Check out interviews with Tara Westover here:

- [Interview with Tara Westover on the Ellen Show](#)
- [Interview with Tara Westover at the Aspen Institute](#)
- [Interview with Tara Westover on Fresh Air](#)

Chapters: #8, 13, 17, 27

Chapters available: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1G3xVqmWEPOUqw-MDRtS5XjBg2QeYcS8i>

Loaner copies of *Educated* are located in department offices, in the Dean's office, in the Office of Student Affairs, and with Ashley Hosbach (Curry Librarian). Copies are limited, so pick up your copy soon if you would like to borrow one. Over the next several weeks, the DAC lead activities related to the Common Read and share “save the date” notices for discussion groups. If you have a programming idea related to *Educated*, please email [Vivian Wong](#)!

Food Drive to Support the UVA Community Food Pantry

Curry will be collecting food donations starting **Wednesday, February 12th through the end of February** for the UVA Community Food Pantry which was recently relocated to the 1st Floor of Newcomb. The UVA Community Food Pantry (CFP) is a student-run initiative that aims eliminate the financial hardships UVA students, graduate students, and staff face in attempting to access adequate food by providing essential food and hygiene items. Please drop off your donations in the large bins outside of the Office of Admissions and

Student Affairs (Ruffner 102) or the Dean's Office (Bavaro 132). Please contact Jessica Livingston or Joey Carls with any additional questions. Below is a list of needed items:

- Snacks (granola bars, crackers)
- Coconut milk
- Canned milk
- Condensed milk
- Coffee
- Tea
- Salad dressing
- Olive oil
- Vegetable oil
- Vinegar
- Sugar
- Flour
- Lentils
- Curry paste
- Assorted spices
- Quinoa
- Ready to make meals
- Canned fish
- Canned meat
- Oatmeal
- Nuts
- Dried fruit
- Pasta
- Rice
- Pasta sauce
- Some perishables (fruits & veggies)

New Staff and Transitions

Here you will find announcements about new staff and transitions throughout the school.

We would like to welcome new members to our Curry staff community and congratulate those who have transitioned to new roles! Department and center administrators have shared with us the following updates:

Dean's Office

- Diane Cole has retired as the events manager.
- Kelly Bloem is the new events manager.
- Phil Paulick is now the senior manager of budget and reporting.

Human Services

- Felicia Dull is now the unit administrator.
- Stephanie Tharp is a new STAR family navigator.
- Wendy Byun is a new STAR research specialist.
- Rehan Mairajuddin is a new STAR research specialist with the autism research core.
- Karen Orlando is a new STAR family navigator.
- Genevieve Bohac is a new STAR research specialist with the autism research core.

Kinesiology

- Elida Logan is the new administrative coordinator.

EdPolicyWorks

- Shannon Kontaloni is the new managing director.
- Molly Michie is a new early childhood research specialist.
- Gabriel Glassmann is a new research assistant working with Jim Wyckoff.

Thank you for reading!

This newsletter is brought to you by your Curry Staff Advisory Council. We want to pass along our continued thanks for the work being done across the Curry School by staff. Feel free to contact any of us for questions or suggestions for our next newsletter.

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