



CURRY STAFF NEWSLETTER

July 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
- Racial Justice Resources
- Resources from HR
- CSAC Welcomes New Members
- New Staff and Transitions

Mark your Calendars

Day of Caring:

UVA's Day of Caring has been expanded and projects will take place **August 31 - September 4, 2020**. *Please note that supervisor approval is necessary to participate.* Most projects will be outdoors or virtual. If you would like to be a Team Leader and put together your own team from Curry, please email Emily Groves at eg7fe@virginia.edu. Project Preview and Project Selection will be reviewed during virtual Team Leader Trainings on August 5th (2 pm) and 6th (10 am). Please plan to attend one training.

UVA Staff Senate Update

For any regular updates, please visit the [Staff Senate website](#) or contact your representatives Danielle Peacock or Leslie Booren. In case you missed the monthly emails after meetings, here is a summary of some work the Senate has done since the last CSAC newsletter:

- **UVA Staff Town Hall:** The video and menti results are now available on the [Staff Senate website](#) from UVA Staff Town Hall in early June.
- **New Resources:** The Senate provided feedback and heard from UVA leadership about new resources available including the [Employee Community Resources Service](#) (which was also presented at the spring Curry All-Staff Meeting) and the [Disability Accommodation Fund](#).
- **Other:** Staff senate voted on an update to their bi-laws and continued their regular *Contingency Corner* each meeting where senators communicate on staff needs/questions and form new working groups.

2020-2021 Common Read Selection

The Diversity Action Committee (DAC) selects Professor Anthony Abraham Jack's *The Privileged Poor* as the Common Read for 2020-2021. Named as one of NPR Book's Best Books of 2019, *The Privileged Poor* shows how disadvantaged students struggle at elite colleges and suggests what schools can do to help students thrive. Read an [op-ed piece](#) by Anthony Jack in the New York Times, and an [interview](#) with him in Vox, then borrow a free electronic copy of the book at the [UVA library](#)! Looking for additional good reads over the summer? Check out Common Read [book nominations](#) made by faculty, students, and staff!

Racial Justice Resources

Do you want to learn more about racial justice? UVA Today recently published a [helpful guide](#) with recommendations from the University's Division for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and several UVA faculty members. The article notes: *For an academic institution such as UVA, reading and discussion are the bedrock of education and opening minds, possibly leading to change. Nevertheless, English professor Deborah McDowell stressed that reading is not enough and should not be considered a replacement for "taking necessary and overdue action."*

What is white privilege? Here is a [helpful video](#) by Dr. Robin DiAngelo, author of *White Fragility*.

Please also see the [Diversity at Curry](#) page on the Curry website for information about history, research, and initiatives here at Curry.

HR Resources

For helpful info and resources, be sure to look for your HR Newsletter in your inbox each month! Some highlights from the June Newsletter are below, or you can read the entire newsletter [HERE](#).

Managing Leave During the Coronavirus

You may have noticed the "Federal Emergency Paid Sick Leave" and "State Public Health Emergency Time Off" options in workday under Absence. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn about all leave options and appropriate usage. There is also a handy chart on usage of leave types under different COVID 19 scenarios that can be found [HERE](#).

New Remote Work Courses

If you are looking for resources to assist in making the adjustment to working remotely, HR's team of Learning & Development Consultants have compiled two courses based on best practices in telework. They are available in Workday and Netlearning: *Acclimating to Remote Work* and *Leading Teams Virtually*.

Hoos Well Virtual Resources for Maintaining Wellbeing

Hoos Well provides a suite of virtual resources to help you remain physically and emotionally well during the extraordinary challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic. [Visit their website](#) to view the range of options from live and on-demand fitness and nutrition classes, digital resources for mindfulness, anxiety, and sleep, and virtual support for individuals and teams from [FEAP \(Faculty and Employee Assistance Program\)](#).

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:

Human Services

- Katey Zeanah is the new Outreach Manager with the VDOE Statewide Partnership for School Mental Health Professional Development project.

Kinesiology

- Elida Logan is the new Administrative Coordinator.

Curriculum, Instruction & Special Education (CISE)

- Sara Adams is a new Data Analyst & Visualization Specialist
- Erin Kisteva is a new Non-Credit Reading Specialist.
- Jesse Philips is a new Administrative Generalist.

Center for Advanced Study of Teaching and Learning (CASTL)

- Peppy Winchel is a new Research Specialist Intermediate
- Carlin Conner is a new Postdoctoral Research Fellow.

EdPolicyWorks

- Kennedy Weisner is the new Early Childhood Research Specialist.

Welcome new CSAC members!

CSAC would like to thank departing members Nate Hixson, Tom Rose, Laura Helferstay, and Mandy Turner for their service and is pleased to welcome three new members to the Council:

Alison Lubin, Motivate Lab Manager at CASTL
 Martha Pullen, Financial & Administrative Coordinator at Youth-Nex
 Christopher Swenson, Academic Coordinator in Admissions

We are still seeking an additional CSAC member to represent the Administrative staff at Curry! If you are interested in serving, please contact CSAC Chair, Tina Dederscheck at tmd2n@virginia.edu.

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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