Alex's Advice & Reminders

- As the summer heats up and we continue to transition back to campus, we are continuing to look at our new normal and how business will look going forward. As more and more people are back on campus we continue to learn and grow during the COVID-19 pandemic. CSP does have a preparedness plan that I would like to encourage everyone to revisit often as it is frequently updated. Please click here to find the COVID-19 preparedness plan.

- As of July 1, 2020, the minimum wage in St. Paul increased to $11.50/hr. This means student employees will, at a minimum, earn $11.50/hr. Please note that even though the rate increased, this does not mean that there is an increase in budget. We need to work more efficiently with the resources we have while complying with this new standard.

- During the past four months of working in a remote environment, we have all experienced working more with digitized processes. While we encourage moving to more digitized processes, please be mindful that it does not lower our responsibility to respond in a timely manner or lower the overall completion rate. We need to fully embrace the digital environment and continue to provide exceptional customer service across campus.

- A reminder that all employees are required to complete Coronavirus (Covid-19) Prevention in the Workplace training in Safety Skills. If you are new or do not
recall, Safety Skills is the training platform we use for various video training upon hire, or annually for current employees. If you forgot how to log in, here is a quick video that will help you access your training requirements.

- E2 Campus Alert Reminder – the purpose of the E2 Campus Alert is to receive text alert messages to your cell phone. When you sign up for the first time or update your cell phone number, please note that you are only adding/updating your PHONE number. Please do not enter a personal address when updating your E2 Campus Alert PHONE number. Follow the instruction at the top of the page which is bold and in red. If you need to update your personal address, contact Human Resources directly.

Service Anniversaries

The university is honored to celebrate the anniversaries of 24 faculty and staff members and their service to Concordia University, St. Paul and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. While we traditionally uplift these recipients with a chapel service and luncheon, our new normal requires us to celebrate their talents and gifts in thought and word. Please join us in recognizing our colleagues and their service anniversaries.

Thomas Hanson – 35 years
Beth Peter – 30 years
Jean Rock – 30 years
Thomas Mauer – 25 years
Jason Rahn – 25 years
Toni Squires – 25 years
Thomas Saylor – 25 years
James Orchard – 25 years
Neil Lerner – 20 years
Kristin Bransford – 20 years
Stephanie Hunder – 20 years
Jennifer Sila – 20 years
Cheryl Chatman – 20 years
Golden Bear of the Semester Award

A Golden Bear exemplifies quality customer service, noteworthy extra efforts, or has demonstrated trust and respect in the workplace. Three nominees are selected per semester to recognize exceptional efforts in making the university an extraordinary place to come to every day. Employees that are eligible are the Executive Team, Faculty, Adjunct Faculty, Full, and Part-Time Staff. An eligible employee being nominated must be employed with the institution 90 days or more.

Nominate a Golden Bear
We are still accepting nominations for Golden Bear of the Spring/Summer Semester award! Peer recognition is defined as the genuine expression of appreciation exchanged between co-workers. Nominate a colleague for recognition of service above the call of duty and in the spirit of the Concordia mission and promise statement. To do so, simply click here and submit a short description of why your colleague deserves to be named Golden Bear of the Semester.

Wellness

There is still a lot of summer left and I do love a good challenge. I would like to challenge you to a Healthy Selfie Challenge! It will be a fun way to find refreshment, reconnection, and rejuvenation during the summer months. Here is how it works:

1. Take a picture of yourself participating in summer, wellness-focused activities (see photo example below). Examples include:
   - Playing outside with a pet or family member
   - Going for a walk
   - Playing an outdoor game
- Something that made you smile
- Making a healthy snack or meal
- Reading an old or new book
- Trying a new hobby
- Gardening
- Showing appreciation and/or gratitude

2. Submit your photos via email to amiller1@csp.edu
3. Deadline to submit photos will be September 7, 2020
4. Healthy Selfie must include healthy activities
5. Each Healthy Selfie image submitted is an entry into a raffle prize (weekly limit of 5 photos)
6. One winner will be awarded for each of the categories below:
   - On the Move: favorite action photo
   - Healthy Eating: nutritionally appealing and/or tasty photo
   - Innovative: most creative (example: includes more than one healthy activity in one photo, varied ways of social distancing)

Hiking with my kids

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HR Hours of Operation
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