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\$1 OF STIMULUS MONEY

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 included the provision of a tax credit for working Americans – up to \$400 for individuals and up to \$800 for married taxpayers filing joint returns. The credit will be available for both 2009 and 2010. The university has begun using updated federal income tax withholding tables resulting in increases in net pay for eligible employees.

Now would be a good time to use \$1 of your tax credit to join the campaign to endow the Operating Staff Dependent Scholarship and stimulate the education of one of our very own – the son or daughter of a fellow member of the operating staff. It's easy to join, the forms and instructions on how to make a donation can be found at the Operating Staff Council's web site: <http://www.niu.edu/osc/dependentaward/donate.shtml>

If you have any questions about the campaign, please contact either Cathy Craddock at 753-5008, Clair Williams at 753-8382, or Sara Clayton at 753-9526.

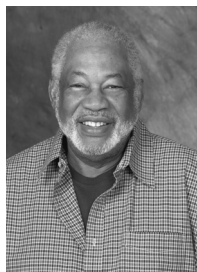
OPERATING STAFF NAMES OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Four members of NIUs Operating Staff have been chosen to receive the Outstanding Service Award for 2009.

The recipients are Cliff Alexis, co-director of the NIU Steel Band in the School of Music; Angela Euhus, assistant to the chair in the Department of Management; Bill Finucane, manager of the Department of Transportation; and Barbara Rice, administrative assistant for Human Resource Services.

More than 1,700 employees make up the Civil Service staff. Each year, four are selected by a committee of their peers to receive the award of plaques and \$1,500. They were honored at the Annual Service Awards Banquet Thursday, May 14.

Here is a closer look at the recipients.



Cliff Alexis
Co-director,
NIU Steel Band,
School of Music
Neither time nor
temperature can keep
Cliff Alexis from his
appointed rounds as
a master builder and
tuner of steelbands

especially if the NIU Steel Band can avoid steep shipping costs.

Such dedication can be seen when he often spends 10- to 15-hour long days tuning the NIU Steel Bands instruments in an impeccable fashion before many of its concerts off and on campus, said Liam Teague, co-director of the band. He has gone so far as to build instruments in the sweltering heat of Trinidad.

Employed at NIU since 1986, Alexis is equally regarded for his performance, teaching, composing and arranging skills on the instrument of his homeland, the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

He has appeared with several university ensembles and played and presented

at Elgin Community College, the Birch Creek Music Center, the Singapore Festival of the Arts and the National Institute of the Arts in Taiwan.

His composition Pan 2000 helped NIU earn second place at the 2000 World Steelband Festival.

Alexis won the Trinidad and Tobago Folk Arts Institute Award for his contribution to the development and education of the steelpan in the United States. Pan Trinbago (the governing body of steelpan) and the government of Trinidad and Tobago bestowed similar recognition for expanding the pans global reach.

He is a member of the Sunshine Hall of Fame and has a lifetime achievement award from the World Steelband Festival. He also was one of the first members of the National Steel Orchestra of Trinidad and Tobago in 1964.

He is nothing short of a wizard, colleague Greg Beyer said, and something of a genius.



Angela Euhus
Assistant to the Chair,
Department of
Management

Angela Euhus made an extraordinary choice to work at a school when she joined the university 27 years ago.

Her response is consistently positive whenever faced with issues not easily resolved: You know I like to learn new things.

Her attitude is always, always, always How can I help you? said Sarah J. Marsh, chair of the Department of Management. In the rare circumstances when she doesn't know the answer, she

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OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS (CONT.)

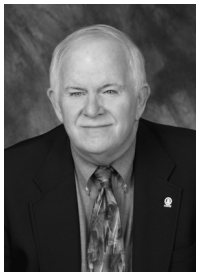
takes the challenge on with energy and enthusiasm. She digs and digs and digs until she gets the answer she needs, and then closes the loop by sharing that information with relevant parties.

Angie will drop what she is doing, added management professor Lynn Neeley, telephone a few people and, remarkably, the problem will be solved.

Praised for her commitment, speed, accuracy and efficiency, Euhus is the go-to person for all matters administrative. She's also known for her compassion, recently attending grief counseling with colleagues and friends who lost husbands and coming to the aid of a Barsema Hall custodian with turmoil in her family life.

She's a Move-In Day fixture and a frequent face at College of Business events, including the annual Hot Dog Day. Away from work, she has served on the board of directors for the Childrens Learning Center, has taught Sunday School, has led several parent-teacher organizations in DeKalb and planned Post Prom for DeKalb High School.

Angie possesses the qualities most organizations would pay any amount of money to find in their employees, professor Stephanie Henagan said, including dependability, conscientiousness and a positive attitude.



Bill Finucane
Manager, Department of Transportation

When NIU needs a ride, it calls Bill Finucane.

Finucane oversees operations for nearly 250 vehicles,

including their purchase, scheduling and maintenance, and manages 11 full-time employees.

The 30-year employee who started as extra help in 1975 is a leading force in transforming NIU's fleet into the largest green fleet in Illinois. He works tirelessly to ensure his operation is fiscally efficient and sound, including negotiations for low fixed rates for gasoline.

But it's Finucane's calm, helpful and patient demeanor, and his commitment to safety, that resound most.

During our annual high school speech camp last summer, the weather was quite bad, said Judy Santacaterina, director of NIU forensics events. On three different occasions, Bill was able to provide us with buses on short notice

to make sure that all our high school students and staff made it safely back to the residence halls.

Bill was first on the scene as the sky began to darken and the tornado sirens started to blare on Opening Day 2007, added Kelly Wesener, assistant vice president for Student Services.

After Feb. 14, Finucane drove President John Peters to the funerals for the five fallen students. He coordinated transportation for the families of the killed and injured as they attended memorial events and for the legion of counselors brought to campus.

Finucane, a double NIU alum with a masters degree in public administration and a passion for Huskie sports, is active in Kiwanis and chairs the DeKalb Citizens Environmental Commission. He also serves on the board for the Volunteer Action Center, the board of advisers for NIU's public administration program and manages the annual girls soccer tournament for DeKalb High School.



Barbara Rice
Administrative Assistant, Human Resource Services

Everyone in Human Resource Services is committed to NIU's employees.

Barbara Rice, a member of the NIU family since 1998, elevates her commitment above and beyond.

Among Rices many duties, which include being the voice of supervisor and colleague Steve Cunningham and managing his busy schedule, is service to the university's shared governance. She coordinates annual faculty and staff recognition ceremonies that sometimes honor a collective 1,000 employees.

Each spring, Barb becomes the field marshal of functions. She organizes all the details, from invitations and guest lists, scripts, menus, decorations and job responsibilities for many of us who also work at these events, said Deborah Haliczzer, director of employee relations. It is a massive undertaking, like organizing a wedding for several hundred people each and every year.

Barb's work on these events greatly exceeds the level of anticipated responsibility, Cunningham said, and is a true representation of her dedication to our employees and staff councils.

Lauded for her friendly strength, calm, fortitude and integrity, Rice is always prepared to staff meetings, committees

and advisory panels. She coordinates several HRS events and helps to produce the annual supplier diversity fair.

Since 2000, she has coordinated the university's annual campaign through the State Employees Charitable Appeal.

Away from work, Rice has been a Sunday School teacher, church choir member and on stage or backstage at community theater plays. She supports Hope Haven and Safe Passage and prepares homemade chicken soup for friends and family who are ill.

EMPLOYMENT CHANGES

February 2009

Welcome New Employees

Michael Freske, Housekeeper—Conference Services

Pamela Kombrink, Office Support Specialist—Political Science

Samantha Pastorik, Building Service Worker—Building Services

Laurel Slack, CDHild Development Supervisor—Family, Consumer and Nutrition

Changes

Kathy Gibbs to Office Manager—Alumni Services

Courtney Harms to Admissions/Records Supervisor—Registration and Records

Stacy Jackson to Office Support Specialist—College of Health and Human Sciences

Patricia Lee to Office Support Associate—Recreation Services

Heather Mashare to Office Support Specialist—Mathematical Sciences

Linda Novotny Roth to Office Support Specialist—Health Enhancement

Jennifer Ridge to Administrative Aide—College of Health and Human Sciences

Marianne Spring to Administrative Assistant—Student Affairs

Ebony Winfield to Staff Clerk—Recreation Services

Changes in Title

Shaun Allshouse to Graphic Design Assistant—University Press

Barbara Ball to Graphic Design Associate—Biological Sciences

Neil Cowell to Graphic Designer—Media Services

Julia Fauci to Graphic Design Manager—University Press

Barbara Kolb to Graphic Designer—Publications

Marjorie Lee to Graphic Design Associate—Publications

Michael Mackey to Graphic Designer—Media Services

Holly Nicholson to Graphic Design Assistant
—Media Services

Mariano Spizzirri to Graphic Design
Manager—Media Services

Jeffrey Strom to Graphic Design Manager—
Publications

Sophia Varcados to Graphic Designer—
Media Services

Retirement

Susan Brown, Account Technician II—Bursar

Separations

Gary Butterfield, Jr., Chief Clerk—Customer
Support Services

Christian Garcia, Stationary Fireman Helper
—Physical Plant

March 2009

Welcome New Employees

Charles Bagot, Financial Aid Adviser I
—Student Financial Aid

Sonia Fagan, Clerical Assistant—President's
Office

Alexandra Galindo, Office Support
Specialist—Educational Technology and
Research Assessment

John Kearsing, IT Technical Associate—
Information Services

Kim Taesam, Electronics Engineer Assistant
—Chemistry and Biochemistry

Sherri Klimpke, Kitchen Helper—Housing &
Dining

Annemarie Oelschlager, Anthropology
Curator I—University Libraries

Changes

Patricia Fisher to Administrative Assistant I
—Student Affairs

Martha Jacobson to Cook's Helper—
Housing & Dining

Linda Washington to Image Processing
Technician II—Registration and Records

Department Changes

Diana Caldwell, Admissions/Records
Specialist I to Enrollment Services

Manette Cook, Financial Aid Adviser II to
Enrollment Services

Rebecca Ehrhart, Financial Adviser II to
Enrollment Services

Paula Root, Chief Clerk to Enrollment
Services

William Sarafin, Business Manager II to
Information Security and Operations

Elizabeth Sloan, Clerk to Enrollment
Services

Charlene Smith, Account Technician II to
Bursar

Retirements

Karen McKinsey, Account Technician II
—Holmes Student Center

Margaret Olson, Cook—Housing & Dining

Separation

Litsa Liakas, Building Service Worker—
Building Services

April 2009

Welcome New Employees

William Covert, Storekeeper I—Health
Services

Michael Elmendorf, Maintenance Repair
Worker—Lorado Taft

Jaseman Hatcher, Telephone Operator II
—NIUTEL Telecommunication Services

Nicholas Lowery, Office Support Associate
—Psychology

Maria Ruiz Santana, Police Officer—Public
Safety

James Strub, Equipment Service Worker—
Building Services

Changes

Erin Corwin-Surwillo to Admissions/Records
Officer—Vice President Research and
Dean of Graduate School

Ryan Green to Clerk—Customer Support
Services

Virgil Hill to IT Support Associate—Northern
Public Radio

Department Change

Michael Alongi, Building Service Worker to
Building Services

Name Changes

Sonya Hetzel to Sonya Frederick, Program
Administrative Assistant—College of
Engineering and Engineering Technology

Dora Irons-Welch to Dora Welch,
Collections Specialist I—Bursar

Retirements

Karen Feltz, Accountant I—Bursar

Andrea Larson, Office Manager—Housing
& Dining

Robert White, Storekeeper III—Materials
Management

Separations

Sonya Frederick, Program Administrative
Assistant—College of Engineering and
Engineering Technology

Hyder Mohammed, Police Officer—Public
Safety

Deborah O'Dell, LAN Support Specialist II
—Career Services

Kara Rominski, Police Telecommunicator—
Public Safety

Shun Stone, Police Officer—Public Safety

SERVICE AWARDS

February 2009

10 Years

Kathleen Morissette—Student Financial Aid

Bonnie Seebach—Campus Parking

Peggy Simonds—Alumni Services

Jennifer Withers—Electrical Engineering

15 Years

Robert Banke—Media Services

John Davis—Physical Plant

Jeffery Glass—Northern Public Radio

Deborah Kern—Accounting

Douglas Marsh—Grounds

Elizabeth Mehren—Registration and Records

Billy Roberson—Holmes Center Custodial

20 Years

James Brown—Housing & Dining

Sandra Jonker—International Student and
Faculty Office

Renee Kerwin—Foreign Language and
Literature

Mary Krasula—Naperville

Sherri Metsker—HR – Graduate
Assistantship Emp.

25 Years

Beth Bjerneby—Center for Burma Studies

James Kennedy—Housing & Dining

35 Years

Clair Williams—University Legal Services

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5 Years

Mary Jane Allen—Management

Andrew Collins—Convocation Center

Edward Dawson—Convocation Center

Lela Green—Registration and Records

Jacqueline Miller—Chance Program

Judy Rosebaum—Health Services

Brian Schneider—Housing & Dining

Vicky Trotter—Accounting

Jennifer Young—Campus Child Care

10 Years

Judy Flores—Human Resource Service
Center

Thomas Harris—Holmes Center Food
Service

William Nixon—Document Services

Gary Parquette—Housing & Dining

Jane Schroeder—Testing Services

Peter Suffield—Building Services

Christine Wilhelm—Building Services

Hope Willett—Accounting

15 Years

Marian Swenson—Information Services

20 Years

Nellie Davis—University Libraries

Charles Gautcher—Physical Plant

Clifford Golden—University Libraries

Emmylou Studier—Registration and Records

David Vespa—Physical Plant

25 Years

Steven Clark—Heating Plant

Jill Draves—Teaching and Learning

Karyn Lovell—Document Services

Jeffery Sherman—Bursar

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5 Years

Debra Brust—Chance Program

10 Years

Ronald Bisplinghoff—Media Services
Diane Faber—Campus Parking
Marsha Hogeveen—Student Financial Aid
Danell Nixon—Document Services
Judy Waterfield—Registration and Records

15 Years

Jeffery Montgomery—Physical Plant
Stuart Roach—Materials Management

20 Years

Robert Besonen—Information Services
Susan Carter—College of Visual and Performing Arts
Karen Clifton—Public Safety
Frederick Kelly—Information Services
Guy Lacombe—Physical Plant
Andrew Small—Chemistry and Biochemistry
Stanley Turner—Holmes Center Game Rooms

25 Years

Mitchell Saari—Building Services
Janice Vander Meer—English

30 Years

Kathleen Krolo—Art
Tonia Morris—Housing & Dining
Linda Tucker—Teaching and Learning

May 2009

5 Years

Scott Haas—Motorcycle Safety
April Kaiser—Campus Child Care
Debra Woolbright—University Libraries

10 Years

James Barry—Holmes Center Custodial
Terence O'Connor—Physical Plant
John Schlieben—Physical Plant

15 Years

Julie Bowen—Insurance and Employee Benefits
Neil Colwell—Media Services
Timothy Heitter—Psychology
Nathan Johnson—Network Support
James Latimer—Grounds
Paul McMenamin—Physical Plant

20 Years

David Bunger—Building Services
Dean Cornell—Physical Plant
Rebecca Ehrhart—Enrollment Services
Dianne Gautcher—College of Visual and Performing Arts
Kenneth Kamm—University Libraries
Michael Pottinger—Building Services
Elizabeth Zarek—Parking Services

25 Years

Rebecca May—Procurement Services

30 Years

Patty Bittner—Housing & Dining
Janet Irving—Registration and Records



50/50 RAFFLE WINNER

The 50/50 winner from the Benefits Choice Fair was Jeanne Meyer, Police Sergeant in Public Safety.

Jeanne won \$25 and normally that would put \$25 into our Staff Dependent Award Scholarship fund. However, Jeanne put her share of the money into the scholarship fund too. Thank you for your generosity Jeanne!