

2025 Classified Staff Election Campaign Statements

Staff Council Chair

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Board of Governors (BOG) Representative

Treasure Barberich-Wyckoff, Staff across our campus deserve a BOG representative who will actually be an advocate for staff across all sectors, remain accessible, and will truly hear staff concerns and act accordingly. It would be an honor to serve our staff in this role and promote our voice at the BOG.

Tara George-Jones, I have been a member of staff council for the last two years and have worked to advocate for all staff at WVU. I have 30-years of service with 25 of those years in the Office of Global Affairs. I would like to continue to work to make WVU a better environment for all of us.

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Advisory Council of Classified Employees (ACCE) Representative

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Jodi Vincent, I am passionate about our staff – Classified and Non-Classified. WVU staff deserve better than they are receiving. ACCE represents WVU Staff at a state level with other institutions. Elect me and I will provide passionate leadership in staff council and ACCE. Go Mountaineer Staff!

Administrative / Managerial Sector

Joan Crabtree, My name is Joan Crabtree. I would love to be Reselected again to serve on Staff council. I have worked for WVU for the past thirty years. I currently work as a Manger II in the Operations unit on downtown campus. I have been on Staff Council for eight years.

Michael Joplin, With over 30 years of experience at WVU I am hoping I can help WVU moved forward this year to be a better place for everyone. I feel WVU is a great place for the students and staff, and I would like to be part of the future.

Clerical / Secretarial Sector

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Martin Chittum, My generational roots at WVU has given me a feeling of investment in the success of our university. Our Staff make that success possible. I will commit myself to ensuring that WVU's policies support us in our mission to educate and empower our students and the people of West Virginia.

Caty Rakowski, I have wanted to be a Mountaineer since I was 5 years old. I attended WVU for my undergraduate degree and have been working here for over 6 years. Being able to help people is beyond gratifying. I hope to be able to help people more serving on Staff Council.

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Paraprofessional / Technician Sector

 Ryan Leshar

 John Twyford

Physical Plant / Maintenance / Service Sector

 **Matthew Lemine**, I accept the nomination to serve in staff council a second term. I think that staff council is an excellent way to serve the faculty, staff, and students at WVU.

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Professional / Non-Teaching Sector

Treasure Barberich-Wyckoff, Every sector deserves engaged, accessible council reps. I'd create a digital "comments box" for staff feedback and share regular updates—via newsletters, email, or social media—on Council meetings and initiatives to promote transparency and engagement. It would be an honor and privilege to serve our sector. Thank you for your consideration!

Thea Browne, I am committed to advocating for classified staff by promoting fair benefits, tuition assistance, and workplace improvements. I'm excited to work with our new President to strengthen our University's future and ensure staff voices are heard. Together, we can create a more supportive and rewarding work environment for all.

Lian De Leon, I am privileged to be nominated as a Staff Council representative. As a lifelong resident of Morgantown, alumni, and a second-generation staff member for over a decade. I will advocate and explore the best possible outcomes. That will foster a thoughtful and positive outcome for the WVU staff community.

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My name is **Brandy Toothman** and I am a Program Specialist with the School of Nursing Office of Student and Alumni Services. I have been with WVU for 22 years, serving in several roles starting as an Administrative Secretary. I would love to represent my peers on the Staff Council!

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