

Staff Members of the Month

Nominated by their peers and selected by Staff Council, the staff members below exemplify service to the University, showing leadership in their staff role and elsewhere. Below is a list of current and past Staff Members of the Month. Click on each staff member's name to learn more about them!

Do you know someone who should be the Staff Member of the Month? **Nominate him or her today !**

2019 Staff Members of the Month

April 2019

March 2019

Jonathan Faddis

Security Officer II
Office of Safety and Security
Hometown: Corvallis, Oregon

How long have you been at SPU?

About two years.

Tell us about a memorable good day at work.

Really any day that I get to assist people that are in a difficult situation. The recent arson fire in November and other events that happened that night are memories that I will hold for a long time.

How does your faith impact your work?

My faith impacts my job by helping to keep my priorities aligned and my interactions positive throughout my daily work, which can include interacting with difficult/mentally ill people.

Tell us the piece of your life journey that brought you to Seattle Pacific?

I am the third of my siblings to attend and graduate SPU, so I have been able to be a part of the community here for many years. After finishing the majority of my degree and walking at graduation in 2016, I worked at C.C. Filson in Sodo, and chose to come back to SPU and work with OSS in order to get experience for my future career plans.

What is your favorite thing to do when you're not at work?

Some of my favorite things to do when I'm not at work are to spend time with my amazing girlfriend and my friends/family.

What's something that few people know about you?

I'm allergic to most fresh fruit.

What's your favorite part of your job?

My favorite part about my job is that every day has the possibility to be different than the day before. I'm often times not confined to a desk and am out and about on campus.

What's the most important thing that you'd want people to know about you?

I am someone that tries to see the world and the realities of daily life from many different points of view and I like being around multiple different types of people.

Please join Staff Council in congratulating Jonathan Faddis as the March 2019 Staff of the Month!

February 2019



Brenda Baker

**Assistant to the Dean and Office Manager
School of Psychology,
Family, and Community
Hometown:** Olympia,
Washington

January 2019



Daniel Wright

**Biology Laboratory
Coordinator and Adjunct
Professor
College of Arts and
Sciences/Biology
Hometown:** Paradise,
California

How long have you been at SPU?

1.5 years.

Tell us about a memorable good day at work.

I think the most memorable day for me was my first time going to the Blakely Island Research Station. The

opportunity to work there for the weekend was an amazing experience. It was a lot of fun taking students into the outdoors and for some it was their first time leaving the city streets and taking on dirt trails.

How does your faith impact your work?

For me the ability to work with people that have the same core beliefs and are working towards the same goals is fulfilling.

Tell us the piece of your life journey that brought you to Seattle Pacific?

God has opened and closed many doors for me to direct me to where I am today. I'm just now am in the part of my story where you don't know how its going to end up.

What is your favorite thing to do when you're not at work?

When I'm not at SPU I'm working a second job. When I'm not working I'm taking my dog on a hike or walk. I really enjoy the outdoors and try to spend as much time as possible exploring new areas.

What's something that few people know about you?

I enjoy cooking.

What's your favorite part of your job?

The day to day interactions with fellow employees and students.

What's the most important thing that you'd want people to know about you?

If you want to get to know more, come talk to me, Eaton Hall 212.

Please join Staff Council in congratulating Daniel Wright as the January 2019 Staff of the Month!

How long have you been at SPU?

Since November 1, 2016.

Tell us about a memorable day at work.

My work days are all “good days” filled with laughter, camaraderie, and productivity. Beyond the day-to-day office routine, I cherish the times when our entire campus gathers together for learning and fellowship. The day we spent with social justice activist Bryan Stevenson was a deeply enriching experience that continues to influence and enhance how I conduct myself.

How does your faith impact your work?

“God grant that I may never live to be useless!” — John Wesley

Growing up in the Methodist church, I observed our large congregation’s generous and consistent gifting of talent and time. This fully informed my work ethic. We’re created to be useful, and God wants us to realize and engage our unique gifts. My role at SPU is satisfying because it exercises a wide range of strengths God created in me as I work side by side with hard-working, faithful, and talented people.

Tell us the piece of your life journey that brought you to Seattle Pacific?

In 2011, we moved from a sweet 1930s’ farmhouse on 20+ acres to a tiny condo in a modern building so our daughter could pursue a career in ballet. I took a job in admissions and communications for a small, private high school, and quickly transformed from Country Mouse to City Mouse. (My friends were astounded.) Seattle’s independent school scene is fiercely competitive so — after devoting several years to admissions efforts that depleted me — I decided to seek more nourishing work. I was disciplined and determined in my job search, and it took me a very long time to find the right fit. The *moment* I read the posting for the School of Psychology, Family, and Community position — I knew it was the one. I feel so fortunate to spend my days in this positive, purposeful, Christ-centered work environment.

What is your favorite thing to do when you’re not at work?

If I’m not at work, I’m probably playing with paint, paper, scissors, and glue, or exploring Seattle like a tourist..

What’s something that few people know about you?

I majored in Broadcast Production and have a master’s in Media Management. I occasionally blog at brendabakerproductions.blogspot.com. I’m really inconsistent about posting things, and my mom may be the only one who reads it, but it’s still fun! My fantasy jobs would be doing stand-up comedy or taking over Martha Stewart’s homemaking empire when she retires.

What’s your favorite part of your job?

My job entails a wide range of tasks and responsibilities so every new day is interesting. Variety keeps things lively, fresh, and requires skill. I do like a challenge!

What’s the most important thing that you’d want people to know about you?

I want to be helpful. If there is a piano to be moved, I’m not just going to pick up the bench.

Anything else you would like to share?

In my previous job, on a particularly discouraging day, I remember saying, “I just want to work with people who love each other!” I feel *loved* at SPU, and I’m deeply grateful for the opportunity to be here.

Please join Staff Council in congratulating Brenda Baker as the February 2019 Staff of the Month!

