



NEWSLETTER



Staff Senate Says

Thank
you

We want to take this opportunity to thank the countless members of the UCA community that it took to make it through the recent winter storm. Many departments and employees braved the weather to ensure campus continued to function for residential students and others who were still on campus. Thank you for your dedication to the UCA community!



CALL *for* VOLUNTEERS



Earn up to 16 hours of leave each calendar year by volunteering for Staff Senate events such as football, basketball, public appearances, and commencement.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more!

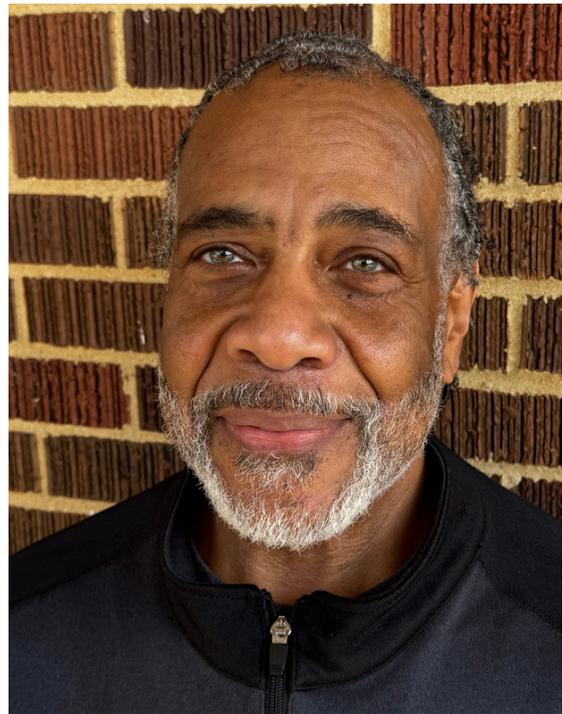


Senator Spotlight

Thomas McDaniel

Represents Advancement

Mr. Thomas McDaniel is a faithful senator who has served multiple terms. He has worked at UCA for over 15 years. He was formerly a night shift worker but would wake up early to attend the 10:00 a.m. Staff Senate meetings faithfully. Thomas is a friendly face always willing to help. He is very passionate about his job and serving the UCA community, evidenced by his relationships with countless people and the buildings he serves. One of his favorite buildings on campus is the chapel. He is a consistent and diligent volunteer, often serving at UCA football games and other events. Staff Senate is very fortunate to have Mr. Thomas McDaniel on the team!



W(h)ine & Cheese



Tuesday, March 17, 2026
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Network with Staff Senators and fellow staff members!

Celebrate successes, exchange ideas, and voice concerns.
We're here for you!

Light refreshments and beverages provided.



DINE W/ STAFF SENATE

Friday, March 6

Christian Cafeteria Executive Dining Room

HAVE QUESTIONS, IDEAS, OR CONCERNS YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE? THINKING ABOUT RUNNING FOR STAFF SENATE YOURSELF? COME JOIN US FOR LUNCH!

FREE ADMISSION FOR THE FIRST 50 STAFF MEMBERS!



Upcoming Events

March 6

- Employee Appreciation Day
- Dine with Staff Senate

March 17

- W(h)ine & Cheese
- Campus Talk

March 23-27

- Spring Break

April 14

- Faculty & Staff Recognition Celebration

April 16

- Forever a Bear Memorial

April 24

- Spring Social



Spring Social

**FRIDAY,
APRIL 24, 2026
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

Craving great food and good company?

Save the date! Join us for lunch with chances to unwind, connect with others, and enjoy the spring season. Don't miss out!



EMPLOYEE *of the* QUARTER

Nominate Today!



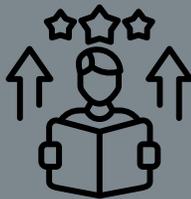
Nominations are currently being accepted for the Employee of the Year Award. Nominees must have completed two years of continuous service to UCA by January 1, 2026, to be eligible. Winners will be announced at the Annual Faculty and Staff Celebration in April.

Nominations are due Friday, February 20.

Click [HERE](#) to nominate a worthy colleague today!

Professional Development

FUNDING

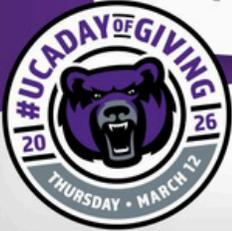


The Staff Senate Professional Development fund was established by the Staff Senate of the University of Central Arkansas to assist a staff employee in pursuing opportunities for professional development. Staff Senate seeks to advance opportunities of continuing education, advanced or higher education, certification programs, or conference participation. All full-time staff with a minimum of six months of service are eligible to apply. The value of the funding depends on the available funds and the number of applicants.

APPLY NOW



MARCH
12
THURSDAY



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