

**Amazing things happen when you Go West.**

**Winter 2016**

**Who we are:** The Council is an advisory body to the University President on behalf of the staff of the University of West Georgia. The Council advises on issues where there is a need for uniform policy throughout the University that affects classified staff. All actions of the Council which impact on the operation of the University are subject to the approval of the President of the University.

**What we do:** The Council supports both full time and part-time benefited staff at the University of West Georgia. The Council deals with issues such as benefits, staff recognition, professional development, and any other such matters that directly affect staff. In addition, the Council gives back the community and supports such efforts as the UWG Toy Drive.

**Why should you care:** A problem that is not voiced is a problem that cannot be solved. The Council acts as an advisory body providing a home for your voice. Although not every problem has an immediate solution, this forum allows us to keep in contact with each other and to improve communication with the University.

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## **SAC Professional Development Award**

We are excited to announce the Staff Advisory Council Staff Professional Development Award!

This program recognizes staff for their outstanding work and commitment to making UWG the best place to work, learn and succeed.

The award will reimburse the cost of travel and/or registration, up to \$250 to be used during the academic year in which it is awarded. Award recipient(s) will be selected by the SAC Staff Development Committee three times each year. The first application deadline is less than a month away on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 so [apply today!](#)

Complete details, additional criteria and all the fine print can be found on our [website](#).

And now you're probably thinking "That's great! But I still wish there was a way to get some professional development that didn't involve applying for an award to be able to pay for it". Well, look no further! Mark your calendars now and plan to attend the upcoming Engage West: Staff Edition. This is a great opportunity to develop YOUR impact. Watch your inbox for more details!

# engage west! staff edition:

*Professional Growth, Development and Leadership*

## Save the Date

**March 11, 2016**

*Develop Your Impact*

[westga.edu/engagewest/staffedition](http://westga.edu/engagewest/staffedition)

You've developed. You're engaged. Now what? CELEBRATE, that's what!

# Best of the West Year-End Celebration



## Save the Date

**April 28, 2016**



**#BestofWest**

## 2015 Toy Drive

Thanks to the generosity of UWG staff and faculty we were able to donate more than 300 toys to Carroll County Toys for Tots.

In addition, we sponsored 17 children through the Department of Family and Children's Services. Thank you for making the holiday season brighter for children in need!

See more details in the [Perspective](#).

**THANK YOU, UWG!!!**



## Save \$\$ on Doctor Visits

**BCBSGa LiveHealth Online** for BCBS members is an online doctor visit with available prescriptions. You can talk face-to-face with a doctor through your mobile device or computer webcam. No appointment, no driving and no waiting at an urgent care center. Visit [www.livehealthonline.com](http://www.livehealthonline.com) or the App Store or Google Play. The copay for an online visit is only \$15 for the comprehensive Care and HMO plans. The copay for the Consumer Choice plan is \$49.

**CVS Minute Clinic** for BCBS members provides convenient, quality healthcare using nurse practitioners and physician assistants. For locations and services, call 866-389-2727. The copay is \$15 for the Comprehensive care and HMO plans. The copay for the Consumer Choice plan will be determined by the nature of your visit, but it will be at a discounted rate.

## Campus Center Announcements

### New Fitness Equipment

University Recreation will begin a 3 year fitness equipment replacement plan during the summer of 2016. This plan aims to replace and upgrade all of the current fitness equipment in the Campus Center, as well as add new equipment for our student, faculty, and staff to enjoy! Please keep an eye out for surveys and equipment demo periods taking place in the Campus Center February 23 - March 17. We want to hear from everyone on what equipment they would like to see added!

### New Shade Structure

The shaded multipurpose space outside of the Campus Center is now open! Any student organizations can reserve this space by visiting the University Recreation website and filling out a Reservation Request Form. This new space comes equipped with lighting and audio capabilities to match any event needs that a student organization may have. If you have any further questions about the space, please contact the University Recreation Department.



### Intramural Spring Sports

Registration begins February 22<sup>nd</sup> for intramural softball and flag football. Both sports have male, female and coed league options. Register by March 3<sup>rd</sup> for the season starting March 7<sup>th</sup>. Go to [imleagues.com](http://imleagues.com) to sign-up and contact [Ed Croy](#) for more information.



### Outdoor Recreation Renovation

The Outdoor Rental Center is undergoing expansion to fit the growing demand for adventure at West Georgia. The renovation period is wrapping up as paint is drying. This new space will feature kayaks, canoes, stand up paddle boards, tents, backpacks, bikes, and camping equipment that the UWG community can rent for a low cost. Outdoor equipment is available for 24 hour to week-long rentals. The Outdoor Recreation Center staff is friendly and knowledgeable, so come with any questions you may have. Center hours are by appointment during the renovation. For a detailed list of rental items, please refer to the [website](#) and stay tuned for details on the completion of the renovation!

