**2018 Theme >>>**

**WSU Olympics Passion. Connected.**

During the month of February the world will be watching the XXIII Olympic Winter Games in PyeongChang. The emblem for the 2018 games contains two Korean characters which are said to represent the ‘enthusiasm for and participation in winter sports.’ Here at WSU we feel this very adequately reinforces the reason we have provided an Employee Learning Week for the last 17 years. ELW represents the ‘enthusiasm for and participation in training, opening new horizons for learning opportunities on campus.’

For ELW 2018, we’ve adopted an Olympic Games theme and are using the PyeongChang slogan of “Passion. Connected.” Passion symbolizes WSU as a campus community stage where employees exchange inspiration and talents, share in a unique culture, and experience the excitement of learning from others. Connected signifies the openness of WSU where all employees can participate anytime and anywhere.

This slogan embodies our vision to expand Employee Learning week participation to the WSU campus community and encourages employees to create and share their talents and experiences. We hope you’ll join us this year and learn something from your peers while having a lot of fun!

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9 a - 12 p Presentation

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**Opening Ceremonies and Olympic Games**

The ELW 2018 Olympics will begin with the lighting of the cauldron, a display of Division banners, and friendly competition in several Olympic style games for employees to earn points for their Division.

**Division Flags**

Each division at WSU has been given a banner to decorate. Create to the Opening Ceremonies to see them on display and get revved-up to participate. Check with your VP’s office to participate in creating your division banner.

**Lighting of the Flame**

We’ll begin the Opening Ceremonies with a symbolic lighting of the Olympic cauldron here at WSU. Waldo the Wildcat will help us get the ‘fire’ going.

Please sign-up in Training Tracker for the Opening Ceremonies so we can have an adequate count for swag bags. Let us know you are coming by registering for course #901-17.

**Swag Bags**

Employees will enjoy swag bags when they attend the Opening Ceremonies. Each bag will contain goodies to help you get your inner athlete on!

- human hungry hungry hippos
- jenga
- spike ball
- corn hole
- kerplunk

Employees should sign-up online for a time slot to compete in an activity. Even if you aren’t competing, your attendance is KEY for your division. Points will be given for those who attend and cheer on their coworkers.

**Competitive Games**

Participation is KEY during the Opening Ceremonies. Employees will compete in events like:

- bounce ball
- relay races
- orienteering
- frisbee
- handball

Top participants in the week will be awarded Gold, Silver and Bronze medals. We’ll be handing out five Gold, five Silver and five Bronze – you could be one of them! Winners will receive prizes up to a $100 value. ALL employees who participate throughout the week will receive an award. Make sure you join us!

**Closing Ceremonies and Medal Presentation**

After a week of friendly competition the games will be closed in ceremony fashion. Attend the Closing Ceremonies where we’ll watch a video celebrating all our achievements, extinguish the WSU Olympic flame, learn which Divisions had the top medal counts and hand out medals to participants. Register in Training Tracker for course #901-18.

**The Week in Review**

We’ll start off the closing ceremonies with a video recap of the week. See yourself and all your peers as we show highlights from the competitions and classes.

**Extinguishing the Flame**

Sadly we’ll be saying goodbye to our week of competition. Waldo will help us ceremoniously turn off the cauldron.

Friday, March 9, 2018 >>>

**Employee Learning Courses**

**Unique this year, all classes are taught by faculty and staff who have volunteered to share their passions and talents. Connect by learning from each other. Take some time for yourself and refine your skills or learn something new. There is sure to be something for everyone. There is no limit, so take as many classes as you can fit into your schedule. Remember, it’s a competition!**

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Log into Training Tracker through the faculty/staff portal. Locate the course # of the class you’d like to take, and “add to schedule.”