Jonathan Garrison

Making a difference through cooking!!

From working Full-Time as the Director of SCC Promise & Scholarships to working Part-time as a caterer, Jonathan Garrison’s love of cooking emerged when he was just a baby. He enjoyed cooking so much that he would crawl to the kitchen to find pots to cook in.

“My mom and grandmother both said that I would crawl into their kitchen cabinets to find a pot, and I would want to help them cook. I love smoking all types of meats, but my real passion in cooking is keeping alive those wonderful family traditions and recipes that were originally started by my grandmother, and are still carried on by my mother and I. Nothing brings family, friends, and even strangers together than a wonderful home cooked meal. I started smoking BBQ in the Fall of 2010 for family and friends, and in the fall of 2012 I started smoking BBQ for our church’s annual Fall Festival. One of the folks who attended the fall festival loved our BBQ so much, she asked us to cater her father’s 60th birthday party. We had always cooked for our large family, so we made the jump to catering in March 2014! We are completely a family business. Myself, my wife and our daughter Peyton do the majority of the events. For many of the events, my mom loves to cook, so she will come help prepare the side dishes, and she goes with us to help serve. My dad also comes to some of the larger events to help serve, and he loves to carve the meat! We have a couple of folks that we hire to help for really large events, but it really is just a family affair. Also, I believe my first catering gig here at Sandhills was for Student Services when DJ Farmer and I got up at 3AM to smoke turkey and pork for our Thanksgiving Feast!” We were very thankful to have “Garrison’s Southern catering” to cater at our BBQ Kick-Off.

At the top right corner some of our maintenance department crew: Left to right, George Bridschge, Steven Garner, Thomas Burns, and Daniel Kennedy, can be seen enjoying a nice plate of BBQ, macaroni and cheese, green beans, cold slaw, and a roll. Pictured below left to right, we have Associate Dean of Instruction, Career and College promise, Kim McMillian; Faculty Secretary, Cathy McLean; and Officer Cindy White.

We appreciate everyone that attended our BBQ Kick-Off and we hope to see more of you at future events!!
Our 1st Fall 2021 Lunch and Learn session was held on October 5th, by our very own Marketing Associate, Social Media Coordinator; Kelly Pfeister. In this session, Kelly taught faculty and staff how to take A+ photos no matter what camera (or telephone) you have in your hand. Some of the topics that were discussed included lighting, perspective, and working with your subjects.

Couldn’t make it but would like to learn more about many of these great assets/tools that you carry with you everyday? Contact Kelly Pfeister at pfeisterk@sandhills.edu.

Each year thousands of people all across the world die of hunger, and each year we partner with various clubs and departments across campus to combat this issue in our communities. Director of Student Life; Brandi Phillips, Coordinator of Curriculum Operations; Jessica Locklear, and many others joined forces to plan and coordinate this year’s Canned Food Truck Festival. Faculty, Staff, and Students donated various non-perishable items and we couldn’t be more thankful for your donations.

Thanks to Alfreda Stroman, Dean of Cultural Affairs & Diversity and English Professor, we have the opportunity to sign up and listen to Dr. Alex Kappus talk about how we create safe environments to discuss diversity, equity, and Inclusion (DEI). In this workshop, participants will explore the importance of allyship in creating inclusive environments and strategies for inviting others to join you as an ally in advancing DEI.

“Privilege does not prohibit one from entering conversations about diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI). Instead, privilege can be leveraged to build more inclusive communities.”
In 2019, Ginny Ferguson, came up with this GREAT idea to do a PINK wig out day in honor of breast cancer awareness (Oh what fun it was). Celebrating with her, in the photo above, from left to right we have: Danaka Bunch, Jessica Locklear, Ginny Ferguson, Dana Cuellar, and Jeffrey Quick. We look forward to seeing various vibrant pinks as we walk through Dempsey, Stone, Meyer, Kennedy, Boyd, Logan, Causey, and Van Dusen on Thursday, October 7.

On Thursday, we will Rock Out with our Pink Out in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness month.

Staff are encouraged to wear pink on this day. Those that wear pink can swing by Ms. Charlotte’s desk in Dempsey to put their name in a bowl for a drawing. Hoke Campus participants, can send a picture to Ginny or Jessica for their entry into the drawing.
Upcoming Events...

Fall Staff Council Events
Events subject to change, you know things happen :)

OCTOBER
- 5TH Lunch & Learn
- 7TH Rock out w/ your pink out
- 13TH Monthly Meeting
- 28TH Halloween Costume Contest

NOVEMBER
- 2ND Lunch & Learn
- 17TH BINGO & Meeting

DECEMBER
- 16TH Holiday Exchange

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