Flexible Spending Claims

Employees have until March 15th to submit 2005 flex claims (claims incurred by 12/31/05) to Ceridian. Claim forms can be found on-line at: http://web.middlebury.edu/offices/hr/Benefits, or at Human Resources.

If you have questions regarding your claims, call Ceridian at 877-799-8820. Their extended year-end hours are:

December
Saturday, December 10th and 17th: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. EST
Closed Saturday, December 24th and 31st.

January 2 through March 31, 2006
Monday-Friday: 8 a.m. - 9 p.m. EST
Saturday: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. EST

Employees can also access their accounts at www.ceridian-benefits.com.

Middlebury Gets Snowshoeing!

Winter is no reason to stop enjoying the outdoors and getting fit! The Optimal Health Initiative Committee invites interested employees to go snowshoeing with Perry Richards and Loretta Lee on January 4, 11, 18, and 25. The snowshoeing will start at 12:10 and end at 12:50. Folks are welcome to join them for any or all of the days. The group will begin its trek at the front entrance (by the Bubble) of the athletic complex.

In order to participate, register with Melissa Nicklaw, Human Resources, x5465. No snowshoes? Not to worry! The College has a limited amount available for use. Please let Melissa Nicklaw know at the time of registration that you need a pair. Because January can be a bit nippy, dress warmly and wear boots.

Yoga for Employees

Need to limber up? Calm down? Yoga can help you achieve both! The Optimal Health Initiative is sponsoring yoga classes with Zubin Mistri on Mondays from 12:00 – 1:00 beginning January 9, 2006. The program will continue through the spring term.

To register for the class, please contact Melissa Nicklaw, Human Resources, at x5465.
Susan Stocker – Health Center

Susan Stocker and her three brothers grew up on a Bridport dairy farm, where she especially enjoyed riding horses. “I was a bit of a tomboy,” Susan says. After attending the local grade school in Bridport, Susan attended Middlebury Union High School. Shortly after graduation, Susan was married, and she and her husband Bruce subsequently had four children—Jeremy, Jennifer, Ricky, and Kevin. When her children were older, Susan worked at Helen Porter Nursing Home for about 12 years, but a back injury forced her to look elsewhere for employment. “I wanted to stay in the medical field, so that’s why I took a job as an EMT on a first response squad in Bridport,” she says. “I’ve been doing that for sixteen years, and it has worked out really well.”

Then, in 1999, Susan applied for a job as an EMT at the College Health Center. “I was offered a shared position with another EMT,” she says. Susan accepted the job, but subsequently left and took a secretarial position at a local car dealership. But when the other EMT quit her job at the Health Center about two years ago, Susan came back to the same position she held previously at the College. She now works the night shift on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. “I’m a night person,” she says, “Given the choice, I prefer the night shift, so I really like those hours.”

Although it can sometimes be fairly demanding, Susan really enjoys her job at the Health Center. “Weekends can get very busy, and I am there to assist the nurse with anything that she needs help with,” Susan explains. “I help the nurses take care of injuries and sick patients that come in. I also help get the patients something to eat and make sure that they are comfortable.”

“I really enjoy working with the nurses,” she continues. “I’ve had an opportunity to work with them all. I also enjoy meeting the students and being able to have time to get to know them. I enjoy having a chance to come in contact with all the different cultures that are represented by the students at the college; it’s fascinating.”

Susan and her husband live in Bridport. Their children are now grown and live away from home. In her spare time, Susan enjoys exploring flea markets and auctions, reading, and horseback riding. “I haven’t owned a horse in a while, but the interest is still there,” she admits. Susan also enjoys visiting her oldest son, who lives in Texas. “My mother and I usually go to visit Jeremy about once a year and we spend a couple weeks each time.”

Susan has a high opinion of the College Community. “I think it’s a very close-knit community; it’s always there and ready to help,” she says. “I’ve experienced that personally when my son was in Iraq. I had raised money for the family readiness group, but they had depleted the money that had been raised for funerals and family support. They had six members in their unit killed as well as a high injury rate, so there wasn’t any money left in the fund. Consequently, I decided to raise some money for the group, and the College Community helped me to meet the goal. I will always be grateful for that.”

Susan also has high praise for her co-workers at the Health Center. “I love them all, they are the greatest bunch of people to work with.”

Sunhee Choi Named 2005 Vermont Professor of the Year

The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) have recognized Sunhee Choi, Middlebury College professor and department chair of chemistry and biochemistry, as the 2005 Vermont Professor of the Year.

Choi joined the Middlebury faculty in 1987 and has long distinguished herself as a demanding yet inspiring teacher and role model for her colleagues and students.

A native of Korea, Choi received a bachelor of arts from Seoul National University in 1973 and a master of science in physical chemistry from Korean Advanced Institute of Science in 1975. She came to the United States and earned a doctorate in physical chemistry at Princeton University in 1982. Before arriving at Middlebury, Choi was a research chemist at a New Jersey research facility of New York-based Colgate-Palmolive Company, where she received the Colgate Presidential Award for Technical Excellence and helped develop a patent for the use of detergents in cold water. She is a member of the American Chemical Society, Iota Sigma Pi National Honor Society for Women in Chemistry, and the Council on Undergraduate Research. One of her primary focuses is her research, which often involves collaboration with her undergraduate students. In 1999, she traveled to Oxford University where she and her students were internationally recognized for their research on anti-cancer drugs and how they interact with DNA. She has published numerous papers and articles, and many have included student collaboration. Her research has been funded from various sources, including the National Institutes of Health, National Science Foundation, Petroleum Research Fund, Research Corporation and Vermont EPSCoR.

“IT is an amazing honor,” said Choi of the award. “I was hesitant to apply at first, but when I learned that so few women scientists have received the award, I wanted to try for my women science students. I often try things that I don’t always want to do because I want to show my students that if I can do it, they can surely do it better. And to all the students, parents and colleagues who supported me in this, I am deeply thankful. This award is for them.”
Employees

Jessica Kemp
LIS Graduate Intern - LIS

Wade Stevens
Kitchen Utility Worker - Dining Services

Janine Podraza
Events Coordinator - Economics Dept.

Chris Shubert
LIS Graduate Intern - LIS

Maria Adkins
Program Assistant - Off Campus Study

Joanne Pekor
Assistant to Assoc. V.P. - Facilities

Amanda Gustin
LIS Graduate Intern - LIS

Gabe Schine
Staff Programmer

Randy Lizotte
Kitchen Utility Worker - Dining Services

Theresa Reginbald
Admissions Assistant - Admissions

Virginia Deering
Servery Worker - Dining Services

Jan'l Hastings-Robinson
Alumni Intern - Alumni Relations

Keith Bishop
Telecom. Mgr/Technical Support Specialist
Faculty Grants

The Vermont Genetics Network has awarded grants to two Middlebury faculty members for pilot studies, as part of the program funded by the National Institutes of Health-INBRE grant administered by the University of Vermont. Matthew Kimble (Psychology) received funding for a project titled Unconscious Fear Effects on Decision-Making. This is a collaborative effort involving two thesis students and an undergraduate assistant that investigates the psychophysiological correlates associated with decision-making processes. Michelle McCauley (Psychology) received funding that will support research during her leave this year. Her project, titled Assessing the Importance of Individual Differences in Children’s Eyewitness Memory, will evaluate the extent to which children’s vocabulary and working memory predict their recall of an experienced event as a function of interview protocol.

William Pyle (Economics & International Studies) has received a grant to serve as a visiting researcher at the Bank of Finland Institute for Economies in Transition during the summer for 2006. This grant will support continued research on his long-term project Business Associations in Post-Communist Russia.

Knit for the Need!

Do you like to knit and help others? Knit for the Need is a J-term initiative to provide children from low-income families in Addison County with hand knit/crocheted garments. Contact Jenny Schneider (jschnei@middlebury.edu) for more information or come to the Mitchell Green Lounge on Wednesday nights from 8-9 pm starting January 11th. Yarn provided.

Classifieds

Guitars For Sale: Cort Earth 100 Dreadnought sized steel string guitar. $125.00; Cort Earth 150 Dreadnought sized steel string guitar, with hard shell case. $200.00; Epiphone FT-160 Texan 12 String, Dreadnought Sized, Sunburst Finish. Chipboard case. $300.00; Can be seen by appointment in my office in the library. Amy x5067.

For sale: Millennium 151 cm snowboard, used several seasons, $50. Burton SI Step In Bindings, fits boot sizes 4 - 10, $25. Please contact Mary Lou at x5234 or msplain@middlebury.edu.


Wanted

Wanted: Housemate(s) to share Ripton farm house right on Rte 125. 2BR available January 1. House is beautifully situated, backyard hockey pond, trails connecting to Breadloaf. Fully furnished – 1 BR w/ queen bed, 1BR w/ full-size bed, washer/dryer, large living room, large kitchen, enclosed back porch. 2 minutes from Breadloaf campus, 8 minutes from Snow Bowl. Share rent ($1000/month) and utilities with two other housemates. Please contact Amanda at 388-1467 or email agustin@middlebury.edu.

Wanted: Woodworking machines. Looking for a planer and or a joiner. If interested in selling, call x5880 or 989-0306.

Auto

For Sale: Hakkapelita winter tires. Used but still have lots of tread. 215/60 R 16. $50 pair. x5575 or 545-7111.

For Sale: 2000 Buick Century, 24,800 miles, v-6, air conditioning. Excellent condition. $8,200. Call 388-0730 or 388-7402 after 6 p.m.


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