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★ Abilene State Supported Living Center ★

OUR MISSION:
To empower people to make choices
that result in a life of dignity and
increased independence.

AbSSLC News

Abilene SSLC

Week of January 1st, 2024

Happy New Year!

2024 HSCS Awards

Scan the QR Code (or click this [Link](#)) to submit your nomination for this year's awards!



Family Feud – AbSSLC Style!

Family Feud is coming to a Townhall Meeting by you in the near future, but we need your help with the questions & answers!

Please click the link to share your yours!
<https://forms.office.com/r/LvExrhC6MA>

Name Badges

Remember that AbSSLC Name Badges must be **worn** and **visible** at all times while you are on campus. If a Designated Driver brings you to campus, you must also show your badge at the gate before entering.

We want to hear from you!

Click the [link](#) or scan the code to let us know your questions or tell us your ideas and thoughts to make AbSSLC an even better place to live & work!



New Off-Campus Trip Procedures

As you have likely heard, new procedures for **off-campus** trips start on January 1st. This process involves extensive planning for the trip as well as multiple layers of approval.

As part of the process, the gate staff will need to complete a detailed inspection of the vehicle when it is leaving campus – this will include checking passengers, the condition of the vehicle, required items in the vehicle (such as a first aid kit and Ukeru pads), etc. As you might guess, this process will take some time.

When a state vehicle is leaving campus, the Gate Staff will place a cone across the incoming lane to hold traffic while they perform their inspection and complete the needed paperwork. This will, in turn, cause short(ish) delays – you should be prepared for this delay and not try to go around the cones. Failing to follow the proper procedures could result in you losing your privilege to drive on campus.

It's important to note that all of the items checked on the vehicle leaving must match the form (staff going, Individuals going, proper equipment) and all of the signatures must be present – unless everything is correct the driver will be instructed not to leave campus and to return to the home. **The state vehicle should move as close to the shed as possible for Gate Staff to perform their check.**

Shout Outs!

Shout Out to **Jon Barbian & Ana Ferreira** for covering Security and Christmas Lane. You gotta love them! I have the best team, if I do say so myself.

A Shout Out to the **many staff** that volunteered for the 34th Christmas Lane. It takes a village (or army) to make this happen and it wouldn't/couldn't happen without them!

Today while returning from lunch I saw one of the young men from 5962 Walnut was outside the gym with his football and **David Randall Wilson** (whichever name he goes by 😊) came out from Recreation and saw the young man standing there. Wilson took the time to toss the football back and forth with him before he carried on with his workday. It's small gestures like this that show me that staff truly are out here for the people we serve. 5 minutes out of his day resulted in a memory for this young man that people do care about him.

Shout Out!

Have you seen someone do the above & beyond or just want to recognize great work?

It's easy to do a Shout Out!

- Email Jeff Goza with their name and your comments
- Text their name and your comments to 325.370.4525

Let's **Shout Out** and recognize others!

Survey of Employee Engagement 2024

The ever-two-year Survey of Employee Engagement (SEE) starts January 8th – be watching for yours!

