Explore Your UA Benefits and Perks at Campus Resource Expo

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Take a minute to think about the various resources, benefits and perks that are available to you as a University employee. There are the obvious ones: medical, dental and vision benefits, several paid holidays, and qualified tuition reduction.

But did you know there's much more?

If not, you're not alone ? which is why the Division of Human Resources holds the annual Campus Resource Expo. This year, the event will feature more than 40 booths for campus units and organizations to showcase many of the services, resources and perks available to classified staff, appointed personnel, faculty and affiliates.

The expo will run from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday in the Student Union Memorial Center, South Ballroom.

"Employees are our most critical asset," said Helena Rodrigues, assistant vice president for human resources. "We know that a workforce that is engaged and feels valued is far more productive and innovative. We are constantly looking for new ways to connect our colleagues to each other and to resources that will help them lead meaningful careers."

Now in its third year, the expo was created by a team in Human Resources that had heard many employees ? including some who had been here for years ? saying they were unaware of certain resources and services.

"We would hear people say, 'I had no idea this was available to me as an employee,' and we'd hear our partners say, 'How can we share more about what we have to offer employees,'" said Dave Magoon, senior organizational consultant in Human Resources. "At the expo, we all come together."

The event has grown every year. In its inaugural year, Magoon said, it drew about 600 people. The 2016 event saw 800. Organizers hope that trend continues.

"The University of Arizona is a great place to work for many reasons," Magoon said. "The expo is the perfect venue to give people an opportunity to discover some of them, and give our partners an opportunity to share what they have to offer ? from 3-D printing at the libraries, to discounted bus and streetcar passes courtesy of Parking and Transportation Services, to an employee-only weight room at the Student Recreation Center."

Click here for a complete list of the offices and organizations that will participate this year. They include:
The UA Faculty/Staff Choir will perform at 11:30, and Wilma Wildcat will make an appearance.

New this year is a Snapchat filter, which can be applied to photos taken with the mobile app while at the event. The feature is part of a larger marketing effort to increase awareness about the event, and, more importantly, the services it highlights, according to HR staff.

Caitlan Hendrickson, director of the Ombuds Program, has been involved with the expo since its first year. The program, which provides impartial conflict management services to employees and students on University-related matters, will have a booth at the expo this year as well.

"I've had a great experience with the event," Hendrickson said. "It has proven to be a wonderful way to get the word out about the Ombuds Program and connect with employees who were unaware of the services available to them."

Visit the expo's website for more information.

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