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## Office Depot, Inc. Highlights Historical Context, Gift Ideas for Administrative Professionals Day

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*Office Depot® and OfficeMax® are the Go-To Sources for Personal Administrative Professional Gifts*

BOCA RATON, Fla.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Apr. 16, 2015-- Office Depot, Inc. (NASDAQ: ODP), a leading global provider of [office products, services, and solutions](#), which entered into a definitive agreement on February 4, 2015 to be acquired by Staples Inc., offers historical insight and gift suggestions to help celebrate Administrative Professionals Day on April 22.

There are more than three million administrative professionals in the workforce today and an expected twelve percent increase in projected employment through 2022. According to today's administrative professionals, office management, travel planning, meeting planning, project management and online purchasing are the top five tasks that have become more important over the past two years.

"Office Depot knows how essential administrative professionals are to every organization and workplace," said Nicole Lord, senior director, private brand growth for Office Depot, Inc. "It's also important to recognize these individuals and Office Depot is a great one-stop-shop for finding a variety of personal gifts."

According to an [infographic](#) on Office Depot's Business Solutions Center, an interactive small business online resource, a public relations executive named Harry Klemfuss originated the idea for National Secretaries Week. The week, which later became Administrative Professionals Day, began as a way to recognize and call attention to secretaries' skills, loyalty and efficiency.

Lord identifies several products that show appreciation for administrative professionals including furniture such as an ergonomically correct desk chair, new computer hardware and software, as well as desk accessories, such as the See Jane Work® collection.

"The [See Jane Work®](#) line sold exclusively at Office Depot and OfficeMax offers a wide variety of gifts that any administrative professional would appreciate," said Lord. "Colorful and fun storage bins, journals, notecards and more are all part of the See Jane Work® line and are a great way to show thanks for all the hard work they do."

### **About Office Depot, Inc.**

Office Depot, Inc. is a leading global provider of products, services, and solutions for every workplace – whether your workplace is an office, home, school or car.

Office Depot, Inc. is a resource and a catalyst to help customers work better. We are a single source for everything customers need to be more productive, including the latest technology, core office supplies, print and document services, business services, facilities products, furniture, and school essentials.

The company has annual sales of approximately \$16 billion, employs approximately 56,000 associates, and serves consumers and businesses in 56 countries with approximately 1,800 retail stores, award-winning e-commerce sites and a dedicated business-to-business sales organization – all delivered through a global network of wholly owned operations, joint ventures, franchisees, licensees and alliance partners. The company operates under several banner brands including Office Depot, OfficeMax, OfficeMax Grand & Toy, Reliable and Viking. The company's portfolio of exclusive product brands include TUL, Foray, Brenton Studio, Ativa, WorkPro, Realspace and HighMark.

Office Depot, Inc.'s common stock is listed on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol ODP. Additional press information can be found at: <http://news.officedepot.com>.

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