

2026 Excellence in Service and Staff Awards

On April 16 at 9 am in an awards ceremony in the SUB Ballrooms, professional and classified staff will be honored for their outstanding performance and contributions for both the Excellence in Service and Staff Awards.

The Service Excellence program, focused on aligning the quality of our services and environment with the excellence of our academic programs, is pleased to announce the classified and professional staff who were nominated for the following awards:

The nominees for the 2026 Excellence in Service Awards are:

Andromeda Abarr ~ Office of Admissions
Sara Adlington ~ MSU Extension Communications
Mai Allen ~ Office of Research & Economic Development
Alli Alstrom ~ Human Resources
Mitch Baker ~ Enterprise Service Group
Deanna Banister ~ School of Music
Jody Barney ~ Norm Asbjornson College of Engineering
Alison Bayr, RDH ~ Student Health Services – Dental
Kaleb J. Beech ~ Facilities Services
Zara Bender ~ Montana PBS
Ann Bernard ~ Montana PBS
Hailey Blachly ~ Student Wellness
Christian Black ~ Planning, Design & Construction
Delta W. Bray ~ Facilities Services - Work Control
Ryan Brickman ~ Safety & Risk Management
Kristin Brill ~ Human Resources
Merry Schlenker Bruce ~ Military Science
Colette Campbell ~ School of Film & Photography
Jeanne Carter ~ TechLink
Jacqueline Centofanti ~ Montana PBS – KUSM
Noelle Child ~ College of Arts & Architecture
Lucy Coley ~ Facilities Services
Randy A. Crandall ~ University Police Department
Katie Daughenbaugh, Ph.D. ~ WWAMI
Christine Dennis ~ ASMSU
Aurora Dreyer ~ University Facilities Management - Real Estate
Jen Dunn ~ College of Arts & Architecture
Rebecca Eberlin ~ Student Success
Joshua Elmore ~ UIT - Systems RCI

Eugene Fannon ~ Facilities Refrigeration Shop
Caleb Fey ~ College of Arts & Architecture
JaNaié Finn ~ College of Letters & Sciences
Shelley Fleming ~ School of Film & Photography
Emma Ford ~ Food Systems, Nutrition & Kinesiology
Tracy Gatlin ~ Office of Research Development
Jane Glasper ~ Custodial Services / Facilities Services
Liz Greenfield ~ College of Agriculture - Dean's Office
Julie Hager ~ Animal & Range Sciences
Paige Hanger ~ Advising Commons
Joel Harris ~ University Services - Access Control
Noelle Harrison ~ Student Success, Advising Commons, Peer Tutoring
Julie Heard ~ Office of the Provost
Coltran Hophan-Nichols ~ University Information Technology
Erin Howard ~ University Human Resources
Skyeler Huntsman ~ Food Systems, Nutrition & Kinesiology
Kaelyn Jackson ~ Human Resources
Taylor Jones ~ Agricultural & Technology Education
Brian Kassar, Psy.D. ~ Counseling & Psychological Services, Student Wellness
Caitlin Kent ~ University Police
Dena Knutson ~ Planning, Design & Construction
Justice Kovago ~ Heat Plant
Rachel Lamphear ~ School of Music
Andy Lander ~ College of Arts & Architecture IT
Christopher Lavery ~ Parking & Transportation Services
Katarzyna Maison ~ Human Resources
Ann Maroso ~ MSU Extension Communication Services
Cody Masters ~ Chick-Fil-A
Sandra McCoy ~ Student Housing
Sean McIntyre ~ MSU Police Department
Bill McKenney ~ Dean of Students Office
Tyler Merica ~ MilTech
Whitney Milhoan ~ Student Health Services
Johanna Moore ~ Admissions
Jennifer Moser ~ UIT / Enterprise Application Support Team
Jennifer Nelson ~ Student Wellness Center
Bridgett Olson ~ University Financial Services
Rachael Lamb Ortego ~ School of Architecture
Helaina Owens, Ph.D. ~ Office of Research Development
Halley Perry ~ Career Services, Division of Student Success

Emily Peters ~ The Graduate School
Morgan Erin Peters ~ Gallatin College
Matthew Piedalue ~ School of Art
Ron Ramsfield ~ Plant Sciences & Plant Pathology
Olivia Reddick ~ Office of Legal Counsel
Allison Rognlie ~ Plant Growth Center
Nicholas Ross Dick ~ Native American Studies
René Ruff ~ Parking & Transportation Services
Jeff Schultz ~ College of Arts & Architecture
Erika Share ~ Montana PBS
Walt Shaw ~ Facilities Services
Ken Silvestri ~ Center for Faculty Excellence
Nika Stoop ~ Center for Faculty Excellence
Ryan Storment ~ Academic Technology & Outreach
Katie Sutich ~ College of Letters & Science
Brandon A. Velasquez ~ University Police Department
Logan Walsh ~ Heat Plant
Michele West ~ University Studies
Teresa Wilhelm ~ Culinary Services Indulge Bakery
Scarlett Wirtz ~ Student Accounts
Sara Maccagnano-Zacher ~ Imaging & Chemical Analysis Laboratory
Nick Zelver ~ Technology Transfer Office
Abby Zezeski ~ Animal & Range Sciences

The nominees for 2026 Staff Awards are:

Academic Advising Award

- RC Townsend ~ Advising Commons / EHHD
- Meredith Allen ~ Gallatin College
- Nicki Jimenez ~ Jake Jabs College of Business & Entrepreneurship
- Katie Gahagan ~ Advising Commons

Excellence in Outreach Award

- Kevin Asselin ~ College of Arts & Architecture - Shakespeare in the Parks
- Ann Bernard ~ MontanaPBS
- Michael Hastert ~ Native American Studies
- Elizabeth Maxwell ~ Animal & Range Sciences

Excellence in Innovative Service Award

- Hilary Becker ~ Health Professions Resource Center
- Catherine Hahola ~ University Information Technology
- Dr. Nicole Motzer ~ Office of Research Development

President's Award for Championing Campus Values

- Wendy Guido ~ Office of Disability Services
- Susan Kelly ~ Norm Asbjornson College of Engineering