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Employee Recognition Ceremony
2025 ~ 2026

Friday, April 10, 2026

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5 Years of Service

Juan Cervantes, Custodian

Paul Chappell, Chief Information Officer

Dr. Sanchari Choudhury, Associate Professor, Economics, Finance and General Business

Cody Ford, Assistant Director, Recreational Sports & Wellness

Maria Garcia, Custodian

Angelica Gonzalez Vazquez, Custodian

Leah Gose, Dean/Professor, Fain College of Fine Arts

Karen Hurst, Secretary, Psychology and Sociology

Dr. Juheon Lee, Associate Professor, Political Science

Christian Martinez, Groundskeeper

Lance Maxwell, Information Technology Technician

Melissa Miller, Assistant to the Vice President, University Advancement

Dr. Mike Rattanasengchanh, Associate Professor, History

Nick Rodriguez, Accounting Assistant II, Business Office

Zack Shanks, Accessibility and Instructional Design Manager, Online Education

Amy Van Veen, Clery Compliance Officer and Emergency Management Coordinator

Dr. Lin Wang, Associate Professor, Accounting

Amy Wardell, Study Abroad Specialist, Global Education

Tammylee Watford, Police Telecommunicator, MSU Police Department

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10 Years of Service

Dr. Susan Anders, Professor, Accounting

Frank Bohuslav, Machinist Technician, McCoy School of Engineering

Dr. Marcy Brown Marsden, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dr. Eduardo Colmenares, Professor, Computer Science

Dr. Rajendra Desai, Chair/Professor, McCoy School of Engineering

Steve Draper, Information Technology Technician II

Keith Enloe, Information Security Officer

Rebekah Jones, PC Network Lead

Dr. Jesse Luo, Associate Professor, Management Information Systems

Kayla Meaders, Manager, Educator Preparation, West College of Education

Jonathon Quam, Associate Professor, Mass Communication

Dr. Emily Reeves, Professor, Undergraduate Education

Dr. John Schulze, Professor, English

Mandy Sedden, Assistant Professor, Radiologic Sciences

Dr. Tiffany Ziegler, Dean/Professor, McAda Graduate School

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15 Years of Service

Scott Feldman, Assistant Director, Tutoring and Academic Support Programs

Dr. Robert Forrester, Dean/Professor, Dillard College of Business Administration

Deidre Frazier, Academic Counselor Coordinator, McCoy College of Engineering

Dr. Suzanne Lindt, Chair/Professor, Undergraduate Education

Pam Marshall, Assistant to the Dean, Prothro Yeager College of Humanities and Social Sciences

Dr. Stacia Miller, Professor & Director of Undergraduate Research

Dr. Jonathan Price, Chair/Professor, Geosciences

Stephanie Sullivan, Academic Counselor, Dillard College of Business Administration

Chris Thames, Information Technology Infrastructure Manager

Ash Tipton, Associate University Librarian for Technical Services

Liza Villadiego, Benefits Administrator, Human Resources

John Vowell, Instructor, Management Information Systems

Dove Williams, Police Civilian Supervisor, MSU Police Department

Dr. Jie Zhang, Associate Professor, Management Information Systems

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20 Years of Service

Dr. Guy Bernard, Professor, Mathematics

Jason Brezina, Library Circulation Specialist, Moffett Library

Jeff Desborough, Manager, Custodial and Residence Maintenance

Dr. Jeffrey Hood, Professor, Mathematics

Dr. Michelle Knox, Professor, Mathematics

Dr. Adam Lei, Professor, Finance

Dr. Mitzi Lewis, Professor, Mass Communication

Dr. Qian Li, Professor, Finance

Ben Mendoza, Lead Groundskeeper

Dr. Gidget Pettibon, Senior Associate Director, Tutoring and Academic Support Programs

Catherine Prose, Professor, Art

Kathy Rice, Director, Payroll

Dr. Edward Schultz, Professor, Graduate and Adult Education

Dr. Jianguo Shao, Professor, Chemistry

Dr. Roy Vogtsberger, Associate Professor, Biology

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25 Years of Service

Gayla Aldrich, Administrative Assistant, Alumni Relations

Clara Easterling, Coordinator, First Year Mustang Adventure

Dr. Chris Hansen, Chair/Associate Professor, Chemistry

Dr. Sally Henschel, Interim Dean/Associate Professor, Prothro Yeager College
of Humanities and Social Sciences

Shauna Kennedy, Help Desk Manager

Dr. Jeff Killion, Dean/Professor, Gunn Health Sciences and Human Services

Dr. Patrick Mitchell, Professor, Mathematics

Dr. Michael Shipley, Professor, Biology

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30 Years of Service

Shawn Roberts, Central Plant Operator

Dr. James Sernoe, Chair/Professor, Mass Communication

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35 Years of Service

Jeff Ray, Head Golf Coach

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MSU Leadership Academy Participants

Sponsored by TTUS and MSU

Dr. Jennifer Anderson

Jose Avitia

Dr. Phillis Bunch

Nichol Burris

Dr. Randy Case

Dr. Eduardo Colmenares

Riley Cope

Dr. DeAndrea Davis

Chapel Deaton

Marianna Di Nardo

Lyn Doman

Dr. Jermey Duff

Cody Ford

Alli Forrester

Deidre Frazier

Candice Fulton

Angelica Goins

Dr. Sandra Groth

Dr. Susan Harvey

Garrett Holland

Natalie Husen

Andrea Jansen

Rebekah Jones

Jessica Joplin

Phillip King

Melissa Laussmann

Lala Lay

Dr. Kirsten Lodge

Dr. Matthew Luttrell

Taylor Majewski

Marla Malone

Cayla Mathison

Kayla Meaders

Dr. Kelly Medellin

Shannon Miller

Dr. Claudia Montoya

Dr. Melissa Nivens

Dr. Catherine Pankonien

Jeanette Perry

Megan Riedel

Nizhoni Roberts

Ryan Samuelson

Dr. Sandra Shawver

Dr. Beverly Stiles

Dr. Christopher Vivio

Dottie Westbrook

Dr. Sonia White

Dr. Tyler Williams

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You Make a Difference Award

Presented by Staff Senate

Carlos Aleman, Information Technology Technician

Cayla Mathison, Budget Manager

Melissa Boerma, Assistant to the Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs

Melissa Nikolatsopoulos, Academic Counselor Coordinator

Ruben Chavez, Lead Custodian

Amanda Raines, Registrar

Sarah Fidlar, Coordinator, Lifelong Learning Center

Sammy Smith, Lead Custodian

Dr. Eboneigh Harris, Director Institutional Effectiveness

Matt Steimel, Administrative Systems Manager

Sgt. Preston Johnson, MSU Police Department

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STAR Award

Presented by Facilities Services for outstanding service throughout our campus

Bobby Fisher, Carpentry Foreperson

Connor Foster, Groundskeeper

James Pollan, AC Refrigeration Tech, Central Plant

Taylor Quinn, Groundskeeper

Connie Robbins, Lead Custodian

Lynn Sharp, Utility Mechanic, Central Plant

Sammy Smith, Lead Custodian

Toni Smith, Custodial Foreperson

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Faculty, Staff and Advisor of the Year

Presented by Student Government Association

Faculty Member of the Year Winner

Dr. Hillary Coenen, Associate Professor

Staff Member of the Year Winner

Jeanette Perry, Academic Recruitment Specialist

Advisor of the Year Winner

Cammie Dean, Asst. VP, Student Affairs

Finalists

Dr. Robert Forrester, Dean & Professor, Dillard College
of Business Administration

Dr. Patrick Mitchell, Professor, Mathematics

Dr. Elizabeth Redmill, Assistant Professor, Theatre

Dr. Beverly Stiles, Chair/Professor, Sociology

Finalists

Lupe De Leon, Custodian, Housing

Laura Hetrick, Director and Coordinator Title IX

Victor Ramos, Lead Custodian, Clark Student Center

Finalists

Dr. Eboneigh Harris, Director, Institutional Effectiveness

Avery Ondeccheck, Project Specialist, Residence Life & Housing

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President's Staff Excellence Award

Classified Winner

Melissa Boerma, Assistant to the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Darrios Gilliam, Warehouse Specialist

Non-Classified Winner

Leah Hickman, Director, Admissions
Betsy Tucker, Executive Assistant to the President

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Faculty Tenure & Promotion Recognition

Individuals who received tenure and were promoted from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor

Dr. Jessica Fino, Gunn College of Health Sciences and Human Services

Dr. Rodney Fisher, Gunn College of Health Sciences and Human Services

Dr. Sandra Groth, Gunn College of Health Sciences and Human Services

Dr. Kimberly Onstott, Gunn College of Health Sciences and Human Services

Dr. Stephanie Zamora-Robles, West College of Education and Professional Studies

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Faculty Tenure & Promotion Recognition

Individuals who were promoted from Associate Professor to Full Professor

Dr. Jennifer Anderson, Gunn College of Health Sciences and Human Services

Dr. John Ashbrook, Prothro-Yeager College of Humanities and Social Sciences

Dr. Sarah Cobb, McCoy College of Science, Mathematics, and Engineering

Dr. Eduardo Colmenares, McCoy College of Science, Mathematics, and Engineering

Dr. Victoria Dillard, Gunn College of Health Sciences and Human Services

Dr. Mahmoud Elsharafi, McCoy College of Science, Mathematics, and Engineering

Ms. Leah Gose, Fain College of Fine Arts

Dr. John Schulze, Prothro-Yeager College of Humanities and Social Sciences

Dr. James Sernoe, Fain College of Fine Arts

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Carnes Fellowship Recipient

Catherine Prose, Professor, Art

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To those of you recognized today and in the past, thank you so much for your service and dedication to Midwestern State University.