Eight individuals and one team were announced as winners of MSU’s 26th annual Celebrating Excellence in Service and Employee of the Year Awards.

The awards ceremony held on Thursday, April 16, 2015 recognized all 41 individual nominees and 12 team nominees. The awardees have proven their dedication to MSU in countless ways and are deserving of recognition for their commitment to MSU’s success. The ceremony is an opportunity to celebrate the hard work and dedication from all our faculty and staff.

This past year, MSU implemented a Service Excellence program which focuses on aligning the quality of their services and environment with the excellence of their academic programs. This is now the foundation for the redesigned Employee Recognition Awards program and some exciting changes at Montana State University.

Two individuals were recognized for their excellence in each one of the four MSU Service Excellence standards: Safety, Courtesy, Reliability, and Competence. The team award was presented to the team which best exemplified the Service Excellence culture in its daily work and programs. [http://calendar.msu.montana.edu/events/15892&origin=msutoday](http://calendar.msu.montana.edu/events/15892&origin=msutoday)

The 2015 award winners and their departments are:

**COMPETENCE**

- Christina Fournier – University Business Services
- Sara Waller – History, Philosophy & Religious Studies

**COURTESY**

- Linda McDonald – Land Resources & Environmental Sciences
- Lisa Stevenson – Native American Studies

**RELIABILITY**

- William Johnson – Human Resources
- Robert Lashaway – University Services

**SAFETY**

- Pat Catoira – Modern Languages & Literatures
- Ryan Diehl – Outdoor Recreation

**TEAM AWARD**

- English Education – Allison Wynhoff Olsen and Robert Petrone

The 2015 individual nominees and their departments are, in alphabetical order:

- David Aderholdt, Residence Life
- Sarah Barutha, Physics
- Kristin Blackler, Sustainability Office
- Jill Brenden, Chemical and Biological Engineering
- Tim Carlson, Family and Graduate Housing
- Patricia Catoira, Modern Languages and Literatures
- Brandi Clark, College of Agriculture
- Tina Cusker, Allen Yarnell Center for Student Success
- Betsy Danforth, Women’s Center
- Ryan Diehl, Outdoor Recreation
- Ariel Donohue, Diversity Awareness Office
- Korrin Engel, Residence Life
- Christina Fournier, University Business Services
• Stephanie Gray, Gallatin College
• Julie Hager, Animal and Range Sciences
• Muriel Holmquist, Electrical and Computer Engineering
• William Johnson, Human Resources/Payroll
• Brian Kassar, Counseling and Psychological Services
• Robert Lashaway, University Services
• Joan Macdonald, Ecology
• Linda McDonald, Land Resources and Environmental Sciences
• Byron McKinney, Education, Health and Human Development
• Alexis Pike, School of Film and Photography
• Gerald Reed, Facilities Services
• Harry Ridgway, Facilities Services
• Jason Rosen, Information Technology Center
• Ronda Russell, Admissions
• Jane Scharff, College of Nursing
• Jeanine Schoessler, University Communications
• Dorie Seymour, Information Technology Center
• Jerry Sheehan, Information Technology Center
• James Shepherd, Recreational Sports and Fitness
• Alanna Sherstad, VOICE Center
• Glen Steinhoff, Facilities Services – Grounds
• Lisa Stevenson, Native American Studies
• Denise Thompson, Animal and Range Sciences
• Cheri Toeniskoetter, University Business Services – Procurement Services
• Justin van Almelo, Information Technology Center
• Becky Van Zee, Mathematical Sciences
• Sara Waller, History, Philosophy and Religious Studies
• Lisa White, Animal and Range Sciences

The 2015 team nominees and their members are, in alphabetical order by team:

• Animal Care Technologists, Animal Resources Center (Renee Arens, Tammy Frerck, Jean Kundert, Tam Marcotte, Vickie Riojas);
• D2L Advisor Team (Ryan Storment, Julie Tatarka, John Usher);
• Employee and Labor Relations (Susan Alt, Deborah Barkley);
• English Education (Robert Petrone, Allison Wynhoff Olsen);
• Gallatin College Staff and Leadership Team (Nicole Berg, Dana Doney, Stephanie Gray, Janet Heiss Arms, Bob Hietala, Dayna Klopp, Sarah Maki, Colette Thomas, Amy Williams, Paige Wyatt);
• Health and Human Development Advising (Sara Browne, Melissa Hill, Tracy Krushensky);
• Interlibrary Loan Team (Roberta Eastwood, Michelle Gollehon, Mary Guthmiller, Carla Wood);
• Mail Services (Van Alke, Chris Benden, Pat Brown, Evelyn Jones, Julie Jones, Maureen Lohmeier, Debbie McNeil, Jennie Miller, Lynette Reed).
• Museum Collections Management Team (John Scannella, Lisa Verwys);
• Office of Admissions (Kathy Adams, Steve Burk, Cheska Dietsch, Diane Dorgan, Jennifer Dunn, Amanda Edwards, Anders Groseth, Laurie Grusonik, Amanda Hedstrom, Brooke Horton, Amy Huber, Jennifer Kayser, Hilja Mueller, Mike Ouer, Elicia Palmer, Joanne Perino, Leota Pilon, Zachary Reimer, Susan Reisch, Susanne Riesland, Becky Roeder, Samantha Sticka, Katie Yaw);
• Office of International Program’s Training and Special Programs Team (Makiko Diehl, Christopher Helgeson, Janelle Rasmussen);
• Testing Services (Denise Hoepfner, Rick Jackson, Sara Lowder, Carey Rogers).

At the event, eight individual nominees will be named winners of the Employee of the Year Award.
Those winners will receive $500 cash, plus a newly designed gold award pin. Winners will be selected for their excellence in demonstrating the Service Excellence standards (Safety, Courtesy, Reliability, and Competence). Names of all awardees will also be displayed centrally in Montana Hall.

One team award will be presented to the team that best exemplifies the Service Excellence culture in its daily work and programs through collaborative team efforts. This award will be $500 cash/winner (up to a maximum of $2,500 total award). If the selected group includes more than five individuals, the maximum of $2,500 will be split equally among the individuals.