

March 5, 2026

Dear Dr. Morris,

Please accept this letter of nomination on behalf of Steve Sawyer for the Faculty Senate Staff Service Award.

Steve joined APSU in the fall of 2016 and serves as the Video Production Coordinator for the Department of Communication. He is more than deserving of this honor because of the quiet professionalism he brings to his position. Steve never seeks the spotlight, but makes sure that it shines brightly on our students, faculty, and the community.

Steve has worked tirelessly in programming APSU-TV and assists in so many productions that it's difficult to list them all. He works closely with sports production faculty on content for APSU Athletics from the OVC Digital Network, ESPN+, and now the APSN-Austin Peay Sports Network. He has also collaborated with faculty to produce and stream all of the APSU Commencement ceremonies (spring, summer, and fall). In addition to APSU commencements, he also helps to produce 15 high school graduation ceremonies in the Dunn Center every May for all of the CMCSS high schools, Fort Campbell, Cheatham County, Middle College and Adult Education. Steve makes a difference on campus and in the community.

His expert organization and documentation process have made it possible for students and loved ones to recapture memories from graduations past they thought they lost. There are numerous stories of a parent looking for their child's high school video footage that Steve effortlessly finds for them.

Steve has provided his video production expertise for multiple departments and throughout the University from Halloween Percussion Concerts, The Peayple's Dialogue, APSU Convocation, APSU Board of Trustees meetings and sports productions at F&M Bank Arena and local high schools. His productions continue to enhance the public image of APSU.

On top of all of his video production work, Steve somehow always makes himself available to solve any technical problem that our students or faculty may have in the TV studio or editing bays. He is truly a team player within our department, university, and community.

Steve Sawyer is more than deserving of the Faculty Senate Staff Service Award and exemplifies everything you want in an APSU staff member. Steve Sawyer makes a difference behind the scenes so that people can continue to shine on the stage of life.

Sincerely,



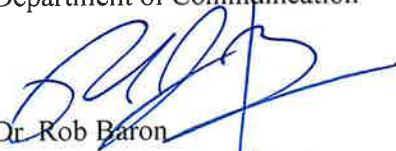
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