

Staff Service Award Nomination

Jamie Gaither, Academic Assistant in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics

I have had the pleasure of working with Jamie Gaither since she joined our department at the beginning of Spring 2020. Jamie is so well-deserving of this award that I wanted to nominate her last year, only to be foiled by the first criterion that she had to serve in our department for two years, but I am excited for her new eligibility and hope you strongly consider my nomination of her this year.

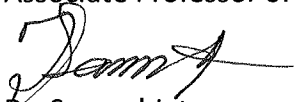
As I read through the nomination criteria of being courteous, energetic, and supportive, I believe Jamie is the perfect exemplar of these traits. She is always happy to help faculty and students with any task we ask of her. When faculty like me run into the complicated spiderwebs and headaches that we have to deal with from HR, the registrar, financial aid, or the grants office, Jamie is always helpful in navigating through these troubles. She is often proactive in avoiding difficulties ahead of time when it comes to course scheduling, addressing faculty's concerns with classrooms or class times in order to get issues resolved early. Jamie is the perfect embodiment of putting the good of our department above all else based on her professionalism and her commitment to our success.

The pandemic has obviously caused quite the strain on everyone at APSU, but Jamie has greatly helped our department weather this storm. Despite classes being fully or mostly remote and many faculty staying off campus, Jamie kept our department running smoothly. She always made sure faculty aware of deadlines and important communications from the administration, processed paperwork and other tasks in a timely manner, and aided our Department Chair and faculty in both transition to remote learning and in our return to campus. Her role had an outsized effect during COVID, and Jamie continued her excellent work performance during that time.

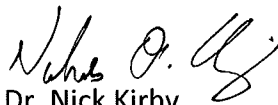
In conclusion, Jamie is a great communicator and problem-solver who is an essential piece to the smooth operations of our department. I can always trust Jamie to help students that I send her way, and she provides a great public face for our department to visitors and new students. Jamie is truly deserving of recognition as a Staff Service Award recipient.



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