Ruth Jameyson, “Above and Beyond” Award

Nominations are being sought of a support staff member in pursuit of a post-baccalaureate degree at Michigan State University for the Ruth Jameyson “Above and Beyond” Award.

Ms. Ruth Jameyson, who died in 2007 at the age of 100 years, served as the Secretary to, MSU President Robert S. Shaw from 1938 to 1941 and Secretary. Administrative Assistant to President John A. Hannah from 1941-1969. Ms. Jameyson was the epitome of a dedicated woman possessed of dignity and grace, widely admired for her professionalism, loyalty, kindness, strength, and patience. She served as both greeter and gatekeeper to the numerous students, faculty and staff seeking to meet Dr. Hannah, as well as dignitaries from around the globe. Ms. Jameyson accepted roles and responsibilities far beyond her formal job description. Having arrived in Lansing with a Bachelor’s Degree in Mathematics from Coe College, Iowa, Ms. Jameyson, pursued a Master’s Degree in Economics at MSU while working full time.

This annual award will recognize a support staff member who most closely exemplifies the contributions, personal characteristics, and commitment to MSU demonstrated by Ms. Jameyson, going, “above and beyond” what is reasonably expected in supporting the mission of Michigan State University. In recognition of Ms. Jameson’s own pursuit of a graduate degree at MSU, the award recipient must be pursuing a graduate degree at MSU or elsewhere concurrent with their employment at MSU. A stipend of $2,500 will accompany the award and may be used as determined appropriate by the recipient.

This award has been created and funded by friends of Ruth Jameyson;

Barbara Sawyer-Koch, MSU Trustee Emerita

Donald F. Koch, MSU Professor Emeritus
NOMINATION PROCESS

- Complete a nomination form and supporting materials
- Inclusion of up to three letters of support
- For questions regarding the form or process, please contact Dr. Ray Gasser
- The nomination form and supporting materials are to be sent electronically by January 20, 2021 to:
  Ray Gasser
gasserra@msu.edu
  Phone: (517) 884-4996

SELECTION PROCESS

- Individuals may be nominated by any member of the university community (Colleague, administrator, faculty, support staff, student)
- A nominee must be a regular, active employee with at least five years of service to Michigan State University in a support staff position
- A nominee must be enrolled and attending a post-baccalaureate degree program at Michigan State University or elsewhere
- Nominations will be evaluated for achievement in the following areas:
  - Excellence in overall job performance going, “Above and Beyond” what is expected
  - Outstanding interpersonal skills and working relationships within MSU’s diverse community
  - Contributions to the department that lead to efficiency, effectiveness or other improvements
  - Contribution to the University (committees, outreach, projects or other efforts
  - Concern for students in or out the classroom
  - Successful progress toward degree completion
NOMINATION FORM
Ruth Jameyson “Above and Beyond” Award

NONIMEE:
Nominee’s Name: ________________________________________________________

Address (Office): __________________________________ Home: _______________________
             ______________________________                 _______________________
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Phone:     ____________________________
Email:      _____________________________________________

Title: _______________________________________________________
Department: _________________________________________________
College (MAU): _______________________________________________
Total years of service: _________________________________________

Nominee’s Graduate Program Title: ____________________________     Current GPA: __________
Nominee’s attending College/ University: ___________________________________________________

NOMINATOR:
Nominator: _____________________________________________

Address (Office): ____________________________    (Home): _________________________________
             ______________________________                 _______________________
             ______________________________     Phone: ____________________________
Phone:     ____________________________
Email:      _____________________________________________

Title: _______________________________________________________
Department: _________________________________________________
College (MAU): _______________________________________________
Describe the nominee’s accomplishments and provide examples where appropriate in the areas listed below in essay format.

1. Excellence in overall job performance going, “Above and Beyond” what is expected.
2. Outstanding interpersonal skills and working relationships within MSU’s diverse community.
3. Contributions to the department that lead to efficiency, effectiveness or other improvements.
4. Contribution to the University (committees, outreach, projects or other efforts).
5. Concern for students in or out the classroom.
6. Successful progress toward degree completion.