Ruth Jameyson, "Above and Beyond" Award

Nominations are being sought of a Michigan State University support staff member in pursuit of a post-baccalaureate degree for the Ruth Jameyson "Above and Beyond" Award. **Nominations are due Monday, October 26, 2026.**

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 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

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Nomination Form

NOMINEE

Nominee's Name: _____ Years of Service: _____

Nominee's Title: _____ PERNR: _____

Nominee's Department/College/MAU: _____

Nominee's Email: _____ Phone: _____

Nominee's Graduate Program/Title: _____ Current GPA: ___

Nominee's attending College/University: _____

NOMINATOR

Nominator's Name: _____

Nominator's Title: _____

Nominator's Department/College/MAU: _____

Nominator's Email: _____ Phone: _____

NOMINEE'S SUPERVISOR APPROVAL

Nominee's Supervisor's Name: _____

Nominee's Supervisor's Title: _____

Nominee's Supervisor's Department/College/MAU: _____

Nominee's Supervisor's Email: _____ Phone: _____

Nominee's Supervisor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

By signing, the nominee's supervisor asserts that the nominee meets the eligibility criteria described on this form and is in good standing.

NOMINEE'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Describe the nominee's accomplishments and provide examples where appropriate in the areas listed below in essay format (attach additional documentation).

1. Excellence in overall job performance going, "Above and Beyond" what is expected.
2. Outstanding interpersonal skills and working relationships within the MSU 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.

NOMINATION PROCESS

- Complete a nomination form and supporting materials
- Inclusion of up to three letters of support
- Signature of nominee's supervisor must be provided to assert that the nominee meets eligibility criteria, is in good standing with a recent performance review on file, and has not previously received this award
- For questions regarding the form or process, please contact Dr. Ray Gasser

The nomination form and supporting materials are to be sent electronically by **October 26, 2026**, to Ray Gasser | gasserra@msu.edu | (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 in a support staff role at MSU or an approved affiliate of MSU
- 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 of the classroom
    - Successful progress toward degree completion