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### STAFF SENATE

#### Board of Governors Staff Senate Report

November 8, 2024

#### I. Third Quarter Service Champ Awards

Nominations were gathered for the 2024 third quarter Service Champ Awards. A total of 18 nominations were submitted by staff, making this the largest group of nominees we have seen in recent years. Staff Senate is incredibly pleased to see the hard work and MSSU pride around campus is not going unnoticed. The winners have been notified and will be formally presented their awards at the November Staff Senate meeting on November 13, 2024.

The winners for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Service Champ, demonstrating the five pads of the Lion Paw, are Alex Gandy (Director of Career Services), Patrick McGuire (IT Support Technician), and Shakira Gammill (IT Business Systems Analyst). We congratulate these winners and encourage everyone to take the time to acknowledge the magnificent work being done around campus.



#### II. Committee Updates

The Staff Welfare Committee has been looking into benefits available to faculty and staff at Missouri Southern and ways to boost employee morale beyond compensation. Look for more information on this in the coming months.

The Communications Committee has been working with IT to update the Staff Senate Anonymous Comment Form that would allow Staff Senate Executive Committee a way to follow up with the staff member making the comment for resolution or follow up. In the recent years there have been a number of comments made where it would have been beneficial to know the author of the comment so resolution could be provided. The goal is to allow the author an option to share their contact information with the members of the Executive Committee or acknowledge that a resolution to their comment may not be provided.

It is time for Angel Tree. The Community Service Committee has been working with Financial Aid to address issues stemming from the FAFSA changes which resulted in access to Pell-eligible student information no longer being available for Angel Tree outreach. They are finalizing the process, and the tree is ready to go up. Once the application closes, the tags will be available for pick-up. This outreach is one of the favorites that Staff Senate hosts each year, and we look forward to providing gifts to the families of our students.