

Mary Joyce Bryan
Student Outreach Award
Personal Statement

I am a proud alumnus of Louisiana Tech University having received my degree in Elementary Education fifty years ago in November 1967. This just so happens to be the very first quarter ever at Louisiana Tech University. I was able to teach at Cypress Springs Elementary School for a year and a half while my husband finished his degree here as well. After he graduated he was commissioned as an officer in the U. S. Navy. He was in the Navy for approximately ten years. We returned home and I was fortunate enough to work for Commercial Union Life Insurance Company until December of 1990 when the Life Company was sold.

I then began my civil service career at Grambling State University in May of 1991 and worked there until July of 1992. I was offered a position at Louisiana Tech University in July 1992 working in the Electrical Engineering Department. That Department was comprised of Electrical Engineering and Electrical Engineering Technology. The College of Engineering and Science later changed the structure and eliminated Department Heads and set up a structure of Academic Directors, who were in charge of several programs. I was asked to take on the responsibility for the Computer Science Program which I did.

In the summer of 1999 Dr. Jim Nelson asked that I apply for a position that was opening in the Undergraduate Studies Office. I did apply and was hired and have now been in this position nineteen years. Until a year or so ago I was in charge of the scholarship awards and am still helping with the knowledge I have regarding certain scholarships. I check all COES degree candidate files and clear each for graduation. This spring quarter we currently have 307 students registered for graduation. Of these there are 6 earning dual degrees! Over the years I have been in charge of the student workers in our office. I help with Orientation and advising of students. I also help with the routine advising and have advised a few thousand students during my time here at Tech. I complete all transfer evaluations for COES.

I have been a sounding board for students who just want to talk about issues with their classes as well as personal problems. I have always tried to just listen and if asked provide advice when needed. Believe me I have handed out many a tissue over the years; but, I have truly enjoyed my time here at Tech and absolutely LOVE IT when the graduates come back to see me! This job has kept me much younger than any other job could have ever done. Our office is so vibrant and is the "HUB" of Bogard Hall. This building is never empty...students are working on something at all hours. Our students here at Tech and especially COES are out country's future and I so PROUD to have played a very small part in making their time here a time to remember.



COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE

May 3, 2018

Dear Selection Committee:

It is a pleasure for me to recommend Ms. Joyce Bryan for the University Senate Student Outreach Award. It feels like I have known Joyce forever. I'm going to guess that it's been about 20 years.

Joyce is the primary processor of student records in the College of Engineering and Science. She checks the transcripts of incoming students to determine if the credits earned at other institutions have an equivalent course at Louisiana Tech. This is painstaking work that requires attention to detail, communication with departments across campus, and personal contact with students. She also evaluates the final transcripts of all graduates from the College, regularly making phone calls to students to resolve issues.

Joyce is the busy bee of our College, working with efficiency, intensity and precision. She has accumulated 1608 hours of annual leave ... over 40 weeks of unused vacation! She has 3267 hours of accumulated sick leave. She is a worker and working is what makes her happy. She is quite literally a machine.

Joyce my go-to person on all questions regarding student records, university policies, and for general advice about almost anything. She is a student counselor and a student champion who interacts daily with Tech students with integrity and compassion. A Joyce Bryan only comes around once, and we are lucky that she ended up with us. It is an honor for me to recommend her for your consideration.

Best Regards,

David Hall, Ph.D.

Director of Project-Based Learning

Director of Electrical Engineering Technology, Industrial Engineering, and Instrumentation & Control Systems Engineering Technology

James F. Naylor, Jr. Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering



COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE

April 26, 2018

University Senate
Louisiana Tech University

Re: Student Outreach Award for Classified Staff- Joyce Bryan

Dear Selection Committee:

I believe Joyce is an outstanding candidate for the Student Outreach Award. I had the pleasure of working with her for the past ten years.

In my role as a Manager, I can always depend on Joyce to give me an honest feedback and constructive suggestions to improve the quality of service to students and faculty.

Her wide range of duties include checking for transfer credits, curriculum sheets for graduation, calculating the Rubric GPA for students not meeting graduating requirements and processing scholarship applications. She has been a sounding board for many a student, parents, grandparents, faculty and staff! She handles the task of communicating with professional ease and clarity.

She puts her heart and soul into her job and continues to work several hours well beyond her office hours. She is a tremendous asset to the College and has repeatedly demonstrated her passion for the success of every student.

I deem it my honor to recommend her for this award

Sincerely,

Sylvia Shultz
Executive Office Manager
College of Engineering & Science

May 3, 2018

RE: Student Outreach Award for Classified Employees

To Whom It May Concern:

I am very pleased to recommend my friend and co-worker, Joyce Bryan, for the Student Outreach Award for classified employees. Mrs. Joyce is a beloved icon in the College of Engineering and Science, and there is no better model of staff-student interaction than her example. She is an integral part of our students' lives from Orientation through graduation. She is heavily involved in the advising of freshmen and transfer students, and she serves as the final checkpoint before students graduate. With this level of involvement, it is no wonder that she is admired and respected by our students. New students quickly pick up on the fact that she is a go-to person in the college and they value her for her wisdom, compassion, and ability to help them resolve issues. She comes in early and leaves late, and her door is always open to those needing help. She is well-respected by COES faculty and staff, and I can think of no one more deserving of this award.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email.

Sincerely,

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