

April 30, 2020

Attn: Alicia Kimbell

University Senate

Subject: Frank Barber – University Senate Student Outreach Award

It is my extreme pleasure to be nominated for this award. I have worked for Louisiana Tech University for 41 years. I began my tenure in 1979 as a general laborer and have progressed to my current position as Horticultural Attendant. During this time I have prided myself in manicuring the grounds to the highest possible standard. The expectation each day is to uphold the University's world class reputation.

As the Horticultural Attendant solely responsible for maintaining the University's Quad I personally attend to the Lady of the Mist ensuring her beauty radiates the area. I also ensure the grass is properly trimmed and each flowerbed is given my personal attention.

All of the duties aside, my biggest pleasure has been working with our wonderful students year in and year out. I love our students and try to be a positive influence on them by demonstrating hard work and the results of setting high expectations. I also love to help the various student groups across campus with their individual activities. Over the years I have participated with some of the athletic teams and the Black Engineers in planting trees around the campus. Each year I have been a part of the Louisiana Tech Big Event as well as events put on by the Student Government Association (SGA). Each of these have given me a chance to connect with our students and that is my ultimate goal.

Again, thank you! The honor of being nominated for this distinguished award is reward enough!

Ever Loyal Be,

Frank Barber



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Ladies and Gentlemen:

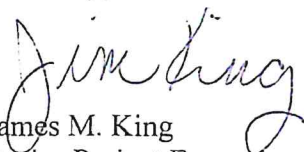
It is my privilege to submit this letter supporting Frank Barber's nomination for the University Senate's Student Outreach Award. I am confident that the Senate will receive several nominations from deserving candidates for this prestigious honor. Mr. Barber is certainly in that category.

So much of the University's success in the recruitment and retention of students is due to the tireless work of individuals like Frank. These are the ones who consistently go about their duties each day with a friendly smile or comment. The ones that over decades of service have literally defined the University's culture. They are the individuals that make the Tech campus a special place. I have personally witnessed Frank's contribution to our campus and our students for well over thirty years. His efforts to maintain a high standard of seasonal plantings and maintenance in our quadrangle touch each one of us as we walk across the campus. For the students, it is often one of their cherished memories. For a number of reasons the work of a groundsman can go unnoticed. As we hurry across the campus we often overlook the beauty that has been created or the friendly good morning from the man that has created it.

Frank Barber is one of the unsung heroes of the success of Louisiana Tech University. He exemplifies what the Tech family is all about. His commitment over decades of service is commendable and his contribution to the success of our students should not go unnoticed. The University's grounds and physical appearance is undoubtedly an integral part of the campus experience but the manner in which it is produced can literally make all the difference in the daily life of our students.

It is for these reasons that I respectfully offer this letter of support for Mr. Frank Barber's nomination of the University Senate Student Outreach Award 2020.

Sincerely,


James M. King
Senior Project Executive



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Dear University Senate Awards Selection Committee:

Thank you for your service on this important committee. Recognizing our faculty and staff is so important. The countless hours they invest is what makes Louisiana Tech such a special place and they deserve to be acknowledged.

I am honored to be able to share my recommendation for the Classified Student Outreach Award – Frank Barber a vital member of our Grounds Department. I think if you polled our student body, most of them would know who you were referring to when you said Mr. Frank. They would probably say...the guy that keeps our campus looking so pretty, or the guy that keeps the Lady of the Mist clean, or maybe the guy that always says hello when I walk by, or even the guy that is always working in the flower beds on campus. I am sure you would get the same response from alum, many who knew Mr. Frank when they were students.

Frank has been a devoted employee of Louisiana Tech for over 40 years. He is kind of like the mailman – rain, wind, sleet, or snow he is at work and ready to make the campus look as beautiful as possible, always with a smile on his face and a kind word for whomever walks by.

You may be asking why Frank for the Student Outreach Award. Well it is simple. Frank's dedication to keeping our campus beautiful which impacts students daily is why. Just like each of us they too enjoy the beauty of the Louisiana Tech campus. Being able to walk through the quad and enjoy the tulips in full bloom or the sweet smell of the roses will brighten anyone's day no matter how hard that test was or how home sick they may be. His impact goes far beyond our current students; think about how many prospective students and their parents walk across our campus each year – Frank's long hours and dedication definitely impact their first impression of Louisiana Tech.

I am confident that many of colleagues would agree with me in saying that Frank is a fixture of the Louisiana Tech campus. Frank Barber has had a tremendous impact on countless students and is most deserving of being honored with the Student Outreach Award.

Sincerely,

Ryan W. Richard
Coordinator of Planning and Advancement

April 29, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

I am happy to recommend Frank Barber for the University Senate Student Outreach Award.

I believe we all could strive to be more like Frank as he goes about doing his daily routine at Louisiana Tech University as a Horticultural Attendant.

Frank has been an icon at Tech for 35 plus years. His daily mindset is to make today better than yesterday! Frank spends countless hours surrounded by green grass, manicured shrubs, colorful flowers and noble trees, which brings happiness to our campus community! He takes great pride in his beautification projects and satisfaction in pleasing others. He works tirelessly to prepare our campus for important events such as game days, graduation, visits from dignitaries, summer orientation and prospective students and parents visiting our campus for the first time. The grounds must look exceptional for Frank to give his stamp of approval.

No matter how busy Frank's day is, you can always expect him to greet you with a friendly smile and a big wave. He is a gentleman with a big heart! He always sets an example for those that follow in his footsteps and is admired by fellow colleagues he trains for the future.

Louisiana Tech is fortunate to have someone like Frank that possesses a passion for plants, a creative eye for detail, but most importantly, a love for Louisiana Tech University. As you stroll through our campus and embrace the beauty of our grounds, please note, Frank played a part in creating happiness by using his special talents!

Please consider Frank Barber as the recipient for the University Senate Student Outreach Award.

Sincerely,

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