

**To the Selection Committee, Loyalty Award**

**From Teddy Allen, Writer/Editor, University Communications, Louisiana Tech**

Please thank the kind and obviously easy-to-please person who nominated me. Also thanks to you who serve on the committee; my experience has been that committee service is harder than it looks. Appreciate you.

I wound up at Louisiana Tech years ago at age 18 through no effort or plan of my own, so Providence looks after clowns and idiots, just as grandmamma promised me He would. Fortunately, people kept giving me chances to do things here, and I kept accepting.

In October 2008 I was given the opportunity to work for the University I flunked out of in 1979. What a country we live in, right? But what a bunch of people too, who'll give you a chance to get back into school, and then later trust you with continuing the mission of the University.

My job is to inform and entertain, but almost as important is to encourage. I'm the older guy now and try to treat the younger members of the Tech Family, students or co-workers, the way I was treated. I was encouraged and inspired. I have old Tech friends who did everything they could to convince me I had super powers, although I didn't. But secretly, they made me think I did. That's what I enjoy doing today, spreading that kind of encouragement and helping my younger friends get there.

Besides creating content with our dedicated and talented not-scared-of-work team in University Communications, I get to help Malcolm and that gang of friends, when needed, at latechsports.com. Fortunately, my responsibilities take me over much of the campus, so I have a decent idea about what Tech people are doing everywhere.

Thank you again for your work and for your time. And my gratitude to these three friends and Tech Faithful who wrote letters for me; I didn't want to put anyone I work with today on the spot, and it seems they have plenty to do already.

It's an honor to serve with all of you.

Your friend,  
teddy



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To: Selection Committee, Tech Loyalty Award 2021  
From: Corre Stegall, Vice President Emerita  
Subject: Teddy Allen, nominee for the Loyalty Award

It's truly a privilege to offer my emphatic support for Teddy Allen's nomination for Tech's Loyalty Award. I can think of no better qualified candidate; in my opinion, he totally fulfills all of the eligibility criteria, and far exceeds so many of those.

His love of the University is unquestioned; anyone who's read his prolific writings or heard him speak, emcee, or broadcast sporting events couldn't miss his dedication and determination to promote the best of Louisiana Tech at every opportunity. His unassuming, humble manner doesn't hide his pride and loyalty to Tech. He really is one of our greatest ambassadors ever. And he walks his talk.

During my tenure as Vice President for University Advancement, I called on Teddy so many times for help, and he always was enthusiastic and willing—even when he was already overloaded with work in his "regular job." As an emcee for numerous alumni programs and events, he was amazing. He knows practically everyone who has attended Tech in many decades, and he's steeped in the history and people of the University. That combination makes for delightful and memorable interaction whether from the podium or in personal encounters. And though he makes it all look and seem effortless, I can attest to the fact that he spends hours preparing...hours outside his regular responsibilities...and he never takes any credit for the successes he makes happen. I'll always be grateful!

Teddy has been a huge part of the production of countless publications over the years. Alumni magazines for decades have featured his work, and always he shines a beautiful light on the people, programs, and events he writes about. He cares so deeply about every area of Tech, and he so enjoys and seizes opportunities to celebrate through his writing the people and programs that we wouldn't know about otherwise. His brilliant use of words brings life to subjects that might be far out of the spotlight...and about which he has learned and advocates. He has collaborated with almost every unit on this campus at one time or another, capturing each and celebrating its excellence.

He has the amazing ability to interact with prospective students, our current students, alumni, and everybody he meets and convinces to love Tech! He's unassuming, won't accept credit, and is the man who truly goes above and beyond in everything he does. Excellence is his hallmark, and he's made Tech better every day.

## **Dr. Pat Garrett, Professor Emeritus, College of Liberal Arts**

Teddy's loyalty is seen daily as he drives from Shreveport to Tech to serve in multiple capacities.

He writes many of the news releases which issue from the President's Office which describe the many activities by which Tech is recognized nationally. He also helps produce "Beyond 1894," the University podcast he pitched as an idea; he had been doing a weekly podcast for athletics and felt "Beyond 1894" would be another way to introduce the University's strides, contributions, ideas, and history through more spotlights on faculty, staff, students, and friends to a large audience.

He doubles as a sports color person who assists Dave Nitz in football announcing and is the backup for baseball when the basketball and baseball seasons overlap, and he helps fill gaps at [latechsports.com](http://latechsports.com).

His weekly column in the Shreveport Times and Monroe News-Star is one of the most widely read and appreciated pieces of journalism in Louisiana. Teddy's writing style is distinctive and has won the acclaim of writers all over the South. The loyalty which drives these accomplishments is exemplary. No one could do this without a deep love and affection for the University.

**Roy Waters, LA Tech retired, Top 50 Football Players for Tech All-time**

I strongly recommend Teddy Allen for Tech's Loyalty Award.

I met Teddy in Mangham LA in 1981 where he was covering their high school football game, and have followed his career ever since. His story writing talent is incredible, especially his skill for turning a timely phrase to make his point.

His dedication to Tech is readily visible, working with media outlets, preparing stories for release, announcing sporting events (nights away from home), volunteering for campus events, helping others when asked. His love for Tech shines out.

We shared many lunches at the Ropp Center and he's always cheerful and positive. His friendship has been my pleasure.

Teddy is a Quiet Winner. A fine asset for Tech who personifies Tech's rich family atmosphere.

Sincerely,  
Roy Waters