



LOUISIANA TECH
UNIVERSITY

PRESCOTT MEMORIAL LIBRARY

April 29, 2021

To the Members of the Senate,

I am so thankful to be nominated for the 2020-21 Outstanding Service Award - Classified.

I am a Library Specialist 3 in the Bibliographic Management Department at Prescott Memorial Library.

I process the Government/Federal Documents from the Government Printing Office. This includes many different formats of documents and all the guidelines that go along with it.

I love to help the students and faculty members find the documents they are searching for instead of just telling them where it is located. We have over 4 million pieces in our collection, so finding a document can be a daunting task.

I am always up for a challenge of moving, shifting, and rearranging areas to better serve the students.

From my time in Food Service, The Post Office, and now in the Library, it has always been about the students. I also enjoy working with many loyal Tech Faculty and Staff Members. They make coming to work a pleasure.

Thank you for considering my nomination for the 2020 Outstanding Service Award – Classified. I am very honored and appreciative.

Sincerely,

Nickie Blackwelder

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Library Specialist 3

Prescott Memorial Library



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April 23, 2021

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Members of Awards Subcommittee
University Senate
Louisiana Tech University

Dear Members:

Please consider this letter a recommendation in support of Nickie Blackwelder's nomination for the University Senate Outstanding Service Award.

I have known and worked with Nickie since she began working at Prescott Memorial Library in April 1994. As a member of the Bibliographic Management Department in Prescott Memorial Library, she documents the receipt of weekly Federal Document shipments, claims any that are missing from the shipment, and processes those materials in a timely manner. Nickie also edits bibliographic entries for the Library's on line automated system using accepted library standards and procedures.

Nickie recently proved her value to the Library during a project as we restructured the Reference Department in order to provide space for our CIO, Tom Hoover, to establish a student collaboration area on the main floor. This was a massive effort that included removing volumes to be withdrawn, relocated, or reshelved. Metal shelving units were also dismantled, moved to other locations, and either reassembled or put in storage. During this time, Nickie helped with every phase of the project and tackled any job asked of her with an outstanding and helpful attitude. She is also responsible for making some astute observations and offering well-thought-out suggestions that made the job easier. The result is that the students will have a more functional area in which to study, collaborate, complete online assignments, take proctored tests, and more easily access materials.

Nickie displays the qualities that the University Senate Outstanding Service Award was created to acknowledge. She is deserving of it, and I hope that she will be considered and rewarded for her outstanding contributions to Louisiana Tech University.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sue McFadden".

Sue McFadden
Interim Library Director
Business Liaison Librarian
Prescott Memorial Library
Louisiana Tech University



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April 28, 2021

Dear Members,

I am pleased to write a letter of support for Ms. Nickie K. Blackwelder for the Outstanding Classified Support Service Award. I have worked with Ms. Blackwelder and have always found her dependable, efficient, and unfailingly punctual. I have never worked with a person who gives as much attention to detail as she does. Her willingness to take on challenging projects like the Weeding/Relocation 2021 and see them to successful completion has repeatedly impressed me.

Her skills do not end with her technical service work. She also projects a warm, cheerful attitude to our students and staff members. I have seen her resolve difficult situations with remarkable patience and admirable tact. In the community, she goes out of her way to help people in need by volunteering. She enjoys people, works hard, and always tries to lift the moods of those around her. I believe these characteristics represent well in our university and library, and I am pleased to nominate her for the Outstanding Classified Support Service Award.

It has been a privilege to know this very dedicated individual. I nominate Nickie K. Blackwelder and ask that you please call on me to assist you in this regard further.

Dale Saenz

Cataloger/Systems Administrator

Louisiana Tech University



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April 19, 2021

To the Member of the Senate,

It is my honor and privilege to write this letter of support for Mrs. Nickie Blackwelder, nominee for the 2020 Outstanding Service Award – Classified. ***Through her 39 ½ years of employment at Louisiana Tech University, Nickie has continuously and consistently delivered quality service, created a welcoming environment, built strong connections and met the needs of all Louisiana Tech University faculty, staff, and students.*** I have worked with Nickie at Louisiana Tech for 21 years, at the Prescott Memorial Library for the last 2 years, and have known her personally 43 years, and it is from this perspective that I write this letter of support.

A perfect example of Nickie's ability to create a welcoming environment and build strong connections occurred just last week. Nickie helped prepare and serve our student workers for Student Worker Appreciation week. There are 25 student workers and 5 graduate assistants in our department. She assisted a blind student by walking him back to the Center of the Blind so he would not have to cross over the busy streets and risk getting injured. ***Nickie made each of them feel valued.***

Nickie always goes above and beyond her normal duties to assist the faculty, staff, and student workers at the library. I have witnessed her going out in the rain unclogging drains that have clogged due to the leaves and debris so the other employees would not have to walk through the backed up water. She always puts the needs of others above herself. She has moved numerous stacks of books, shelving, furniture, and cabinets by herself. She does this all with the most willing and friendliest attitude. When you see her, you never hear her complain and she always has the friendliest smile.

She is always willing to do whatever it takes to help faculty, staff, and students, whether it's her job or not.

Mrs. Nickie Blackwelder is the ideal recipient for the 2020 Outstanding Service Award-Classified Award. ***She genuinely respects others and has their best interests as her top priority.*** The Tech Family is fortunate to have Nickie Blackwelder as one of its members for 39 ½. ***I encourage you to show Nickie just how much we appreciate all 39 ½ years of her outstanding service to the faculty, staff, and students by presenting her the 2020 Outstanding Service Award – Classified.***

Respectfully,

Cynthia Renee S. Boyte

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Administrative Assistant
Prescott Memorial Library

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