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PRESCOTT MEMORIAL LIBRARY

April 16, 2021

To the Members of the Senate,

What an honor to be nominated for the 2020 Student Outreach Award. I am very humbled that I have been nominated for such a prestigious award.

Currently, my position is Administrative Assistant in the Dean's Office of the Prescott Memorial Library. In this position, it allows me to come in contact with many faculty, staff, and students from all areas of the university. As an employee of the university, I feel it necessary to treat everyone with respect and assist in any means possible. I strive to make each and every student's experience here at Louisiana Tech one of the most memorable ever. I love being a kind voice and taking time to listen to their needs, I have been referred to as a Tech Mom and sometimes, that is exactly what a student may need is to know they do have faculty and staff here that are willing to be there for them. Life can be very difficult and being away from home and family can be a struggle for some students. It is my hope that I have been able to touch the life of one or more of the faculty, staff, and students that I have had the pleasure of coming in contact with here at Louisiana Tech. My life has been enriched by getting to meet so many wonderful people.

I am honored to be a 2 time recipient of the College of Applied and Natural Sciences' Debra L. Martin Award for outstanding staff service. This award recognizes exceptional contribution for providing a positive environment for students, faculty, and staff.

Thank you so much for considering my nomination for the 2020 Student Outreach Award. Again, it is an honor in which I am very appreciative of being nominated for.

Sincerely,

*Cynthia Renee S. Bayle*  
Administrative Assistant  
Prescott Memorial Library

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April 28, 2021

Student Outreach Award Committee:

I am writing to in support of **Renee Boyte's** nomination for Student Outreach Award. I can think of no one more deserving of this prestigious award. I worked with Renee for many years when she was the Administrative Assistant in the School of Human Ecology where I am a faculty member. I witnessed first-hand her passion and dedication to helping students at Louisiana Tech both personally and professionally.

Renee has an infectious positive attitude and a caring spirit that she displays with everyone with whom she comes in contact. Students would enter the HEC main office and be met with a smile, care, and respect. Renee would go *above* and *beyond* to find a solution to their concerns or find the right person to help them. Students might walk into the HEC office concerned or stressed and they left feeling supported and helped.

Behind the scenes but related to the improvement of quality of student life, Renee meticulously kept our student records not only up to date; but carefully reviewed to ensure that their matriculation was kept on track and was always seeking to learn as much as possible about University policy and advising to ensure that students had the best and most efficient experience while they were part of HEC.

Renee is now the Administrative Assistant in the Dean's Office of the Prescott Memorial Library. Although taking that position was a loss for HEC, she now is able to expand her reach to help students from all over campus. Renee embodies the spirit of the Tech Family as she does not think about her job description when she is working with students, she thinks about how she can help and support them with whatever resources she has available.

Please accept my strongest recommendation for Renee Boyte for the Student Outreach Award.

Sincerely,

Julie M. Rutledge, PhD  
Director, Education and Research in Children's Health (ENRICH) Center  
President, Society for Research in Human Development  
Associate Professor of Human Development and Family Science  
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April 28, 2021

To the Members of the Senate,

This letter is in support of Renee Boyte's nomination for the 2020 Student Outreach Award. As we all know, this past year has been particularly difficult for all students, staff, and faculty. Renee's hard; dedicated work has been extremely helpful during this time. She has been honored by being a two-time recipient of the College of Applied and Natural Sciences' Debra L. Martin Award for outstanding staff service.

Renee's outstanding work of trying to be proactive to keep the student's needs has been specially given the hardships that a lot of students have faced this past year. Given Renee's position in the library, she is ideally suited to make a significant impact on helping others. In my relatively short time at the university, I have found her to be a compassionate servant leader that genuinely has the university and its students, staff, and faculty as the top priority. I truly feel blessed to have her working in the Prescott Memorial Library and am thankful for her can-do attitude and hard work ethic.

Again, I think Renee is well-deserving of this prestigious award and am glad that she has been nominated for it.

Please let me know if I can do anything else in support of her nomination.

Best,

Thomas Hoover  
Chief Information Officer  
Louisiana Tech University





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April 22, 2021

Members of Awards Subcommittee  
University Senate  
Louisiana Tech University

Dear Members:

Please consider this letter a recommendation in support of Renee Boyte's nomination for the University Senate Student Outreach Award.

I have known and worked closely with Renee since she began working at Prescott Memorial Library in June 2019. In her position as the Administrative Assistant in the Office of the Dean of Prescott Memorial Library, Renee has much responsibility and an intimidating work load. A great deal of her duties are associated with our Work-Study students and those who earn Regular Funds. She is the first face that the students see when they come to apply for a job in the Library, and she is very approachable. Renee has a manner about her that puts the students at ease immediately. She assists them with the application process, talks to them about their interests and experience, and then sends them to the department where their skills will be best utilized. The Library also employs a group of graduate assistants who go through a more rigorous screening process. Renee has been immensely helpful in this endeavor, and her insight has been valuable during this process.

Renee is very easy to talk to, and our students know that any time they need assistance they can count on her to welcome them into her office and help in any way that she can. Since Renee is a longtime Tech employee, she is very knowledgeable about contact people and office locations on campus. This is another talent that she offers to new or confused students.

Renee certainly exemplifies the qualities that the University Senate Student Outreach Award was created to acknowledge. She is truly deserving of this honor, and I hope that she will be considered and rewarded for her outstanding contribution to Louisiana Tech University.

Respectfully,

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