

MTAP Monthly

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

JAYRAH TRAPP

As I reflect on the end of a busy semester for the newsletter committee, I want to say thank you to my wonderful committee members. You work so hard to make sure MTAP has an informative and beautiful newsletter each month. Thank you, also, to our readers. We appreciate your kind words. Readers, if you have suggestions for how we can improve, feel free to send me an email. We plan to continue posting monthly newsletters this summer that you can read by the pool or in your air-conditioned office. *Happy summer!*

CELEBRATING MTAP ACHIEVEMENTS

Jennifer Tweedie graduates this summer with her first bachelor's degree, a BA in Visual Arts.

Abree Gonzalez is back in school working on a bachelor's degree. Her major is Integrated Studies, and she plans to take the Prior Learning Assessment once enough credits are earned.

Kelsey Warner passed the Spring 2026 CAP exam.

Cindy Dinwiddie and her husband, David, celebrated their 26th wedding anniversary on May 13.

A special congratulations to **all of us** for keeping our heads above water for the last several weeks during the end-of-semester season!

Sandra Campbell and her husband, David, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on June 1. To celebrate, they are going to the Hudson Valley region of NY State. Sandra plans to visit Poughkeepsie, the homesite of Margaret Norrie. Sandra researched Norrie several years ago for the State University of New York at Binghamton's "Suffrage Supporters of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, 1890-1920" project. Norrie contributed to many organizations and Vassar College. A State Park is named in her honor.

If you want to read about her, here is the link to Sandra's biographical sketch:
<https://documents.alexanderstreet.com/d/1009859955>

MTAP MEMBERS HONORED AT EMPLOYEE AWARDS CEREMONY

by JAYRAH TRAPP

The annual **Employee Recognition Awards Banquet** was held on Administrative Professionals Day, April 22, 2026. Amidst the yummy refreshments and exciting door prizes, MTAP had a good showing.

Our fearless President, **Jenny Marsh**, gave a speech that many say brought tears to their eyes. With her signature humor and charm, she sang the praises of those who “fix things before anyone knows they were broken,” contribute unwittingly to student retention with their presence, and come to work every day with an unflappable inner strength. Because she is generous, Jenny even bolstered those who are ineligible for MTAP membership, such as advisors and University police officers. Thank you, Jenny, for representing MTAP so well!

A total of eight MTAP members were nominated, and of those eight, two members won in their categories. Congratulations to our nominees!

- **Carmen Bucka**
- **Denise Gonzalez**
- **Diana Hill**
- **Julie Powers**
- **Victoria Richardson**
- **Ann-Marie Toombs**

Both winners are long-time members of MTAP. **Billie Jean Brown**, University College Senior Administrative Associate, received the award for Administrative Professional Employee of the Year. **Sarah Pruitt**, Coordinator in the Department of Social Work, received the award for Classified Employee of the Year. They each received a trophy to display, which lets everyone who comes to their offices know that they are the pinnacle of excellence here at MTSU.

A hearty CONGRATULATIONS to all!



Billie Jean Brown
Administrative
Professional
Employee of the Year



Sarah Pruitt
Classified Employee
of the Year





UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, June 9

1:30-2:30 p.m.

Oracle Lunch & Learn
with Jennifer Ponder

Virtual Teams Meeting



TOWN HALL MEETING

Wednesday, July 1
12-1 p.m. | Teams



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Missy Mullins (6/18)

Leslie Sims (6/21)

Janet Dutton (6/22)

RaeAnne Pardue (6/25)

CORRECTION

In last month's newsletter, we erroneously claimed that "amounts from the most recent fundraising events netted more than \$8,000 for MTAP." However, given the cost of the nuts (\$5,724), the true profit for Nuts, Slick Pig, and Julia's is \$1,508.51.