

Distinguished Staff Award Winners

During the 2025 Recognition Brunch, the inaugural Distinguished Staff Award was presented. This award recognizes the outstanding achievements, dedication, and contributions of our staff members. It celebrates those who have demonstrated exceptional performance, leadership, and commitment to the college's mission.

President John Jones presented the 2025 Overall Distinguished Staff Award to:



STACY ROHRER, Academic Department Coordinator, Music

Stacy's colleagues described her as the heart of the department—someone whose energy, kindness, and organizational brilliance keep everything running smoothly. From managing concerts, budgets, and student workers to welcoming prospective students and supporting faculty, her impact is felt in every corner of the department. She goes above and beyond—bringing her own linens to receptions, helping students repair instruments, and more! Stacy's ability to create a warm, inclusive, and supportive environment has left a lasting impression on students, alumni, and colleagues alike.

Winners within each of the following categories were also recognized for their achievements:



Community Engagement: BRENDA LANDIS, Student Innovation Engagement Specialist

This category highlights those who contribute to the community through outreach, service projects, or partnerships, strengthening the connection between the college and its surrounding community.

Brenda was praised for her dedication to a “useful” education—one that empowers students to apply what they learn far beyond the classroom. From her innovative approach to storytelling and podcasting, to her work as advisor to the radio station and her efforts to build bridges between campus and community, Brenda's impact is profound. She exemplifies what it means to lead with purpose, no matter your title.



Sustainability: LINDSEY LYONS, Director of Sustainability Learning

This category highlights those who promote and foster a culture of sustainability among staff and students through waste reduction and resource conservation initiatives.

Lindsey was praised for her ability to seamlessly unite students, faculty, and community partners through programs like Free Exchange, North Side Ride, and the Valley & Ridge faculty workshop. Her mentorship of student workers is a model of structure, empowerment, and care. She leads with intention—centering equity, sustainability, and collaboration in everything she does. The impact of her work is felt across campus and throughout Carlisle, and Lindsey's thoughtful, joyful approach inspires all who work with her.



Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: YVETTE DAVIS, Director of the Popel Shaw Center

This category highlights those who contribute to inclusive learning and working environments, as well as promote access, opportunity, and justice.

Yvette Davis was described as a cornerstone of the campus community—someone who quietly but powerfully uplifts others through her work with the Popel Shaw Center, the BERT team, Posse, ACE Peer Mentors, and more. She is a trusted mentor, a tireless advocate for students of color, and a compassionate presence who listens, educates, and empowers. Whether Yvette is planning events, offering guidance, or simply being available, her impact is deeply felt and widely appreciated.

College Operations:

This category highlights those who improve college operations, including innovative solutions and process enhancements. Key attributes include collaboration, attention to detail, problem-solving skills, and work ethic.



JAKE DAINS, SASA ESH, ROGER ROWE; Project Crew

The Project Crew was recognized for their countless room setups, furniture moves, and event preparations they handle—often multiple times a day and across seven-day work weeks. Whether it's transforming the Social Hall overnight or ensuring tables are ready on Britton Plaza, their efforts make campus events possible. Their professionalism, reliability, and tireless work ethic are essential to the success of both student life and administrative operations.



MICHELLE FISHER, Assistant Director of Admissions Visit Services

Michelle was described as the heart of Admissions—someone who not only ensures every visiting family feels welcomed and valued, but also deeply supports the students who help bring Dickinson to life. She is known as the “tour guide mom” for a reason: her encouragement, empathy, and unwavering support have helped students grow, thrive, and feel at home. Michelle’s impact is lasting and deeply appreciated.



Student Experience: JULI BOUNDS, Costume Studio Supervisor

This category highlights those who enhance the student experience through mentorship, support, and development, focusing on contributions that promote co-curricular learning and student growth.

Juli was praised for the way she has transformed the costume studio into a space that is not only technically excellent but also welcoming, inclusive, and inspiring. From teaching hands-on skills and modeling sustainability to hosting crafting sessions and creating moments of joy and connection—even during the challenges of COVID—she goes above and beyond in every way. Juli’s ability to meet students where they are, support them with patience and care, and help them grow is a true gift to our campus.



Advancing the Priorities Outlined in the Strategic Plan: TARA FISCHER, Associate Provost for Student Success

This category highlights those who advance the college’s strategic goals through leadership in initiatives that support its mission and vision, progressing long-term goals.

Tara was praised for her ability to connect with students of all backgrounds, her leadership in initiatives like the Advising Cadre, and her commitment to improving the student experience both inside and outside the classroom. Whether she is engaging seniors during retreats, supporting faculty advisors, or working late to help students through complex challenges, her energy, compassion, and creativity shine through. Tara is a trusted resource, a thoughtful collaborator, and a true advocate for student growth and well-being.

Congratulations to those listed above and to all of our nominees! Thank you for your contributions and service to the College!