

Dear Faculty Senate Staff Service Award Committee Members,

It is a pleasure to nominate (Charles) Steve Sawyer as an outstanding staff member from the Department of Communication.

Steve serves as the Video Coordinator for our Department, a position he has held since 2016. In his role, Steve Sawyer consistently works for the good of the Department. He is an energetic professional whose skills are essential to achieving the goals and objectives of the Department.

Steve is responsible for maintaining and upgrading our TV video production studio and our remote broadcast truck; both of which are essential to the training of students enrolled in the Broadcast Media and Sports Production programs. He works collaboratively with students and faculty in the development and production of a wide-range of student projects to include podcasts and public affairs programming, which is shown on APTV and our YouTube channels.

His work to facilitate these productions not only shares important information with our community but furthers the name and reputation of Austin Peay State University as well.

Steve Sawyer also plays a key role in the production of Dean Hoon's *Gov's on the Go Podcast*, which highlights the accomplishment of students, faculty and alumni of the College of Arts and Letters. During the final Riverfest in May, Steve led a student crew that produced the first ever remote podcast, and maintained a presence with our remote truck at Riverfest as a recruiting tool for the Department.

Additionally, Steve also works to further the goals and objectives of the University and local community.

He produces broadcast coverage of Govs football from Fortera Stadium, and men's and women's basketball from F&M Bank Arena. Steve also produces broadcasts of all Austin Peay commencement ceremonies. Furthermore, he produces coverage of every high school commencement ceremony in Clarksville.

Anticipating and meeting deadlines is a cornerstone of Steve's position as Video Coordinator. He has also demonstrated his ability to create a production when asked to do so on short notice.

In conclusion, Steve Sawyer is an outstanding staff member at Austin Peay. His work furthers the goals and objectives of the Department of Communication, the College of Arts and Letters, and the University as a whole. He well-deserves being presented the 2023 – 2024 Faculty Senate Staff Service Award.

Respectfully,



Dr. David von Palko
Professor of Communication



Dr. Rob Baron
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Professor David Ellison
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