



TO: DAFVM Faculty and Staff
FROM: Reuben Moore, Interim Vice President

I am pleased to announce that the Division of Agriculture, Forestry, and Veterinary Medicine (DAFVM) Staff Advisory Council is now taking nominations for the *Dr. Robert L. Williams DAFVM Stellar Staff Awards*. In 2016, the DAFVM Vice President's office began providing \$3,500 annually to acknowledge high-caliber staff members. The awards will recognize one staff member in each of the professional and support categories within DAFVM. Each award will be comprised of \$1,500 toward professional development and a \$250 cash award.

In 2019, Dr. Gregory A. Bohach, former vice president for DAFVM, established an endowment in honor of Dr. Robert Williams. It was his wish that the endowment be applied to the DAFVM Stellar Staff Awards.

The nomination procedures and criteria, along with the nomination form, are posted on the DAFVM website at www.dafvm.msstate.edu/resources/division-awards. Due to COVID-19, we are delayed in calling for nominations. The 2020 timeline has been adjusted as follows: June 8-solicitations begin; July 6-nominations are due; August 1-recommendations from the review committee are due to the VP; August 5-process is complete. An appropriate date and location for presentation of the awards will be determined in the coming weeks.

Please note that nominations must be forwarded to the Selection Committee by July 6, 2020.

Nominations may be submitted by campus mail, hand delivery, or by email to:

Kenner Patton, Chair DAFVM Stellar Staff Awards
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Nominations may also be dropped off in the VP office (203 Bost.)

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