

The 37th annual Celebrating Excellence in Service and Employee of the Year award winners were announced at a ceremony held April 16, 2026.

The 2026 award recipients are:

Bobcat Lifetime Achievement Award

- **Ronald A. Ramsfield**, Plant Sciences & Plant Pathology

Competence:

- **Nick Zelver**, Technology Transfer Office
- **Jeanne Carter**, TechLink

Courtesy:

- **Bill McKenney**, Dean of Students Office
- **Halley Perry**, Career Services, Division of Student Success

Reliability:

- **Christopher Lavery**, Parking & Transportation Services
- **Teresa Wilhelm**, Culinary Services – Indulge Bakery

Safety:

- **Brian Kassar**, Counseling & Psychological Services, Student Wellness
- **Katie Daughenbaugh**, WWAMI

Four staff awards were also presented to:

- **President's Award for Championing Campus Values**
 - **Susan Kelly**, Norm Asbjornson College of Engineering
- **Excellence in Outreach**
 - **Ann Bernard**, Montana PBS
- **Excellence in Innovative Service**
 - **Hilary Becker**, Health Professions Resource Center
- **Academic Advising**
 - **RC Townsend**, Advising Commons / Education, Health & Human Development

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