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## **MSC and student government start new recognition program**

Grand Junction - Mesa State College administration and student-leaders have announced the first winners of the new President/Mesa State College Associated Student Government Recognition Award. The award is designed to acknowledge those on campus who go the extra mile in performing their responsibilities. The Mesa State College Associated Student Government plans to give the award each month to one faculty member, one staff member and one student.

The March winners are:

**Staff:** Cathy Rickley, administrative assistant in the Department of Social and Behavioral Science Department. The person who nominated Rickley said the department could not function without her. She is the first point of contact for the department and is always willing to go the extra mile, the nomination said.

**Faculty Member:** Dr. Douglas O'Roark, history professor, is a highly respected instructor in the Social and Behavioral Science Department, his nominator said. He is very involved both within the Department and with his students, his nominator said. His door is always open and he makes every effort possible to work with the students, his nominator said.

**Student:** Greg Batchelder is a psychology major who is very active in the student Psychology Club. He also works in the Tutorial Learning Center. His nomination said he is a very driven individual who has overcome many personal challenges but uses the experiences to enrich his life and help others. Greg spends hours outside of class giving advice to fellow students on academic and personal matters and is recognized throughout the Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Department as a dedicated student, the nomination said.

The prize attached to the Recognition Award is use of a reserved parking spot in the new parking garage for the following month so each of March's winners will have use of a parking spot for the month of April. The faculty and staff members also receive free use of the Hamilton Recreation Center for the month..

"One of the greatest assets this institution has is the willingness of our faculty, staff and students to push harder and strive to be the very best at what they do," said President Tim Foster. "I appreciate that greatly and applaud the ASG for working with us to recognize those efforts."

President Foster approached ASG with the idea of identifying and rewarding those on campus who consistently put forth the extra effort that makes this campus exceptionally focused on students and customer-service oriented.

ASG liked the idea and formed a small interim sub-committee (The Recognition Committee) to identify students, faculty, and staff members who have gone beyond the call of duty in their pursuits at Mesa State College. They took nominations from department heads, professors, students and clubs and narrowed each category to three or four individuals. The committee then identified certain traits such as involvement both on- and off-campus, character, personal academic or professional drive, as well as other characteristics.

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