

December 2025 PROPS
Recipient- Phareta Calkin

P.R.O.P.S

December P.R.O.P.S Winner:

Phareta Calkin

Institutional Printer, Printing Services
49 years



Phareta was nominated by Lavonda Evans.

Evans said, "Phareta is simply a rockstar! She goes above and beyond to assist any department with their printing needs. Whether it is getting you in touch with another department for artwork approval or replying to numerous emails. Her demeanor and attitude speaks highly of her drive to be as efficient as possible, without losing any facets of the "customer service" this world is so desperately in need of. Phareta is an asset to this campus and deserves this recognition."

What do you like most about A-State?

The people. I like dealing with people. I think a lot of it is like when they have a job that they need in a hurry, I would say 99% of the time, we can get that done as quickly as we can. Some people may give me an almost impossible deadline, but I'm willing to come in early or stay late, or do whatever I need to do to make sure their stuff gets done. I like making people happy. I like dealing with the customer service end of it.

What do you wish everyone could know about your position?

I think people don't understand that when they send you a file to print, what all the printing process goes through to get to the final product. They think that you stick it on a copy machine, hit the button, and its "go," but there's a lot more to it than that. So I wish they understood the complexity of the printing process.

If you could have another job or career, what would it be and why?

I might like to do something in the sports-related field. Maybe a trainer or something like that in the medical field. They didn't have that when I was in school many moons ago. I volunteered for thirty-three years in the sports information office here. I traveled some with the basketball and football teams, and the track teams. I just like sports so much and going to events is what I enjoy most. So I think something in the sports-related field would probably be right up my alley.

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