



Dr. Cynthia Teniente-Matson, President

Dear Spartan Community,

At San José State, our people are the heart of everything we do. That's why I'm excited to invite you to *Celebrating Spartans: Honoring Faculty and Staff*, taking place in person on Wednesday, April 16. This special event will recognize the dedication and impact of our faculty and staff who have reached milestone years of service in 2024, as well as the recipients of this year's faculty and staff awards.

It is my pleasure to announce the 2024-2025 award recipients who reflect what it truly means to be a Spartan:

Staff Award Winners

- **Spartan Spirit Award** – Jahmal Williams
- **Distinguished Service Award** – Darcel Wood
- **Critical Employee Award** – Regino Garcia
- **Staff of the Year Award** – Janet Sundrud

Faculty Award Winners

- **Outstanding Lecturer** – Ninos Malek, Economics
- **Outstanding Professor** – Neil Switz, Physics and Astronomy
- **President's Scholar** – Roberto J. González, Anthropology
- **Distinguished Service Award** – Cara Maffini, Child and Adolescent Development

These remarkable individuals embody our commitment to innovation, service, and student success. Their contributions make SJSU a place of possibility, transformation, and pride.

Please join me in congratulating our awardees and milestone honorees—and I hope to see you at *Celebrating Spartans: Honoring Faculty and Staff* as we celebrate our shared accomplishments and spirit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cynthia Teniente-Matson".

Dr. Cynthia Teniente-Matson

President

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