

March 31, 2025

Dear Awards Committee,

My name is Jim Westrick and I currently teach film production and screenwriting in the Bellisario College. I am writing in support of Scott Travers, who was nominated by Michael Zelazny, for this years Rising Star award.

From a faculty perspective, Scott has been an invaluable addition to our equipment room staff. He has quickly learned the ins and outs of the equipment room and has done an excellent job in assisting Mike in daily operations. He has conducted multiple workshops for my production courses and does so in an engaging and supportive manner. He is always eager to help with whatever needs to be done and does so with a smile on his face and upbeat attitude. The students have had nothing but positive things to say regarding their interactions with him and consistently find him to be a valuable resource not only in terms of technical knowledge, but also general industry and professional advice.

As well as being a fantastic addition to the Bellisario staff, Scott is also committed to community involvement and volunteers as an on-campus poll worker on election days. And on top of taking an active role in our students' educations, Scott is also currently taking steps in furthering his own education by working towards a Masters degree in Strategic Communications here in the Bellisario College.

Scott has quickly cemented himself as a tremendous asset to our college and I highly recommend him for this honor. Thanks for your time and please feel free to reach out if I can be of any further assistance.

Best,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Westrick".

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