

Spring 2025 Nominees

- **Jeff Poleshek**

At the helm of Samford's Facilities Management, an often overlooked but essential part of campus, stands Jeff Poleshek, Assistant Vice President for Operations, Planning, and Construction. Jeff is always on the move. He is dedicated, informed, and approachable. Jeff often serves as an ambassador to the Homewood and larger Samford communities regarding ongoing capital and construction endeavors, embodying the core value of civic and university engagement. Jeff also demonstrates personal responsibility in his leadership and helps us to steward our resources well. He has been instrumental in the construction and maintenance of facilities to further spiritual growth and cultivate physical well-being. Most recently, Jeff made significant advances in securing LEED certification of the new Campus Recreation, Wellness and Athletic Complex, a first-of-its-kind project in many ways, including one that demonstrates the university's commitment to sustainability. Jeff embodies the core values and mission of Samford in his daily tasks, whether mundane or consequential, pursuing all with a desire for all to be worship. Jeff's servant-heartedness and heart posture of humility are evident to all who come in contact with him. We should count ourselves blessed to know and claim Jeff Poleshek as a member of the Samford community.

- **Christa Urban**

Christa is a joy to work with. Serving as the Administrative Assistant for Athletics, she ALWAYS has a positive attitude, even when dealing with challenging issues. She is an excellent communicator, which makes working with her and her department flow smoothly. She takes the time to go above and beyond with her communication and get to know her colleagues on a personal level. Christa challenges herself to continue to attend training sessions to even further her knowledge. Her positive attitude and joy in Christ are evident and are an asset to her department and to the University.

- **Sarah Waller**

Sarah Waller embodies the mission and values of Samford University in every aspect of her life and work. As a devoted follower of Christ and a two-time Samford graduate, she brings a deep love for the university reflected in the diligence, thoughtfulness, and excellence she demonstrates daily. Whether serving in CHS, Central Marketing, or as a member of the Leadership Samford cohort, Sarah approaches every task with intentionality and care. A critical thinker and innovator, she refuses to settle for the status quo and draws on her broad understanding of campus life to communicate Samford's story with clarity and creativity. In her current role as Director of Creative Services, Sarah is entrusted with safeguarding the Samford brand, an essential responsibility that ensures the university is represented with integrity, consistency, and purpose. Her careful stewardship helps build trust, strengthen identity, and preserve the values that make Samford distinct. Her dedication, integrity, and joyful spirit make her a shining example of Samford's mission in action.