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## Outstanding AP Award winner to be honored May 25

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"We received many worthy nominations, but Sheryl really stands out," said Jerry Compton, chemistry lab manager and chair of the Outstanding AP Selection Committee. "During her 20 years at OU, she has willingly given her time to many individuals, both clerical and administrative, as a mentor, collaborator and teacher."

Klemanski will be honored at an awards ceremony Tuesday, May 25, from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Oakland Center Banquet Rooms and will receive a \$1,000 stipend from the university. A committee including representatives from all areas of the university selected her.

Klemanski started at OU as an undergraduate student at 17 years old, got an on-campus job, and has been at the university ever since.

"I basically grew up here; this is my home away from home," she said. "After 25 years on this campus, many of my co-workers have become my good friends, others my mentors. The dedication and creativity these people bring to OU is inspiring. That's what makes coming to work every day an enjoyable experience."

Klemanski has served as the AP Association president, and during the past two years, she's participated on 22 university committees, including the Academic Council, University Senate and Tuition and Fees Committee.

"I was surprised to learn I was chosen. To be named Outstanding AP is a tremendous honor," she said. "If you look at the names of the previous recipients, I am humbled to be included in such a prestigious group of individuals."

The Outstanding AP Award selection criteria includes:

- extraordinary effort in support of institutional mission and strategic plan;
- spirit of cooperation;
- community and university service.

The first Outstanding AP Award was awarded in 1984. Klemanski is the 21<sup>st</sup> employee to receive the honor.

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