

Exciting Epidemics and Tangents: The Faculty and Staff Superlatives Award Night

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Photo: Brian Coulter ('26)

On Wednesday, April 30, the Student Government Association (SGA) hosted an event to honor—and more importantly, uplift the spirits of—faculty and staff at St. Norbert College. In preparation for the Faculty and Staff Superlatives Award Night, a variety of fun, creative superlatives were voted on by the student body, including playful awards like “Hype Machine” for playing music in class, “Get Up and Dance” for encouraging movement, “Exciting Epidemic” for conducting exciting labs, “Indiana Jones” for creating a fun learning environment, and “Sine, Cosine, Tangent,” which was awarded to the professor most likely to go off on a tangent during a lecture. A few heartwarming honors, such as “Most Welcoming Environment” and “SNC Parent,” were included in the otherwise comical ceremony.

When asked about the event’s origin, sophomore Allie Farris ('27) explained, “Student Government wanted to bring back something that happened years prior, where we would do a faculty and staff appreciation event... It had happened a few years ago, but we wanted to bring it back.”

“We had a lot of student concerns this year, specifically because of the cuts that have been going on, and we wanted to make sure our faculty and staff feel appreciated and know that they’re always welcome on campus.”

Light-hearted staff appreciation events may be held in future years, if the SGA chooses to uphold similarly casual celebrations of the SNC community’s quirks as in years past. If you’re interested in supporting your favorite staff member or professor’s eccentricities, be on the lookout for superlative voting and another award night in the 2025-2026 academic year. A night of appreciation, no matter how silly, is a great way to honor the educators and other staff members involved in shaping the St. Norbert College community.