



# Golden Nugget Awards – June 2019

## Area 1

### Chancellor Philip Dubois

Reason for nomination: Chancellor Dubois has served as our Chancellor since 2005 and has done great work year after year. April 30, 2019 Chancellor Dubois became a different person - the Chancellor we all needed in the moment of a tragedy. On May 1, 2019, in front of 8000+ people, Chancellor Dubois showed the UNC Charlotte community he too was human, he too was hurting, and he too was going to heal with us (not above us). He was seen many times on-campus following and truly cared to know how we each were. When I ran into Chancellor Dubois in the student union on May 2 we had a brief but powerful conversation. In that moment I saw a different leader in who he was. I saw the leader that cared deeply about us and the students. He was raw, vulnerable, and genuine. He looked at other events following and made decisions that made us feel he knew what we needed. I have never seen so many people attend his faculty staff socials, but he knew we (as a community) needed that time together. I'm not sure if Chancellor Dubois has ever received a Golden Nugget or even a nomination, but when I think of someone right now that deserves recognition for their leadership and going "above and beyond", he is the name that comes to mind (to so many)!

## Area 2

### Wally Anderson

Reason for nomination: Wally Anderson is a report writing magician! A few months ago, Wally was asked to create a dashboard for the financial aid team in order to illustrate time service and volume metrics. The request all began from a very quick high-level chat and a grid of "nice to have" metrics. He knew instinctively without much discussion on what was needed and began creating the dashboard. Wally developed an outstanding dashboard with different views by Financial Aid requirement, Academic year, and staff member. The dashboard has greatly assisted the financial aid management team with assessing workloads, developing performance metrics, creating time service expectations that will be shared with partner offices and students, and honing in on areas of opportunity for operational streamlining. Not only is Wally a pleasure to work with, but he is also thorough and thoughtful. He is proactive in his approach, knowing what will be asked for next. His ability to quickly understand what we are trying to accomplish and translate into useful and valuable reports is extraordinary. Wally is a true asset to UNC Charlotte and we are grateful he is on our team.

### Beth Dawson

Reason for nomination: Beth oversees both Graduation Services and Scheduling. Since the tragic event occurred on the UNC-Charlotte campus on 4/30/2019, Beth and her team members, Ingrid Hardy, Hannah Ramey, and Monique Wilson, along with our Senior Associate Registrar, Olga Pogorelsky and Registrar, Jon Reece have worked tirelessly to accommodate the ever-changing schedule for exam times, and classroom spaces. Additionally, with our commencement ceremony times being adjusted due to changes in the exam schedule, and additional security measures, and changes in the graduate line-up venue, and a shorter time line to prepare, an always hectic time has been even more so. Beth has put in many many hours in the past 11 days, and has done so with a sense of humor, and a smile on her face. She, Ingrid, Hannah, Monique, Olga, and Jon have been a shining example of what great teamwork can accomplish, and each deserve a Golden Nugget for their efforts.

**Jill Gosnell**

Reason for nomination: It has been my pleasure to work with and get to know Jill Gosnell. She is an extremely hard worker and does not hesitate to lend a hand where needed. She has been instrumental as the treasurer of Staff Council for the last three years, assists in facilitating event setups, and items behind the scenes. Her willingness to assist, attitude and excellent results allows her to shine as a great asset to Staff Council and the University as a whole. Thanks for all you do for me, Staff Council, the Registrar's Office, and the University!

**Ingrid Hardy**

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**Jim Novak**

Reason for nomination: Jim is a true team player and is very versatile in the department. I have heard of and benefited from Jim's willingness to jump in and help anytime he is needed. Recently I was unable to attend an event and needed someone to represent our department, not 5 minutes after I send an email Jim had responded to volunteer to take my place. Jim's generosity, kindness and willingness to help are often overlooked in our department and I feel that Jim needs to be recognized for his efforts to ensure that our department is represented professionally and that students receive the services they need. Thank you Jim!

**Olga Pogorelsky**

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**Hope Ringley**

Reason for nomination: Over the last week, the University has experienced many acts of kindness, support, and unity for Niner Nation and the Charlotte community. Our employees have rallied together. One such employee, Hope Ringley in the Registrar's Office, had the insight and desire to make green ribbons for the entire Enrollment Management team (120 staff) in honor and memory of the victims of the on-campus tragedy. Wearing these ribbons is a way for us to outwardly express our unity. A big thank you to Hope for donating her time and resources to make and deliver ribbons to all EM staff. Her caring and thoughtfulness truly embody what it means to be part of the Niner Nation family. Thanks Hope!

**Monique Wilson**

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**Area 8****Laurie Angel**

Reason for nomination: Laurie Angel deserves a Golden Nugget for her dedication and loyalty to The College of Engineering and the university. She is a rock star in supporting events and commencement, and anytime you need her. Laurie a true team player and I'm so thankful to have co-worker like her. When she helps out, she is in it with open arms ready to do anything that is needed. She will even do the dirty work. Thank you, Laurie for all you do and your support for the college. You are the best!

**Kevin Colwell**

Reason for nomination: I'm so thankful for the help and knowledge Kevin has given these past few weeks. The College of Engineering hosted about 300 Duke Energy Engineers, volunteers and staff for their Engineering Day. This event was complex with 5 different lecture rooms, and about 5 sessions in each room, running all day. Kevin and his team, along with Eric Rhodes, did a fantastic job coordinating all the presentations, even under strained circumstances with constraints from the presenters and the security on their systems. Initially, Kevin worked to help coordinate and make sure all presentations were up and running for recordings. There were a few mishaps and he steadily assisting in making the process work without fail. Kevin's ability to think outside of the box and work as a team is so commendable and true to the college. We are lucky to have such a good staff member like, Kevin and I am proud to call him a co-worker. Thank you, Kevin!

**Tatyana Miller**

Reason for nomination: Tatyana (Tayna) has been a great support for the staff in the ETCM Department. She does not judge or talk negatively about others. She is positive and does what she can to support others and to try to create a good/environment. She goes above and beyond to boost moral for the staff, and especially is a great help to new staff members. I appreciate her and the good spirit.

**Robin Moose**

Reason for nomination: Robin deserves a Golden Nugget for her dedication to EPIC and The College of Engineering. She has faced some challenges this year and has kept her center together by teamwork and working to keep the business need of the college. We appreciate you, Robin! We thank you for all the support you give to each and every one.

**Eric Rhodes**

Reason for nomination: Eric Rhodes is a pillar for The College of Engineering and I'm so thankful to have him on our team. It's people like Eric that make coming to work all worth it. He really has had some challenges in

the college this year and he has taken the lead in providing the best service to all our students, faculty and staff. Thank you, Eric for all your help on the Duke Energy Engineering Day. You and Kevin Colwell went above and beyond and I'm not sure what I would've done without you both.

### **Courtney Stephens**

Reason for nomination: Courtney Stephen does a great job working with our volunteers on special events in the college. I appreciate the time, dedication, and thoughtfulness she gives to these students and staff. I am grateful to have Courtney as a co-worker. She takes pride in her work and wants to help everyone that she can. She is a team player and a natural people person. Her potential is unyielding and enjoy seeing what she will do next. Thank you to Courtney for all your hard work in our office and the college!

## **Area 9**

### **Eric Bowers**

Reason for nomination: Eric was out of state attending a work conference when we had a need arise in Academic Affairs. Eric went above and beyond to produce the report we needed in record time and even made edits when requested. His commitment was greatly appreciated.

### **Melissa Hooper**

Reason for nomination: The cashier's office received a payment in the form of a money order. There was no student ID number on it and the name on the money order was not in our system. After several attempts to reach out to the Spanish speaking student, I was at wits end to find who this money belonged to. I remembered a co-worker, Melissa Hooper, was from Texas and might be able to help me. Melissa was nervous to try because she said she hadn't used Spanish in a long time. She called the phone number of the person I provided and sure enough, she was able to communicate with the owner of the money order and get the information of the student so that I could get the payment applied to the correct student. Melissa is such a great team member and shows no resistance in providing help any time she can. Way to go Melissa! You are indeed an asset to the Bursar's office.

## **Area 10**

### **Barbara Brookover**

Reason for nomination: Reason for nomination: Barbara was one of the Dispatchers/Telecommunicators working during the incident that occurred on 4/30/19. Barbara, along with other members of the dispatch team, remained focused on the safety of others during an extremely stressful time, and worked tirelessly throughout the night to ensure the phones and radio traffic were answered and all actions were accurately recorded. Barbara deserves a Golden Nugget.

### **Kim Church**

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### **Helena Connors**

Reason for nomination: Helena has been a great asset to Staff Council this past year. She was instrumental in coordinating the golf tournament with Staff Assembly and obtaining several sponsors and auction items for the event. It has been a pleasure working with her this past year and I look forward to any future endeavors we have together.

### **Caroline Kennedy**

Reason for nomination: Caroline has been a tremendous asset to the Research Office in CCI. Prior to my being hired as her supervisor, Caroline spent several months keeping the Research Office in CCI functioning in the absence of a Research Officer. In addition, she spent time training a newly hired post award specialist and continued to manage the bulk of all the sponsored awards in two of the three departments within the College.

In the last 6 weeks, she has managed the entire post award side due to another colleague being on FML. We could not function without her and she definitely deserves many extra gold nuggets!

### **Stacy Leotta**

Reason for nomination: Stacy is hardworking and very knowledgeable in sponsored programs. She has provided excellent support to the PIs and admins of EPIC when preparing proposals for submission. She communicates clearly and effectively, keeping all involved and aware of where things are in the process. She is always helpful to admins and PIs, as well as subcontractors; sometimes spending hours with them over the phone and in face to face meetings, going over the necessary documents. She shares her expertise to train and boost the confidence of other admins, and encourages them to continue their education as well. Stacy has become a great asset to our college office, and a valuable expert for our pre award needs. EPIC appreciates the effort Stacy puts into her work, and is grateful to have her as our pre award support.

### **Sarah Maybury**

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### **Dannie Mirovich**

Reason for nomination: Dannie was instrumental in obtaining rounds of golf packages from 4 different golf courses as well as items for the UNC Charlotte baskets. His commitment to the event was overwhelming. Staff Council would like to thank him for his outstanding dedication to the Chancellor's Golf Tournament and the scholarship program.

### **Jan Mullmann**

Reason for nomination: Jan was instrumental in obtaining 2 baskets from Trump National Golf Course. She voluntarily suggested that she might be able to get some items from the Golf Course. They donated 2 baskets for the event. Staff Council would like to thank her for her dedication to the Chancellor's Golf Tournament and the scholarship program.

## **Area 11**

### **Sherry Ceallaigh**

Reason for nomination: Even during her busy season of the closing of the fiscal year and managing multiple projects attached to budgets, Sherry took the time out of her day to work with me on two different endeavors: one for FM Onboarding and the other for the FM Apprenticeship Program. She could have certainly said "no" as both the tasks that she was asked to complete were outside of her job duties. However, without complaint or hesitation, she jumped right in to help me and the teams of FM staff who were connected to the two different projects. Thank you, Sherry, for your support, dedication to duty, and willingness to join a team...although your own team is busy beyond busy!

### **Pamela Duff**

Reason for nomination: Pam saved the day in May! I was scheduled to present to in Colvard North for a two-hour block with another presenter. The other presenter was a subject matter expert in ARCHIBUS. The morning of, my co-presenter became very ill. In less than an hour, Pam stepped in to not only do that portion of the presentation but also made a 50+ slide deck for our audience. Pam went above and beyond her regular job duties to be dedicated to our FM team and also provide our customers with the information that they had indicated that they expected from the workshop from a previous survey we issued to the group. Thank you, Pam!

### **Gloria Verlezza**

Reason for nomination: Gloria went above and beyond her own job duties by filling in for my current position for several weeks before my hire. That means that she not only performed her duties as an administrative

assistant but she also worked with all matters safety and compliance in FM Learning and Development to keep the momentum going in the interim between the retirement of my predecessor and my taking the Learning and Development position in FM. Thank you Gloria--I really don't know how you had the time to do both jobs nor continued to "onboard" me to FM via the transfer of your knowledge and duties of certain programs. I appreciate your dedication to duty, team, and self-motivation...and most of all your impeccable time-management skills...going above and beyond to maintain two sets of job duties until my hire.

## **Area 12**

### **Ramel Carter**

Reason for nomination: Larry Blomberg, my supervisor, called me on Saturday the 11th of May at 3:00 pm to alert me of a flood in the Garinger building. The first shift team had left for the day, and second shift does not work on Saturday. He asked me if I would call someone to go look into it. I told him that I would do it because I did not want bother any of the staff. When I got to Garinger, water was running out of the doors. The high voltage team member, Raymond Butler said that he would not advise me to go inside at that time. I called Darlene Johnson, and told her about the flood. She said "I'm on my way, and I will call Anfernee, and Curtis". I told her okay, and I will call William, and Ramel. They showed up within 30 minutes. When we went into the building water was standing in the hall, and in the offices 3 inches, and ceiling tiles had fallen down all over the building. We had our work cut out for us but we got wet vacs, and carpet extractors and cleaned up the building. THANKS TEAM!!!

### **Gloria Escobar**

Reason for nomination: On May 17th the Reese building was closed due to an electrical upgrade/issue (scheduled). As a result, we had to empty the refrigerator and freezer (3<sup>rd</sup> floor employees use to store breakfast/lunch). Gloria was nice enough to come over to Reese on Thursday, May 16th and pull our trash on the 3rd floor. Gloria was very kind and professional and we are so thankful she took the time out of her busy schedule to help us out.

### **William Hester**

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### **Aretha Jeter**

Reason for nomination: Aretha was so nice and professional when I asked her to coordinate the pick up of our trash on May 16th. Reese building was closed on Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> and we had to empty our refrigerator and freezer prior to the power outage. Aretha contacted the proper people to ensure that our trash was taken out and she followed up after to confirm that we were happy with the service.

### **Darlene Jeter**

Reason for nomination: Reason for nomination: Housekeeping is not easy work. However, Darlene Johnson always exhibits enthusiasm in her day to day tasks. Her can-do and get the job done right attitude is impressive. Today, she was cheering for carpet cleaning in our Kennedy Building. Darlene is an asset to our University and a friend and colleague to all.

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### **Clara Marrow**

Reason for nomination: On April 30, 2019 we experienced a tragedy here on campus. I was informed by one of my building liaisons that Clara really stepped up to help the students that were locked down in the building where she was assigned. I was informed on the empathy, care and just overall love and compassion that Clara showed the students. Her actions were very appreciated by the students, the building liaison and myself. I just want her to know that we recognize that she went out of her way to be kind and supportive to the students during this horrific time and that we appreciate all her efforts.

### **Steve McMiller**

Reason for nomination: Steve has been a vital part of our team in so many different ways. He sees something that needs done and does it. It doesn't matter is the task was originally assigned to someone else, he just does it. He is the prime example of what a team player is and I want him to know how much he is appreciated.

### **Curtis Simpson**

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## **Area 15A**

### **Jerome Crawford**

Reason for nomination: Thanks to Jerome for consenting to assist me as a certified van driver on May 9 for our departmental event committee so we can expeditiously get to the Hauser Alumni Pavilion in preparation for our departmental spring event next week. No one on the committee is van certified. I asked for a list of van certified staff in Facilities Management, and still have not received it. We have people who are out of the office attending a conference. One thing I know is all staff in the automotive shop are van certified, so I asked Jerome and without hesitation he agreed. I know everyone has a full schedule and with the conference this week, some areas are short staffed. It means a lot to be able to call on someone with little notice to help and they are willing to do so. Thanks Jerome! Beverly

### **Matthew Landon Martin**

Reason for nomination: Thanks to Landon for helping me out in a pinch. Today, Valerie and I had a meeting and needed to get to the Hauser Pavilion where people were waiting on us, but my key to our cart did not work. I immediately went to the automotive shop for assistance knowing they have a spare key to all carts. However, I was told it was on a key ring with multiple keys and it would take time to figure out which one to use. I said, "I need some help" and Landon asked me to follow him. He gave me the key to a spare golf cart. I made it to the meeting and back promptly. Today was an eventful day with multiple, unexpected things going on and every second counted. Thanks again Landon for your help.

## **Area 15B**

### **Sandy Mullins**

Reason for nomination: I am nominating Sandy Mullins for being the living example of professionalism, determination, and strong work ethic. Sandy has for as long as I have worked with FO (2yrs) been the glue that keeps our operations running smoothly. With the unexpected loss of our FO Administrator (FOA) to our Director, Sandy took on the responsibility and tasks of the position. I am nominating Sandy for holding the bar up, for not backing down to added duties and responsibilities, without title or pay that should come with it. For never complaining when she would be justified to do so. And for letting her leadership resonate with encouragement and a smile daily. Sandy has personally mentored me in FO and the many forms and processes needed to be a successful manager in the department. She, has reorganized the entire Administrative Support Team by listening to the needs of the managers and our Director to create a more efficient operations team. Her team respects her for her humble leadership and great wealth of knowledge she brings to the table to help each one do their best. I guess I am nominating Sandy because she exemplifies the Manager I strive to be daily.

## **Area 16**

### **Jacob Falkiewicz**

Reason for nomination: Jacob keeps good communications with others and responds quickly when it is possible; he always steps up to help when needed; he cares what he does and is very knowledgeable of what he is doing. Great coworker to have and work with.

## **Area 17**

### **Bionnca Andrews**

Reason for nomination: In the month of May, Bionnca Andrews served on the Year End Celebration Committee for the annual celebration event for Student Venues and Engagement. She went above and beyond the call of duty with her dedication to this committee and event. Bionnca took on the role of planning the event details and logistics. She attended the pre-event meetings providing a critical perspective to planning this event. In addition, Bionnca played a vital role in the day of event set up and clean up. Planning an event for over 100 takes a village and Bionnca was a critical part of this team and the work we accomplished.

### **Sujit Chemburkar**

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### **Casey Hurt**

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about their beauty and they could not have been possible without Casey. In addition, Casey played a vital role in the day of event set up and clean up. Planning an event for over 100 takes a village and Casey was a critical part of this team and the work we accomplished.

**Karen Martin**

Reason for nomination: In the month of May, Karen Martin served on the Year End Celebration Committee for the annual celebration event for Student Venues and Engagement. She went above and beyond the call of duty with her dedication to this committee and event. Karen took on the role of creating the floral centerpieces for the event and did a fantastic job! Many of the event guests commented about their beauty and professional look. In addition, Karen played a vital role in the day of event set up and clean up. Planning an event for over 100 takes a village and Karen was a critical part of this team and the work we accomplished.

**Bonnie McDaniel**

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**Andrea Strong**

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**Aysen Ulupinar**

Reason for nomination: Aysen started employment with Student Venues and Engagement earlier in 2019 and has already made a significant impact. I don't share this impact lightly as she has had to navigate learning a new position while I do the same beginning my seventh month here at UNC Charlotte. Aysen quickly embraced her role and set about planning three end of year celebrations for 120+ employees, scheduling listening meetings with each team member, and has done two state wide bench-marking projects for me. She has recently agreed to help Residence Housing parts of her old position as they have had some staffing changes. She embodies the Niner spirit and I am thankful I get to work with her every day!