



Golden Nugget Awards – May 2020

Area 2

Kaitlyn Kubacki

Relationship to nominee: Co-worker

Reason for nomination: Kaitlyn is an outstanding member of our team. She goes well above and beyond helping students. This semester, in addition to assisting early college students during their enrollment process to UNC Charlotte, she learned about specifics and caveats of the international admissions process. She took a new task with a positive attitude and followed through regarding each unique case. Words cannot describe the amount of appreciation we have for Kaitlyn's hard work. Thank you, Kaitlyn!

Lisa Meckley

Relationship to nominee: Co-worker

Reason for nomination: Lisa handles the bulk of our communications to students on campus. She also maintains many of our webpages. She has a good grasp on how students read and digest information and does a great job simplifying and cleaning up our information and communications. Office of the Registrar folks tend to be very verbose and students don't have the attention span to handle that much information. Lisa is always very accomodating, making a point to understand our needs, providing useful feedback, and delivering on our objectives. She does this daily without any complaints. That's commendable on its own. But, throw in a COVID-19 pandemic and her workload skyrockets. Still, she continues to provide calm, educated and targeted results. I just want to say THANK YOU!

Sharon Moses

Relationship to nominee: Co-worker

Reason for nomination: Sharon possesses a wealth of knowledge about undergraduate admissions. She is always positive and willing to help. After so many years within the team, she was still eager to learn more about international admissions. In addition to her daily tasks, during this term, she ran international reports, reviewed foreign student applications, and advised international students. Sharon, your work is greatly appreciated. Thank you for everything you do!

Area 3

Laura Crossley

Relationship to nominee: Co-worker

Reason for nomination: Laura has been absolutely fabulous in helping our program navigate this stressful admissions cycle. She has made a seamless transition to online operations and maintained her high quality of service. She finds or creates solutions for every new issue we encounter, and does it with a positive attitude. She displays professionalism in all her interactions with me and our prospective students. I could not ask for someone to be more helpful.

Area 6

Jill Tucker

Relationship to nominee: Co-worker

Reason for nomination: Jill's work has long been essential to the daily functioning of our department. Though she is reluctant to accept praise, every faculty member or student organization leader has depended on her organizational and communication skills to facilitate departmental gatherings, support student activities, and assist in course registration. It is no exaggeration to say that she is the institutional memory of the Department of Political Science and Public Administration.

I am especially keen on nominating Jill for the extra work she devotes to facilitating our annual awards ceremony. Though faculty rotate in the official advisory position, it is typically Jill who handles the finances and budgeting, coordinates catering and room reservations, communicates with students and their families, and maintains records associated with the department and our honors society (Pi Sigma Alpha). As the responsibilities for advising the group typically fall to new faculty members who are unfamiliar with campus spaces and other logistics, Jill is often in the position to "explain the university" to nearly every faculty member who joins the department. She does the same for our students, many of whom look to her for advice about everything

from registering for classes to discussing sensitive issues with faculty members in their office hours. The tremendous amount of emotional labor Jill performs on a daily basis is not recognized in her contract or outlined in her job duties, but is absolutely vital to our daily work lives. I can think of no one on campus more deserving of this award.

Area 10

Helena Connors

Relationship to nominee: Direct-report

Reason for nomination: On 3/16/20, I experienced a medical emergency which kept me 100% away from work for two weeks; right in the middle of the COVID-19 planning and operations chaos. While I was out, Helena Connors stepped up and played a HUGE role in our department's success during these challenging times by not only continuing to do her job tasks, but also absorbing all the transportation-related job tasks that I would've handled, many of which were directly related to the increased workload due to COVID-19. During this time, our department never missed a beat. THANK YOU, HELENA!

Lindsey Harris

Relationship to nominee: Supervisor

Reason for nomination: During our time off-campus for COVID-19, Lindsey has continued to visit campus each day to monitor contractors working for PaTS. In addition, she has taken on multiple office related tasks that need to be completed weekly. I would be lost without her work during this time.

Jan Mullmann

Relationship to nominee: Direct-report

Reason for nomination: On 3/16/20, I experienced a medical emergency which kept me 100% away from work for two weeks; right in the middle of the COVID-19 planning and operations chaos. While I was out, Jan Mullmann stepped up and played a HUGE role in our department's success during these challenging times by not only continuing to do her job tasks, but also absorbing all the business-related job tasks that I would've handled, many of which were directly related to the increased workload due to COVID-19. During this time, our department never missed a beat. THANK YOU, JAN!

Nancy Smith

Reason for nomination: Direct-report

Reason for nomination: On 3/16/20, I experienced a medical emergency which kept me 100% away from work for two weeks; right in the middle of the COVID-19 planning and operations chaos. While I was out, Nancy Smith stepped up and played a HUGE role in our department's success during these challenging times by not only continuing to do her job tasks, but also absorbing all the parking-related job tasks that I would've handled, many of which were directly related to the increased workload due to COVID-19. During this time, our department never missed a beat. THANK YOU, NANCY!