



Golden Nugget Awards – October 2020

Area 1

Tangie Betterson

Relationship to nominee: Co-worker

Reason for nomination: During this pandemic and the abnormalities a lot of us face from working remotely, I wanted to give a big shout out to Tangie! Tangie sends me numerous personnel action forms that are always not only correct in the information they provide, but they also include all the necessary signatures which saves me a lot of time. Aside from Tangie's superior work ethic and attention to detail is her genuinely friendly demeanor. I appreciate you, Tangie!

Area 3

Trang Do

Relationship to nominee: Co-worker

Nominee's department: School of Data Science

Reason for nomination: Trang works incredibly hard each and every day to ensure that the School of Data Science is strong and successful! She handles a wide variety of tasks skillfully and never shirks from offering help to a colleague when needed, even when she's crazy busy herself! I am so grateful for Trang's knowledge and guidance on UNCC systems and processes, and have learned a great deal from her. Our team is very lucky to have Trang!

Area 5

Kristy DeSantis

Relationship to nominee: Co-worker

Nominee's department: Housing & Residence Life

Reason for nomination: I gladly nominate Kristy DeSantis of Housing & Residence Life for a Golden Nugget Award. Kristy exemplifies the best of 49er Spirit. She goes above and beyond to assist parents and students in often very stressful times. Kristy ALWAYS responds promptly and compassionately to inquiries. I have had the privilege of observing Kristy as she provides responses to these inquiries. Kristy provides solid information. She provides options. She shows compassion. She is tops in my book! I have countless examples I could share of Kristy's going above and beyond in her job. Today was one such example when an irate parent called. Within minutes, Kristy was responding to the parent. I am proud to have Kristy as a co-worker! I hope you will join me in acknowledging Kristy DeSantis for her exemplary spirit! Thank you.

Area 7

Yani Concepcion

Relationship to nominee: Supervisor

Nominee's department: School of Nursing

Reason for nomination: Yani has been a dedicated staff member in the School of Nursing for many years. During her time with our unit, I and many others have come to rely on her attention to detail, knowledge regarding scheduling, understanding of university structures, and processes required to do the unit's work. If I ask Yani to do something, I can count on the task being done on time, and it will always, without fail, be done correctly. Yani helps faculty maintain complicated plans of study on hundreds of students. She completes all preceptor paperwork for the FNP, AGACNP, nurse educator, and nurse administrator concentrations. She builds both the undergraduate and graduate schedules, assists in matters related to student compliance, and has, on several occasions, identified more efficient ways to conduct business in the SON. We are very fortunate to have her as a team member, and she is more than deserving of this recognition.

Julie Howell

Relationship to nominee: Supervisor

Nominee's department: Public Health Sciences

Reason for nomination: Julie has put forth a herculean effort in the last few months putting in the Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 schedules into Banner. She is recognized for her excellence in understanding the complexity of scheduling by the Registrar's Office who asked her to help them. She supported the other admins in our college to help them enter in all the myriad hybrid sections for CHHS and PHS courses. And then she did it all again for Spring! Julie takes pride in her work and is very student-centered. We are very fortunate to have in our Department and College.

Regina Johnson

Relationship to nominee: Co-worker

Nominee's department: REEL

Reason for nomination: I would like to nominate Ms. Regina Johnson in the REEL Department for a Golden Nugget as she has gone above and beyond the call of duty during this time of the Covid-19 pandemic. For example, Regina has made sure that I received my PPE and delivered it to my office, because my office mail box has been full with materials. I appreciate that Regina continues to keep a strong line of communication with the REEL Department and always is checking in on our health as well as to see if there is anything she can assist us with from the admin side. The REEL Department is lucky to have Regina as a colleague!

Fran Paluso

Relationship to nominee: Supervisor

Nominee's department: Kinesiology

Reason for nomination: Fran processed all the numerous changes to the Fall schedule and has been working extremely hard on getting our Spring Schedule built. We would not have made it to where we are now without an EXCEPTIONAL effort by Fran.

Wendy Ramirez

Relationship to nominee: Supervisor

Nominee's department: Kinesiology

Reason for nomination: Wendy has gone above and beyond expectations to work with faculty and staff during the start of the semester. She has been active in processing accreditation payments, working on scheduling numerous last minute meetings and coordinating schedules. We would not have made it through the start of the Fall semester without Wendy's awesome work!

Dana Tweed

Relationship to nominee: Colleague

Reason for nomination: Dana and Jenny have been key partners in the time sensitive adoption of the Malibu budgeting system by other colleges that are losing access to their current budgeting system (SAM). Dana and Jenny developed content, led trainings, held targeted meetings with colleges and departments, and put in hundreds of hours of work on behalf of their colleagues. In a budget and personnel environment where their own workload has intensified, Dana and Jenny devoted their attention, expertise, and time to insuring that their colleagues would be prepared for a time-sensitive adoption. I wholeheartedly nominate both Dana and Jenny for their integral roles on this project that will have lasting impact to the division of Academic Affairs and the University for years to come.

Area 10**Rachel Skipworth**

Relationship to nominee: Co-worker

Reason for nomination: I nominate Rachel Skipworth and Rick Torres for their work organizing the assembly and distribution of Welcome Back Kits. While many people participated, the two of them helped organize the entire process start to finish, and were the ones who worked long hours to assemble kits, well after the volunteers had finished and changed shifts.

Rick Torres

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Area 18

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