



Golden Nugget Awards – September 2018

Area 1

Bradford MacKay

Relationship to nominee: Co-worker

Reason for nomination: I nominate Brad for a Golden Nugget award because he is a team player. I was extremely close to a project deadline and was very stressed. He put everything else on hold to make this project priority and assist me in completing the project on time. He showed true leadership by coming up with a plan to expedite the process. He communicated with me throughout the entire process. Brad is also a great teacher and I always look to him for advice. He is awesome and always great to work with!

Area 2

Sharon Goni

Relationship to nominee: Co-worker

Reason for nomination: Sharon is a brand new employee to the University and to Undergraduate Admissions. She has hit the ground running with her position and is already proving to be an integral part of the Undergraduate Admissions Team. Sharon arrives to work each day with a smile on her face and is always ready to assist in any way possible.

This nomination is to recognize Sharon for the thought she has put into some of our processes, and how to improve them. Sharon has already suggested some incredible ideas for how to manage our table cloths as well as keeping track of commonly used office equipment. She has taken initiative to clean out the storage areas to prepare for the Fall Travel Season. Sharon is an incredible asset to our team already and we are so grateful for her!

Michael Peddycord

Relationship to nominee: Supervisor

Reason for nomination: Michael has worked tirelessly and continuously over the last several weeks to implement a new application, work on enhancements in our current systems, respond to endless requests for data, set up new employees and move others around the office. He's easily worked a 70 hour week but still manages to maintain a smile. I'm convinced that the word "No" is not in his vocabulary. His support spans the entire office touching every program and process and I regularly hear something like "Michael is amazing!" He embodies TEAM and we couldn't appreciate him more!

Area 4

John Blas

Relationship to nominee: Telecom Installation Support

Reason for nomination: John has gone above and beyond to provide telecom support on my construction projects. He has coordinated his team to provide utility locates and install services on numerous projects with short notices and tight timelines. He also provides proactive recommendations to address issues before they become bigger problems. The telecom scopes of my projects would not go nearly as smoothly without such effective management from John.

Natasha Harrison

Relationship to nominee: IT Services department

Reason for nomination: Natasha Harrison. Ms. Harrison took time, to come to our McEniry Zone to train, and helped set up DUO Secure system. Ms. Harrison took time out, to show myself, and my Lead, systematically on how to set up and install the DUO app, and how to use the U2F fob. She was very patient, and answered all of our computer dummy questions! She delivered service to us with a smile, first time meeting Ms. Harrison I felt very comfortable, even though this situation was somewhat intimidating, and out of my field. I am grateful to have had her to take the time out of her schedule, come over to our area, and give us the hands on training, and attention. DUO is successfully working. Thank you Ms. Harrison, for the great service delivered. Warm Regards Katherine Humphries

Joshua Rosa

Relationship to nominee: Telecom Installation Support

Reason for nomination: Joshua is a member of the ITS team who has gone above and beyond to provide telecom support on my construction projects, specifically Belk Plaza and Scott Hall. The telecom work on these projects would not get done as quickly and smoothly without Joshua working behind the scenes to get things done quickly.

Troy Russell

Relationship to nominee: Telecom Installation Support

Reason for nomination: Troy has gone above and beyond to provide telecom support on my construction projects. Most recently, he made numerous trips to Scott Hall within a small window of time so that we could get beneficial occupancy before students move in for the fall semester. Then he jumped into action with his team when we provided a very short notice to install new Code Blue Emergency Phones at Belk Plaza.

Area 5

Jes Coggins

Relationship to nominee: Co-worker

Reason for nomination: Jes Coggins is a hardworking Residence Education Coordinator (RECs) who consistently goes above and beyond in their job duties. In August alone, Jes coordinated a speaker for our annual Resident Advisor (RA) training. helped plan training, trained their RAs, closed our summer school building, opened Wallis hall for the fall, and took on extra duty nights to support other RECs. This is on top of Jes' "normal" duties as assigned. Jes is consistently supportive and a resource to the team. They are always willing to help out, and are deserving of this recognition.

Area 8

Marion Cantor

Relationship to nominee: Co-worker

Reason for nomination: Marion consistently goes above and beyond for the department and she truly has an extreme level of commitment to our program. She is always willing to help solve problems and never says no to a challenge

Relationship to nominee: She is associated with the motorsports program

Reason for nomination: Years of dedicated work.

Relationship to nominee: Co-worker

Reason for nomination: Marion, Is absolutely the best person on this side of campus. She is quick does everything you ask and is completely overworked. Right now I believe she is doing work for (3) other business service specialists and doesn't complain.

Jennifer Carlson

Relationship to nominee: Co-worker

Reason for nomination: Jennifer has always been very helpful whenever we approach her. She handles our requests in a very professional manner. Jennifer deserves a "Golden Nugget" award!

Dr. Youngjin Park

Relationship to nominee: Co-worker

Reason for nomination: Youngjin is the dedicated, passionate, and tireless Project Engineer in the EPIC Hi-Bay Laboratory. These qualities were evident than last week when he went above and beyond the call of duty.

Before a high-profile test was to be conducted in the lab in front of project sponsors and international clients, we completed several dry runs to make sure we were prepared. Just to be certain all was ready for the early morning tests, Youngjin stayed late the evening before to look over the test set up one more time. During that check, he realized two key pieces of equipment had died during the short time since the dry runs. With no time to repair the equipment, he spent hours redesigning and rebuilding the test setup to bypass the faulty equipment. Early the next morning, he led us through the successful completion of the testing, and all sponsors and clients, some of whom had traveled great distances, were extremely well pleased. His willingness to be creative under pressure and unselfishly give extra time and energy to solve a serious problem made a marvelous impression on our visitors and makes him deserving of a Golden Nugget Award.

Erica Tadlock

Relationship to nominee: Co-worker

Reason for nomination: Erica is always a friendly face. She is knowledgeable and helpful. She is very thorough at her job and always professional. I enjoy working with her very much. Thank you, Erica! You bring happiness to my day! I always appreciate your help.

Sara Watson

Relationship to nominee: Co-worker

Reason for nomination: Sara is an amazing team member. She is very knowledgeable and detail-oriented and always makes sure that things are going right. She has a lot of patience and brings a peacefulness to the team. Sara, thank you for everything that you do! We couldn't do this without you.

Area 9

Marianne Hahn

Relationship to nominee: Co-worker

Reason for nomination: Every semester EPIC has tuition payments to provide for students, like most departments on campus. It is a hectic time of year for everyone involved, and some submissions are set up at the last minute. Marianne has been there for us every time we need her, at the 11th hour, even while on vacation, keeping us and our students out of trouble. She is always on top of our requests, and sends updates to show that the students are on the Do Not Cancel list. Marianne even provides information to us so that we can be sure students that have been cancelled, are not one of ours that we missed. She shows true dedication and devotion to her job, ensuring the students and departments that rely on her are well taken care of. We appreciate her for all that she does, and couldn't do it without her!

Judy Stanwyck

Relationship to nominee: Cross functional colleague

Reason for nomination: Judy is always available to assist and answer any questions I have regarding the purchasing processes. Many times, I have asked her the same question multiple times and she is always quick to assist. I appreciate her patience and guidance when it comes to getting the work done. Thank you Judy for your continued support!

Area 11

Pamela Duff

Relationship to nominee: FM IT Services department

Reason for nomination: Pamela Duff. Took time, to come to our McEniry Zone to train, and helped set up new computers, and printers. Pam Duff took time out, to show myself, and my Lead, systematically on how to set and use the printer scanner, etc. Pamela is very patient with assisting BES employees, she, answers all of our computer dummy questions and more! She always delivered service to us with a smile. I feel very comfortable, even though the situation can be was intimidating and out of my field. I am grateful to have had her to take the

time out of her schedule, and to come over to my office, and give hands on training. Thank you Ms. Duff, you always follows through with your commitments. Warm Regards Katherine Humphries

Area 12

Edison Cobos Armas

Relationship to nominee: In another department

Reason for nomination: Edison found my keys and went out of his way to track me down to make sure I got them back right away! Thanks so much, crisis averted!

Area 18

Jennifer Anderson

Relationship to nominee: Co-worker

Reason for nomination: Jennifer Anderson serves as the Business Services Coordinator for the marching band. In my role as Director of Bands I have seen first-hand Jennifer's work for the past four years. She, without question, is very deserving of special recognition. Not only is she extremely competent in every area of her assigned duties, but she routinely goes above and beyond those duties, including washing uniforms, setting up tables and uniform carts, managing inventory, and organizing marching band events. There is no doubt in my mind that Jennifer has played an invaluable role in the incredible success of our marching band.

John Jones

Relationship to nominee: Co-worker

Reason for nomination: John Jones is someone that I aspire to be in my professional career. He is diplomatic, thorough, has the ability to see various aspects of any issue and provide viable solutions, and is a genuinely great person. Within our work setting, John seems to be our constant. He is always fair, reasonable, and business oriented. These characteristics, coupled with his ability to make others feel comfortable, the display of his quirky sense of humor, and his strong work ethic, make our work environment productive, enjoyable, and progressive. John is an amazing human as well as a wonderful colleague. He provides vision, direction, and structure to our world and he is invaluable to our team. Thanks for all you do for myself and our staff John!

In addition to all of this, Jennifer was instrumental in the marching band's recent trip to France and in the transition between marching band directors. When our marching band director accepted a new position and decided to not go with the band to France, most of the logistical work fell to Jennifer. She was in charge of one of the buses, accompanied a colorguard member to the hospital, arranged the transportation of instruments and equipment, and much more. I know that the trip was very stressful for her, and we simply could not have done it without her. She also took on many of the marching band director duties this summer while we waited for our new marching band director to arrive. I cannot thank Jennifer enough for her continued amazing work and hope that she will be recognized for her important role at UNC Charlotte!