



Golden Nugget Awards – September 2020

Area 1

Lauren Gregg

Relationship to nominee: Co-worker

Reason for nomination: Lauren helped us organize and manage University Convocation and we couldn't have done it as smoothly without her event expertise. Thank you!

Area 2

Patti Bowman

Relationship to nominee: Co-worker

Reason for nomination: I believe we can all see how hard you are working and wanted to let you know that words can't really capture the gratitude you deserve. Please know you are truly appreciated for all that you are doing for the office and how well you have excelled in the Senior Associate Director position. This summer has been exceptionally challenging and you have gone above and beyond to make sure the office has continued to run as smooth as possible. Taking on additional job duties during the normal time is no easy task and you are accomplishing the unthinkable during a pandemic and peak processing time in the office. Your commitment and passion to your job, your staff, and the success of Niner Nation is unparalleled. Bravo to you!

Nickoy Findlater

Relationship to nominee: Co-worker

Reason for nomination: There have been so many changes and issues with the Fall 2020 schedule due to Covid, I have had tremendous help from both of them with major changes to our schedule and they are both always willing to help!

Monique Wilson

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Area 3

Katie Thomas

Relationship to nominee: Supervisor's supervisor

Reason for nomination: Katie went above expectations in the launch of the School of Data Science, the new Bachelor's degree, and the revamping of our Analytics Frontiers and Women in Data Science conferences. Katie is has kept our social media stream going through all the many changes including movement of the conferences to a virtual series of seminars. She has enabled communications with students, parents, faculty, industry partners, and others. She also single handedly worked with Wake Tech marketing and communications staff and had an excellent announcement that received congratulations from the Provost and all four Deans of the School of Data Science.

Area 7

Bridget Alaniva

Relationship to nominee: Supervisor

Reason for nomination: Bridget Alaniva has done an exceptional job supporting the School of Social Work as we reconfigured our fall operations. She assisted our Office of Admissions with recruiting students for this semester, surpassing our enrollment goals! She also organized virtual admissions events, including recruitment sessions and virtual information meetings. Bridget also serves as our outreach engagement coordinator and has revamped our social media to link with students and the community. Operating primarily online is new for most of us and Bridget has helped us to continue to feel connected with our prospective and current students and community partners.

Janet Baker

Relationship to nominee: Supervisor

Reason for nomination: Janet Baker has done an exceptional job support the School of Social Work as we reconfigured our fall semester. She assisted with our return to campus plans, has stayed up to date on essential course information and submitted all changes into the system. She has organized virtual events, including the fall retreat, and planned several faculty and staff meetings. Operating primarily online is new for most of us and Janet has helped us to continue to feel connected.

Yanire Concepcion

Relationship to nominee: Supervisor

Reason for nomination: Yani is an invaluable part of the SON team. Since joining the administrative staff in the SON, she has been responsible for creating both the graduate and undergraduate schedules in Banner, managing an increasingly complicated preceptor process for our APRN students, managing plans of study, and other duties too many to list. She is friendly, efficient, dedicated to getting the job done right the first time, and she exhibits unparalleled attention to detail--a priceless trait for her role. I know that when I ask Yani to do something for me, it will get done, and it will be done correctly. We all rely heavily on Yani's expertise with internal systems and processes, and the relationships she has built across campus in order to be more efficient in her role. She is very deserving of this recognition and more!

Sara Richardson

Relationship to nominee: Co-worker

Reason for nomination: During the last six months of the pandemic, Sara has consistent taken initiative to ensure that contracts are completed and our students able to complete their clinical rotations, practica and internships. She was helpful in assembling our college re-opening plan and is always ready to assist with a smile and a positive attitude.

Demetrius Richmond

Relationship to nominee: Campus partner

Reason for nomination: As Director of the CHHS Advising Center, Demetrius has promoted enthusiastic collaboration between the advising center and the Exercise Science degree program. He hit the ground running in this new position and is actively seeking ways to enhance teamwork between his office and the college programs.

Dana Tweed

Relationship to nominee: Co-worker

Reason for nomination: Dana went above and beyond to assist with the development of Malibu to further support the University colleges. We appreciate all of the time spent explaining current procedures and attending all of the meetings to better support the University. Thank you.

Cheryl Whitley

Relationship to nominee: Supervisor

Reason for nomination: Cheryl Whitley has done an exceptional job supporting the School of Social Work as we reconfigured our fall operations. She assisted our Field Education Office with placing over 200 students into their clinical internships for this semester. She has also organized virtual admissions events, including recruitment sessions, and scheduled several virtual meetings. Operating primarily online is new for most of us and Cheryl has helped us to continue to feel connected with our prospective and current students and community partners.

Area 8**Tatyana Miller**

Relationship to nominee: Co-worker

Reason for nomination: Tatyana has spent countless hours working to help our college transition to a new software system Malibu. She has keyed in thousands of entries multiple times. She has remained positive setting up the initial workbook and through two test pilots. She is an amazing co-worker and a GREAT asset to the College of Engineering.

Area 9**Heather McLendon**

Relationship to nominee: Co-worker

Reason for nomination: For all your help during this challenging and very stressful time. Your leadership has successfully helped navigate my department through many challenges these past several months. I appreciate you more than you know!

Area 10

Jerrica Graves

Relationship to nominee: Co-worker

Reason for nomination: I am so happy to nominate Jerrica Graves for a Golden

Nugget Award. Since we all had to work from home because of COVID-19 we had to find different ways for employees to securely send us medical information from their home. Jerrica was quick to think of a way to use our current resources to help us meet this challenge. Thanks to Jerrica employees are able to send us information securely from the privacy of the homes and we are able to receive the information securely without having to incur any additional cost.

Christy Jackson

Relationship to nominee: Co-worker

Reason for nomination: Christy helped us organize and manage the General

Faculty meeting for University Convocation and we couldn't have done it as smoothly without her expertise. Thanks to her for jumping in!

Area 12

Susan Clapton

Relationship to nominee: Supervisor

Reason for nomination: Susan has done an outstanding job keeping the Reese building disinfected, sanitized and clean during COVID-19. Her hard work has not gone unnoticed. Several department within the Reese building showed their appreciation to the staff on Aug 06, 2020 by honoring them with many thank you flyers and pick up and go refreshments. Prior to this event the Controller Office placed flyers in the elevators expressing their thanks. Keep up the great work.

Great Job-Susan

Marcus Frazier

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Shante Robinson

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Ricketta Savage

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Mary Smith

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Great Job-Mary

Micheal Stewart

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Great Job-Micheal

Kam Teeby

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Great Job-Kam

Anfernee Watford

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Great Job-Anfernee

Area 15A**Tony Green**

Relationship to nominee: Supervisor

Reason for nomination: Tony has excelled in most aspects of his job. His excellent customer service skills, great attitude to get his job done and responsibility to finish every project on time makes most people on campus to be grateful for having him at UNCC.

John Surace

Relationship to nominee: Supervisor

Reason for nomination: John has demonstrated excellent attention to detail and quality in several aspects of his work. His knowledge and willingness to help makes him a great asset to the grounds team.

Jorge Triana

Relationship to nominee: Co-worker

Reason for nomination: Customer Service - Jorge provided translation needed for Grounds employees with limited English proficiency as needed during recent workshops. He was there to assist as the facilitator paused to make sure that he could translate if a term or phrase was unfamiliar to the employee. Thank you, Jorge, for making sure that your employees received the full impact of the information as needed by translating in their first language. This was a great show of dedication to duty and well-beyond was expected of you. We appreciate your dedication to your work and your direct reports.

Lucas Trinidad

Relationship to nominee: Co-worker

Reason for nomination: Customer Service - Lucas cared above and beyond for his fellow teammates by stepping in to translate into his coworkers' first language during a required training. The language was very complex – Lucas was ready at his teammates' sides' to assist as needed. This devotion to his fellow Niners is the true spirit of Niner Nation. Thank you Lucas for your empathy and compassion toward those who you serve alongside.

Zone 4

Relationship to nominee: Co-worker

Reason for nominations: The whole team is always there for me at the drop of a hat from something minor or if it's big issues. I can always count on them helping me out. They make my job easier knowing I can count on them.

Area 16**Derrick Isler**

Relationship to nominee: Campus Partner

Reason for nomination: Derrick has provided exceptional support to the Exercise Science degree program this spring and summer. I requested a number of different reports, and Derrick took the time to fully understand our program needs, set the parameters of the reports, and follow up with additional support. I am grateful for his support and expertise!

Area 18**Todd Payne**

Relationship to nominee: Co-worker

Reason for nomination: Todd has gone above and beyond in his role as the Storrs building manager since classes went online in March. He has been tireless in his work to help students retrieve belongings after the unexpected shift, supervising building renovations, and making return plans including detailed space analysis. He is attentive to details, communicative, and always upbeat even when our plans keep changing. I appreciate his work ethic and his commitment to provide our students with the safest space possible - the School of Architecture would be lost without him!

Jenny Vincent

Relationship to nominee: Co-worker

Reason for nomination: Jenny went above and beyond to assist with the development of Malibu to further support the University colleges. We appreciate all of the time spent explaining current procedures and attending all of the meetings to better support the University. Thank you.