

Golden Nugget Award Recipients - July 2022

Date of submission	Nominee's Name	Nominee's Department	Area #	Reason for nomination
7/8/2022	Brenda Shue	Office of the Chancellor	1	I have worked with Brenda on various committees, and in my current capacities in the Graduate School for more than 20 years and no matter what Brenda is involved in, she gives it 150%. She is the ultimate advocate for this university and I wanted to take this opportunity to say how much I appreciate her willingness to help me and others when needed. She is a wealth of knowledge and I can count on her for anything and you cannot say that about too many people in your life. Brenda, you are an amazing person and a wonderful representative of UNC Charlotte. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!
7/20/2022	Jami Dawkins	Undergraduate Admissions	2	Jami is such a fantastic resource to have! She is always swift and detailed in her responses when we need assistance on matters related to a student's transfer credits. Jami also does an excellent job of explaining the circumstances as well as working with the transfer credit team for a quick resolution. Thank you Jami!
7/29/2022	Alyssa Kasko	Housing and Residence Life	5	The Residence Life Leadership Team would like to thank Alyssa for her assistance during our team retreat. Thank you for staying behind after each training day to help clean, organize, and/or take items back to our lodging space. We know that days were long and we were all ready to be back in our spaces, so we thank you for going the extra mile to extend a hand. We appreciate you and your willingness to help!
7/29/2022	Casey Remspecher	Housing and Residence Life	5	The Residence Life Leadership Team would like to thank Casey for her assistance during our team retreat. Thank you for staying behind after each training day to help clean, organize, and/or take items back to our lodging space. We know that days were long and we were all ready to be back in our spaces, so we thank you for going the extra mile to extend a hand. We appreciate you and your willingness to help!
7/29/2022	Donovan Cyrus	Housing and Residence Life	5	The Residence Life Leadership Team would like to thank Donovan for his assistance during our team retreat. Thank you for staying behind after each training day to help clean, organize, and/or take items back to our lodging space. We know that days were long and we were all ready to be back in our spaces, so we thank you for going the extra mile to extend a hand. We appreciate you and your willingness to help!
7/29/2022	Laura Elstro	Housing and Residence Life	5	The Residence Life Leadership Team would like to thank Laura for her assistance during our team retreat. Thank you for staying behind after each training day to help clean, organize, and/or take items back to our lodging space. We know that days were long and we were all ready to be back in our spaces, so we thank you for going the extra mile to extend a hand. We appreciate you and your willingness to help!
7/19/2022	Sabrina Banjo	Housing and Residence Life	5	Bri has been tremendous and instrumental in implementing our Residential Leadership Councils. She was named project lead over the semester, but this month has really used her detail orientated lens to ensure that everything is prepared for the academic year. She has worked with our summer intern to ensure that our events for the first few weeks are organized and ready to go. Bri is an incredible mentor to her students and her passion for this work is clear. This fall roll out would not be possible without her.
7/29/2022	Stephanie Rewitzer	Housing and Residence Life	5	Want to give a huge kudos and thank you to Stephanie! Stephanie planned an awesome Residence Life Retreat! It was a great bonding moment for our team that is comprised of mainly new staff members. Thankful for the experience that she provided our team!
7/29/2022	Tori Simone	Housing and Residence Life	5	The Residence Life Leadership Team would like to thank Tori for her assistance during our team retreat. Thank you for staying behind after each training day to help clean, organize, and/or take items back to our lodging space. We know that days were long and we were all ready to be back in our spaces, so we thank you for going the extra mile to extend a hand. We appreciate you and your willingness to help!
7/18/2022	Paige Delaney	College of Health and Human Services	7	Since her arrival, Mrs. Delaney has been a very hardworking and dedicated team member within the Office of Student Success and Assessment at College of Health and Human Services. With her work, the portfolio of solutions the office provides expanded significantly. Her attention to detail and terrific organizational skills allowed the office to create streamlined processes. All academic units within the college significantly benefit from her work. Without her excellent work, we could not have been where we are today.
7/6/2022	Jen Principe	School of Professional Studies	9	Jen has really stepped up and took on the main role in training our new enrollment specialists for the last several weeks. She has been a tireless resource for the enrollment team and handled multiple jobs at the same time. During her time as an enrollment specialists she amassed so much intricate knowledge about the College of Ed programs that she has positioned herself as a tremendous resource both in her former and new roles. Jen's willingness to go above and beyond her call of duty with a selfless and positive attitude speaks volumes about her character and commitment. Thank you so much Jen!
7/18/2022	Sonya Shores	Police and Public Safety	10	Ms. Shores went out of her way to assist in getting baby chicks home.
7/19/2022	Collin Ashley	Dean of Students	11	Collin joined our team within the last year and has been quick to jump on board and take on new projects. He has quickly adapted throughout the year with staffing changes and implementing ARP. He has also taken lead with SAB recruitment/training and assisting campus partners with summer projects. Most recently, Collin served as an AHO for the first time and did a great job! He is an asset to our team and we are grateful for the work he does for students and our campus community.

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7/6/2022	Cynt Kelley	Building Environmental Service	12	On July 6, 2022 around 9:26 pm as Cynthia was putting her keys back in the Grigg Bldg. key box to get ready to clock out , she noticed that several trash cans were overflowing in the building that was assigned to another employee. She called me and stated to me that she knows it was almost time to clock out to go home but she couldn't leave the trash overflowing like that until the morning. As Cynthia started to pull the trash she noticed that the trash wasn't pulled in the building that day. Cynthia went above and beyond to check the entire building that wasn't assigned to her.
7/12/2022	Elina Hoyle	BES/R	12	House and Residence Life Project. During the month of June, and to enhance collaboration within the departments, a team of employees in the BES department was formed and assigned to help with the cleaning up of the dorms in Laurel, Holshouser, and Hunt Halls. Elina was part of the team and since day one she went above and beyond her called of duty, doing an excellent job on cleaning up the students dorms in these areas. Even though this wasn't part of her normal duties she did an awesome job on completing the tasks that were given on a daily basics and with minimal supervision. Job well done Mrs. Hoyle.
7/11/2022	Mabel Owusu	BES	12	House and Residence life Cleaning project. During the month of June and to enhance collaboration within the departments a team of employees was formed in the BES department, and was assigned to help with the project of cleaning up the students dorms in Laurel, Holshouser, and Hunt halls. Mabel was part of the team and since day one she took pride going above and beyond her called of duty, making sure to do an awesome job on getting these rooms cleaned, and even though this wasn't part of her normal duties, she did an awesome job in the dorms. Great Job Mrs. Owusu.
7/13/2022	Pamela Erickson	BES&R	12	Pamela has outstanding leadership abilities and shows true passion for her department. She truly cares about the safety and security of all of her team members. I think Pamela is a model campus community member and believe that she should be recognized.
7/12/2022	Pauline Zensu	BES/R	12	HRL Cleaning Project. Throughout the month of June, and to enhance collaboration within the departments a team of employees was picked in the BES/R Department, and assigned to help with the cleaning up of the students dorms. Mrs. Zensu was part of the team and since day one she went above and beyond her called of duty, taking pride on completing the tasks that were given to her in a daily basics, and getting them done in an excellent way. Awesome job Mrs. Zensu.
7/11/2022	Toms Nginda	BES	12	House and Residence Life project. In June and to enhance collaboration within the departments a team of employees was formed in the BES department, and was assigned to help with the cleaning of the students dorms in Laurel, Holshouser, and Hunt Halls. Toms was part of the team and since the beginning he took pride going above and beyond his call of duty, doing an outstanding job on helping cleaning up the rooms in this area, and even though it wasn't part of his normal duties he did an awesome job on helping the team to complete the project. Great Job Mr. Nginda.
7/12/2022	William Hester	BES/R	12	HRL Cleaning Project. During the moth of June, and to enhance collaboration within the Departments, a team of employees in the BES/R was formed and assigned to help with the cleaning up of the students dorms in Laurel, Holshouser, and Hunt Halls. William Hester was part of the team and since the first day he took pride and went above and beyond his called of duty, and did an excellent job on cleaning up the open areas on every floor; cleaning up bathrooms in Hallways, wiping down furniture, glass, vacuuming the carpet, running the i Mop machine in areas with tile floors, and cleaning up the stairs. He did an awesome and unique work in these areas. Great job Mr. Hester.
7/6/2022	Liz Forman	University Recreation	13	Liz is always a pleasure to work with. She is always smiling and brings a contagious energy to the space. She is fun to be around and makes everyone feel welcomed and valued. Liz never fails to go out of her way to assist when needed and does so with a smile on her face.
7/29/2022	Leslie Aaron	FM Lock Shop	15 A	I would like to nominate Leslie Aaron for a Golden Nugget award. On July 27th and 28th Solomon Franklin and I were working with the university internal audit team and needed access to controlled areas that we do not normally have access to. Lesley made himself and members of his team available for immediate assistance to open doors and remove locks in various spaces around campus. Lesley demonstrated excellent customer service and never made us feel as if we were a burden. Lesley could have made us wait or adjust our schedule to match his availability but he did not. Instead, he adjusted his work schedule and work load to make sure that the internal audit team could access every place they requested with minimum disruptions. Lesley sets the example for great customer service and servant leadership by always making himself available to his customers and staff members.
7/18/2022	Vince McNeil	Automotive	15 A	Saved baby chicks from searing heat, starvation and imminent death.
7/15/2022	Andrew Sims	Student Activity Center and Venue Management	17	On the evening of 6/11/22 and through the morning of 6/12/22 the entire 3rd shift worked tirelessly to install the Halton Arena Basketball floor after the CMS graduation. This was in preparation of Camps that started on Monday, 6/13/22 at the arena. The 3rd shift worked over to accomplish this task and their efforts set the 1st and 2nd shifts up for success on Sunday with the continuation of the breakdown and set up for camps for Monday. Thank you for your consideration with this nomination - Steve Hargett SAC Operations Manager.
7/15/2022	Bernetta Lee	Student Activity Center and Venue Management	17	On the evening of 6/11/22 and through the morning of 6/12/22 the entire 3rd shift worked tirelessly to install the Halton Arena Basketball floor after the CMS graduation. This was in preparation of Camps that started on Monday, 6/13/22 at the arena. The 3rd shift worked over to accomplish this task and their efforts set the 1st and 2nd shifts up for success on Sunday with the continuation of the breakdown and set up for camps for Monday. Thank you for your consideration with this nomination - Steve Hargett SAC Operations Manager.

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7/29/2022	Jonathan Bell	University Cone Center	17	Three women stood in front of the campus map outside the Cone Center this morning. One asked Jonathan where the library was. He advised the library is the tallest building on campus and began pointing out paths to it. Then, he stopped and said follow me. I'll take you to it through this building and up the elevator. As they walked away, I overheard him remind them they were parked in the Cone parking deck, so they wouldn't get lost going back to their car. The morning was already hot, and if you have ever parked in the Cone visitor or visited the Cone building, you know it is a challenge to navigate. I know those women were grateful.
7/15/2022	Kathy Thomas	Student Activity Center and Venue Management	17	On the evening of 6/11/22 and through the morning of 6/12/22 the entire 3rd shift worked tirelessly to install the Halton Arena Basketball floor after the CMS graduation. This was in preparation of Camps that started on Monday, 6/13/22 at the arena. The 3rd shift worked over to accomplish this task and their efforts set the 1st and 2nd shifts up for success on Sunday with the continuation of the breakdown and set up for camps for Monday. Thank you for your consideration with this nomination - Steve Hargett SAC Operations Manager.
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7/11/2022	Miles Winston	Belk College of Business	18	I would like to nominate Miles Winston for a Golden Nugget recipient. Miles has led the revamp of the SOAR process this summer for the Belk College of Business. Back in the Spring he started drafting our online modules. This included pulling information from various sources, creating new content that supported this new process, and inputting everything into canvas. This required hours of extra work to be completed on a short timeline. The most challenging piece of this was that as a new process, we were creating it without much proven success and how it might work for students. He kept a positive attitude the whole time and encouraged teammates to do the same. He has gone above and beyond to make sure we are appropriately staffed (even volunteering to come to campus more than required so others didn't have to) and pulls reports on a daily basis to ensure we have the most accurate, timely information for students. This new process has created extra work for our entire staff and frustrated parents and students. However, Miles has ensured that we are putting our best foot forward by taking care of daily administrative tasks, being innovative in how he disperses our workloads, and encouraging us to keep going. His commitment to our team, the SOAR program, and our students should be recognized!!