



Golden Nugget Awards – April 2021

Area 2

Kaitlyn Kubacki

Submitted by: Jen Novitsky
Relationship to nominee: Co-worker
Nominee's department: Undergraduate Admissions
Nominee's Supervisor: Zack Newsome
Date Submitted: April 21, 2021

Reason for nomination:

Kaitlyn is the definition of a teammate. She is always there for our team and will jump in and take charge without asking. She has grown in her role and flourished as an Admissions Counselor and a part of the transfer team. She lifts up the spirit of the team with her Christmas spirit! We are so thankful for her hard work and the smile she consistently has on her face.

Area 7

Ludmila Balteanu

Submitted by: Jan Warren-Findlow
Relationship to nominee: Supervisor
Nominee's department: Public Health Sciences
Nominee's Supervisor: Jan Warren-Findlow
Date Submitted: April 29, 2021

Reason for nomination:

Ludmila is our primary advisor for upper level HSMT students, who number approximately 400. She has had to adapt to changing policies around grading, withdrawals and accommodations while helping students stay on track to complete their degree. She also took on additional tasks for the MHA program when there was a change in staffing. This was above and beyond her normal responsibilities. Ludmila is truly a team player!

Julie Howell

Submitted by: Melissa Smith
Relationship to nominee: Co-worker
Nominee's department: Public Health Sciences
Nominee's Supervisor: Jan Warren-Findlow
Date Submitted: April 12, 2021

Reason for nomination:

Julie is responsible for some of the most stressful activities in our department, including class scheduling/locating classroom spaces, issuing permits, and working with students to ensure they meet all requirements for taking their internship courses. When people contact Julie, they are often expressing a great deal of panic/stress. Ms. Howell remains calm and works through every request in a timely manner. I cannot imagine doing what we do without her.

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Julie Howell

Submitted by: Jan Warren-Findlow

Relationship to nominee: Supervisor

Nominee's department: Public Health Sciences

Nominee's Supervisor: Jan Warren-Findlow

Date Submitted: April 29, 2021

Reason for nomination:

Julie made heroic efforts to rework our fall 2021 schedule multiple times to accommodate the changing conditions around COVID. She coordinated with Program Directors, the Associate Chair, and the Registrar to maximize our ability to deliver face-to-face instruction for our students.

Kerrie Koslowe

Submitted by: Dena Evans

Relationship to nominee: Supervisor

Nominee's department: School of Nursing

Nominee's Supervisor: Dena Evans

Date Submitted: April 28, 2021

Reason for nomination:

Kerrie is valued by the School of Nursing for her kindness, willingness to try and support the academic unit in any way possible, and perpetually positive attitude. Before and during the pandemic, she willingly changed her work schedule to accommodate the needs of both faculty and students, whether to take minutes for an evening Association of Nursing Students (ANS) meeting, to work with faculty to conduct a series of successful webinars hosted by the Academy of Clinical Research and Scholarship, to assist in our efforts to become a North Carolina Nursing Association Approved Provider of continuing education for nurses, or to arrive before 7:00 a.m. to make sure that students were able to gain entry to the building for simulation.

Fran Paluso

Submitted by: David Bellar

Relationship to nominee: Supervisor

Nominee's department: Kinesiology

Nominee's Supervisor: David Bellar

Date Submitted: April 28, 2021

Reason for nomination:

Extraordinary work on spring and summer schedules, balancing a large variation in program needs.

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Lauren Stikeleather

Submitted by: Diane Hancock
Relationship to nominee: Co-worker
Nominee's department: Office of Education Abroad
Nominee's Supervisor: Brad Sekulich
Date Submitted: April 12, 2021

Reason for nomination:

I appreciate Lauren for her excellent attitude and exceptional work product. She has taken on several new projects for the department since COVID, and she is not only hard-working, but she's efficient and consistently provides thoughtful work of the highest quality. She sets a high bar. She's an excellent communicator and a great team member. I tell her all the time how much I appreciate her, but she also deserves some chocolate.

Area 9

Tahnett Mack

Submitted by: Dave Frantzreb
Relationship to nominee: Co-worker
Nominee's department: Payroll/Finance
Nominee's Supervisor: Kimberly Saunders
Date Submitted: April 15, 2021

Reason for nomination:

Tahnett goes above and beyond, and I wanted to thank her for her attention to detail and ability to help us fix errors. While these errors are not an emergency for her, she acts as if they are and is quick to offer solutions and guidance moving forward.

Natasha Stracener

Submitted by: Taylor Rauschenberg
Relationship to nominee: Campus Colleague
Nominee's department: Emerging Media Communications
Nominee's Supervisor: Richard Preville
Date Submitted: April 12, 2021

Reason for nomination:

Natasha and her support team provided fantastic technical assistance for the March 2021 W+GRA Summit! Natasha provided excellent guidance about Zoom best practices and then made sure my office prepared all of the key documents for the Summit's individual Zoom webinars and meetings. We heard great things from our participants about the ease of using the Summit's Zoom setup.

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Area 12

Walter Alexander

Submitted by: Pamela Erickson

Relationship to nominee: Co-worker

Nominee's department: Business Environmental Services and Recycling

Nominee's Supervisor: James Revis

Date Submitted: April 15, 2021

Reason for nomination:

Walter is a vital part of the BES&R ESM team. Over the last 3 weeks, Walter has been instrumental in a campus-wide project of changing out 700+ hand soap dispensers to hands-free soap dispensers. This is not a normal function of his duties, but Walter graciously agreed to assist the maintenance techs in getting this project completed for the health and safety of the campus. Thanks, Walter!

Hayley Kozma

Submitted by: Pamela Erickson

Relationship to nominee: Co-worker

Nominee's department: Business Environmental Services and Recycling

Nominee's Supervisor: Shannon Caveny-Cox

Date Submitted: April 15, 2021

Reason for nomination:

Since the Recycling Supervisor vacated his position in February, Hayley has served as the interim Recycling Supervisor in BES&R. She has taken on many vital responsibilities to the operation and has done an excellent job coordinating staff and making sure the Recycling department continues to operate efficiently and effectively. Good job Hayley!

Cheryl Pittman-Buxton

Submitted by: Pamela Erickson

Relationship to nominee: Co-worker

Nominee's department: Business Environmental Services and Recycling

Nominee's Supervisor: James Revis

Date Submitted: April 15, 2021

Reason for nomination:

Cheryl is a vital part of the BES&R ESM team. Over the last 3 weeks, Cheryl has been instrumental in a campus-wide project of changing out 700+ hand soap dispensers to hands-free soap dispensers. This is not a normal function of her duties, but Cheryl graciously agreed to assist the maintenance techs in getting this project completed for the health and safety of the campus. Thanks, Cheryl!

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Area 13

Eileen Coradini

Submitted by: Jessica Gover

Relationship to nominee: Co-worker

Nominee's department: Student Health Center, Nurse Clinic

Nominee's Supervisor: Maria Bard

Date Submitted: April 16, 2021

Reason for nomination:

Eileen has worked so hard taking on the sole responsibility of Nurse Clinic. She is highly valued and appreciated. She deserves recognition for all that gives as a nurse, coworker, and friend.