



Golden Nugget Awards – May 2021

Area 1

Brenda Shue

Submitted by: Jennifer Walker

Relationship to nominee: Co-worker

Nominee's department: Office of the Chancellor

Nominee's Supervisor: Kim Bradley

Area 1 Rep: Brenda Shue

Date Submitted: May 4, 2021

Reason for nomination:

Brenda acts as part-time Admin Asst for Internal Audit (shared with Chancellor's Office). The Internal Audit Department does not have a full-time Administrative Assistant, so Brenda Shue helps us out. During the pandemic, our department worked almost exclusively from home, while Brenda continued to work on campus most of the time. During our absence, the department changed office location. Brenda was instrumental in making the arrangements to have furniture moved, ordered and discarded, as needed. She made sure the new offices were set up appropriately and that they were clean, the temperature was adequate, and the phone lines were connected and working. I don't know how we would have gotten through this move without her help. Brenda also helped us to restock our depleted office supplies as the fiscal year comes to an end. We may only have her on a part-time basis, but she does the work of any full-time equivalent. Thank you Brenda, for all you do for our department and for the University.

Area 2

Julie DeSario

Submitted by: Jennifer Hamilton

Relationship to nominee: Co-worker

Nominee's department: Undergraduate Admissions

Nominee's Supervisor: Michelle Inman

Area 2 Rep: Laura Holland

Date Submitted: May 4, 2021

Reason for nomination:

Over the past months, I have seen Julie go above and beyond to ensure that students receive a positive connection with a counselor on our Admissions team. As part of the processing team, her day is already busy with high amounts of data to process and support, but she takes the time to have conversations with students when they call our office and connect them with a counselor. Why I believe she goes above and beyond is because she takes the time to present to the counselor what the student needs, troubleshoot solutions for the student, will send an email with additional information, and works to ensure the student is not just transferred along. It takes time and energy to do this and she does so even if it is not directly related to her role. She also does this with a kind and positive attitude each time.

Area 2 – Continued

Kristie Ross

Submitted by: Michelle Inman
Relationship to nominee: Co-worker
Nominee's department: Enrollment Management
Nominee's Supervisor: Claire Kirby
Area 2 Rep: Laura Holland
Date Submitted: May 7, 2021
Reason for nomination:

There is rarely a day that goes by that Kristie Ross doesn't make a positive impact on my ability to do my job. Most of the time, it is just in her day-to-day duties and the way she analyzes and thinks through everything so that we are able to do our own work - often without even thinking of the work she puts in on the back end. Then, other times, it is in the way that she picks up the ball that one of us has dropped – this week it was me - and carries it over the goal line just like she had been carrying it all along. I'm so appreciative of the way that Kristie prioritizes doing the right thing, even when it is hard - and I am so appreciative of her commitment to the true meaning of team.

Area 3

Michelle Wann

Submitted by: Jay Skipworth
Relationship to nominee: Co-worker
Nominee's department: University Career Center
Nominee's Supervisor: Patrick Madsen
Area 3 Rep: Dayla Beckett
Date Submitted: May 13, 2021
Reason for nomination:

Michelle is often asked to create new and innovative programs with little notice and she never fails to deliver top notch results. For three years in a row, Michelle has reshaped the Career Center's yearly kickoff program from a carnival to a block party to a new program we are launching this year which will give students a chance to win a semester's worth of tuition. Her ability to coordinate between multiple teams in the office to accomplish her tasks is extraordinary and allows everyone to feel like they have a part in the planning and execution of these events. Her exemplary work is so appreciated in the office and it is only fitting she be recognized by the university for these efforts.

Area 7

Wendy Ramirez

Submitted by: David Bellar
Relationship to nominee: Supervisor
Nominee's department: Kinesiology
Nominee's Supervisor: David Bellar
Area 7 Rep: Sarah Johnson
Date Submitted: May 13, 2021
Reason for nomination:

Exceptional work on year-end budget processes and handling multiple complicated orders.

Area 9

Tim Anderson

Submitted by: Alex Frizzell

Relationship to nominee: Supervisor

Nominee's department: AISLE

Nominee's Supervisor: Alex Frizzell

Area 9 Rep: Leigh Murray

Date Submitted: May 27, 2021

Reason for nomination:

After receiving an unplanned, last-minute request, Tim took the initiative, working late, to meet the project deadline. Tim worked all day and well into the evening, keeping the project on track. Tim met the deadline, delivering the course content requested, and ensured all of our publishing standards were met. I'd like to thank Tim for working hard to support the team and others involved in the project. Because Tim went above and beyond, we were able to meet the deadline. Thanks, Tim!

Louise Carte

Submitted by: Tiffany McAfee

Relationship to nominee: Co-worker

Nominee's department: Distance Education (Teaching and Learning Connection)

Nominee's Supervisor: J. McCain

Area 9 Rep: Leigh Murray

Date Submitted: May 28, 2021

Reason for nomination:

Louise has gone above and beyond to help me during a very busy time of year (I manage the Summer School operations). When I need help, Louise has always been quick to offer assistance. She never complains when I cannot cover the Distance Education work. I do not know what I would do without her!

Tony Georges

Submitted by: Laura Williams

Relationship to nominee: Supervisor

Nominee's department: Controller's Department

Nominee's Supervisor: Laura Williams

Area 9 Rep: Leigh Murray

Date Submitted: May 21, 2021

Reason for nomination:

Tony has given his all to UNC Charlotte over his 14 years here, and he's finally getting to retire this July. Kudos to all his hard work and for leaving a wonderful legacy here!

Tahnett Mack

Submitted by: Donna Wilson

Relationship to nominee: Employee from another department

Nominee's department: Payroll/Finance

Nominee's Supervisor: Kimberly Saunders

Area 9 Rep: Leigh Murray

Date Submitted: May 13, 2021

Reason for nomination:

Since I was hired in 2018, I have worked with Tahnett Mack on payroll issues that arise for UREC student temporary employees. Tahnett is very knowledgeable and can convey her knowledge both professionally and compassionately

Area 9 – Continued

to others. Recently, Tahnett went above and beyond the call of duty to assist our department with WTE approver changes in order for students to be able to access their time sheets within 24 hours of the onset of the problem. She volunteered to take 1/3 of the 250+ EPAF changes in order to take care of the students and assist me as the liaison for UREC student employment. She deserves the Gold Nugget award not only for her willingness to share the burden of the task, but for her true dedication to the students and departments with whom she works everyday. Thank you, Tahnett! You rock!

Kendra Williams

Submitted by: Laura Williams

Relationship to nominee: Co-worker

Nominee's department: Controller's Department

Nominee's Supervisor: Tony Georges

Area 9 Rep: Leigh Murray

Date Submitted: May 21, 2021

Reason for nomination:

Kendra leads the fixed assets team, an area that just came away with a completely clean internal audit! Kendra is a wonderful team player, accountant, and manager. Bravo!

Rebecca Wilson

Submitted by: Kara Killough

Relationship to nominee: Co-worker

Nominee's department: Budget Office

Nominee's Supervisor: Ken Smith

Area 9 Rep: Leigh Murray

Date Submitted: May 27, 2021

Reason for nomination:

Rebecca is always super helpful in any situation. If she doesn't have the answer (which she usually does), she is quick to find it. She is very thorough, which I extremely appreciate. Her communication skills are strong and whenever we email, I hardly ever have questions as she is detailed in her work. Rebecca is extremely hard working and intelligent. I love having her as a co-worker and know that I can go to her for anything. She is truly an asset to the Budget Office and needs more recognition.

Area 12

Harvey Ballard

Submitted by: Clara Marrow

Relationship to nominee: Co-worker

Nominee's department: BES

Nominee's Supervisor: Vanessa Dodd

Area 12 Rep: Fredricka Sweeting

Date Submitted: May 21, 2021

Reason for nomination:

I like Harvey for all he does; anytime I call him, he's always willing to help with trash or help me move a table or anything. Thanks Harvey for being a team player.

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Bill Cavelli

Submitted by: Steven Tillman

Relationship to nominee: Co-worker

Nominee's department: BES

Nominee's Supervisor: Jerry Womack

Area 12 Rep: Fredricka Sweeting

Date Submitted: May 28, 2021

Reason for nomination:

Bill continually goes above and beyond and is willing to help everyone.

Johnny Doyle

Submitted by: Clara Marrow

Relationship to nominee: Co-worker

Nominee's department: BES

Nominee's Supervisor: Vanessa Dodd

Area 12 Rep: Fredricka Sweeting

Date Submitted: May 21, 2021

Reason for nomination:

Whenever we need help, he always volunteers to help, he's truly a team player and I really appreciate him. Thank you for all you do for our team.

Maria Canales

Submitted by: Katherine Humphries

Relationship to nominee: Co-worker

Nominee's department: BES&R

Nominee's Supervisor: Katherine Humphries

Area 12 Rep: Fredricka Sweeting

Date Submitted: May 24, 2021

Reason for nomination:

Maria Canales, consistently shows dedication, hard work, and excellent attendance, throughout the complete year, of the unnormal times, during the pandemic. Maria showed up and went above the call of duty on a daily basic.

Area 13

Karen Swan

Submitted by: Shastra Solomon

Relationship to nominee: Co-worker

Nominee's department: Medical Records, Student Health Center

Nominee's Supervisor: Brandi Simpson

Area 13 Rep: Liz Rosenberger, on leave until July 2021

Date Submitted: May 14, 2021

Reason for nomination:

Karen is a HUGE Asset to the Student Health Center and for years has been getting our students in with a variety of Specialists the Providers refer them to. She is persistent, efficient and truly goes to bat for our students to get them scheduled as quickly as possible and when there is an emergency, she will get them in on the same day. The Providers can be confident that she will go the extra mile to ensure our students are cared for during their time of need so I want her to know she is appreciated and valued for all of her hard work. She is truly a Niner we can be proud of and is deserving of this recognition.

Area 15B

Beth Brown

Submitted by: Sandy Mullins

Relationship to nominee: Co-worker

Nominee's department: Fac Mgmt Finance & Business Operations

Nominee's Supervisor: Yolanda Lewis

Area 15B Rep: Joe Loder

Date Submitted: May 26, 2021

Reason for nomination:

I reached out to Beth Brown for some data collection and metrics with less than a week before a big strategy session, and the added complication of a holiday weekend. With hope against hope that we would maybe have a day to review before the big meeting, Beth surpassed expectations with a promise of getting it to us within two days. Her pleasant "can do" attitude and willingness to provide what we needed was truly a pleasure and greatly appreciated. Excellent customer service!

Mac Fake

Submitted by: Joyce Clay

Relationship to nominee: Co-worker, Assistant Director in the department.

Nominee's department: FM, Planning/Design/Construction

Nominee's Supervisor: Kathryn Horne

Area 15B Rep: Joe Loder

Date Submitted: May 13, 2021

Reason for nomination:

Mac is the go-to person with up-to-date knowledge of projects for our department. One of his many abilities is providing very important and accurate reporting information drawn from several sources. This reporting can be a very challenging and time consuming. He is always willing to help when asked to assist with any request. There have been several occasions where I needed his assistance and he happily did so. I want to thank Mac for his dedication and commitment to duty.

Yolanda Lewis

Submitted by: Sandy Mullins

Relationship to nominee: Co-worker

Nominee's department: Fac Mgmt Finance & Business Operations

Nominee's Supervisor: Melanie Witherspoon

Area 15B Rep: Joe Loder

Date Submitted: May 26, 2021

Reason for nomination:

Every time I have had to reach out to Yolanda for something, it is usually with very short notice, and it is typically not something that can be quickly produced. Her customer service and response time is excellent, always exceeding any expected timeline. She has a pleasant and willing attitude; and is truly a pleasure to work with. The FM AVC Office is very appreciative of her strong work ethic and excellent customer service.

Area 16

Felicia Breeze

Submitted by: Horace Lytch
Relationship to nominee: Supervisor
Nominee's department: Mail and Package Services
Nominee's Supervisor: Horace Lytch
Area 16 Rep: Jan Mullmann
Date Submitted: May 18, 2021
Reason for nomination:

I want to take this time to show my appreciation to the Mail & Package Services staff members for their Heroic continued efforts during the Pandemic.

Devin Brown

Submitted by: Horace Lytch
Relationship to nominee: Supervisor
Nominee's department: Mail and Package Services
Nominee's Supervisor: Horace Lytch
Area 16 Rep: Jan Mullmann
Date Submitted: May 18, 2021

Reason for nomination:

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Nicholas Bullock

Submitted by: Horace Lytch
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Tracey Copeland

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Tim Isaac Johnson

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Ash Mehdi

Submitted by: Horace Lytch
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David Silla

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Brenda Streich-Saxton

Submitted by: Horace Lytch
Relationship to nominee: Supervisor
Nominee's department: Mail and Package Services
Nominee's Supervisor: Horace Lytch
Area 16 Rep: Jan Mullmann
Date Submitted: May 18, 2021

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Brenda Streich-Saxton - continued

Reason for nomination:

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Doreen Waldon

Submitted by: Horace Lytch

Relationship to nominee: Supervisor

Nominee's department: Mail and Package Services

Nominee's Supervisor: Horace Lytch

Area 16 Rep: Jan Mullmann

Date Submitted: May 18, 2021

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Bonnie Webb

Submitted by: Horace Lytch

Relationship to nominee: Supervisor

Nominee's department: Mail and Package Services

Nominee's Supervisor: Horace Lytch

Area 16 Rep: Jan Mullmann

Date Submitted: May 18, 2021

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Veretta Wood

Submitted by: Horace Lytch

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