

Golden Nugget Award Recipients - September 2023

| Date of submission | Nominee's Name | Nominee's Department | Area # | Reason for nomination |
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| 9/8/2023 | Cheryl Whitley | Social Work | 7 | Ms. Whitley went above and beyond to help me prepare for a site visit from my federal grantor agency. From reserving space to assisting with copies and necessary documents, she helped to contribute to a very successful site visit for my federal grant. She is always willing to go above and beyond to help faculty in our unit be successful in their work. I am very appreciative of her work and service. |
| 9/12/2023 | Umang Patel | Office of OneIT | 4 | Umang, thank you for your quick and efficient support for the Undergraduate Admissions team! We've had several needs over the last few months with staffing and operational situations and you've provided a prompt response and been so helpful in us working through issues! |
| 9/12/2023 | Dustin Grannis | Financial Aid | 2 | The Undergraduate Admissions team has a lot of presentation requests for Dustin, and he always is willing to participate, with a smile on his face!! Thank you, Dustin, for connecting with students, high school counselors and so many others at our events. You're great at what you do!! |
| 9/12/2023 | Sheila Modesitt | OneIT PPMO | 4 | Sheila is amazing to work with! She's always willing to go the extra mile to support her team and OneIT. |
| 9/14/2023 | Christian Gonzalez | Grounds | 15A | We, the University North Carolina Charlotte, are a better community with Christian in it. Seldom do we find the work ethic, servitude with honor and professionalism in one person. Mr. Gonzalez is always available to help anyone for anything, he is never too busy to help, offers assistance without being prompted. He is a true Niner, and a dedicated and valuable person to our community. Anyone who meets him, meets a friend for life. |
| 9/20/2023 | Liz Wooley | College of Arts & Architecture - Performing Arts | 18 | Robinson Hall is about to undergo a multiple month long roofing project. Liz, the building liaison for Robinson, has gone above and beyond in getting her co-workers prepared and ready for the project. She has given detailed outlines and notes, provided guidance, and brought the safety and well being of her colleagues and students to the forefront for this project. She had made it a point to ensure her colleagues and students are kept safe and informed for the duration of this project. |
| 9/21/2023 | Kawon Taylor | BUILDING SERVICES STUDENT UNION | 17 | The first shift was down two employee's on a busy day for the building. Kawon stepped up and made sure the building was right for when second shift came in. Kawon went above his normal work schedule that he was responsible for which made an easy transition going in to the next shift great job being a TEAM player. |
| 9/21/2023 | Cristhian Gonzalez de la Fuente | Grounds | 15A | Cristhian is always willing to help me with whatever projects I have going on. When he knows that I am working on projects out on campus, he will make a point of checking in with me to see if I need help, because he knows that I generally don't have any staff members to help me. I appreciate that he helps me out when possible, and somehow still takes care of all of his Grounds responsibilities. Just knowing that he is always willing to help support me with some of these projects helps make them go more smoothly - whether it is setting up for games and events or whether it is simply knowing who to contact with questions. |
| 9/21/2023 | Beth Rucker | COAA | 18 | She is so helpful anytime I have a question or need help - all the time. |
| 9/21/2023 | Jennifer Anderson | COAA | 18 | She helps out when asked and sometimes volunteers when I dont ask. |
| 9/21/2023 | Erica Roth | Human Resources | 2 | Erica is always wonderful to work with as she is truly interested in helping people. When I contact her to hire someone, she is not the kind of person who just sends you to the website. She will walk you through it, making sure to give you the ins and outs, and will always follow through with you. Even better, she explains the processes so that next time I feel more certain about what to do and why. |
| 9/22/2023 | Laurie Cuddy | Student Niner Media Advising & Support | 17 | Laurie is an amazing team member who goes above and beyond in her work, always putting students first. As our business manager, she is responsible for many tasks, including student employment paperwork and EPAFs. She has never missed a deadline, and she is a joy work with. We are so happy to have Laurie on our team. |
| 9/28/2023 | Christine Pirotin | Environmental Health and Safety | 10 | Exceptionalism needs to be recognized and applauded. Allan Burris is the quintessential professional, an example of leadership through patience, humanity, grace and direction. I appreciate working with people who share my vision; keeping the university community safe and free from exposures. I thank Mr. Burris for always being available, willing to work with you, non judgemental and a man who values and respects all people. He is the example of communication and team work so sorely needed amongst our community. |
| 9/28/2023 | Maddie Wright | CHHS - Business Office | 7 | Maddie has been a great addition to our team! She is a true team player, a quick learner, and a joy to be around. Although she's only been here for 10 months, she has taken on training new admins in her unit/s, even though her role is different than theirs. She has been willing to investigate, research and learn independently and share that knowledge with others and has become a true asset to our team and the units she manages for the College. She has built great relationships in the College and on campus and has become a resource for others in a short amount of time. |
| 9/28/2023 | Christopher Desemt | Electrical Supervisor | 15B | Leadership comes in different forms, as unique as the individual. I have had the pleasure to work with Mr. Desmet, and I find him to be a knowledgeable, forthright and thorough professional who takes the safety of his staff and all the university very seriously. He meets the definition as one of University of North Carolina Charlotte's finest and most beloved leaders. |
| 9/28/2023 | Janna Burch | Development, Donor Relations | 11 | Janna is incredibly skilled at her work. She is the GO TO person for anything that you might need to know about scholarships. Our division would not function well without her. She's behind the scenes, but I think that most of us know a star when we see one. And that is Janna. Plus, she's kind and patient when asked for a lot of tedious information. This kindness part cannot be said about everyone, but it is a hallmark of the department where she works, Donor Relations. I hope that Janna wakes up everyday feeling valued and knowing that she makes a difference. |