

Golden Nugget Award Recipients - October 2023

Date of submission	Nominee's Name	Nominee's Department	Area #	Reason for nomination
10/2/2023	Madonna Winslow	Gift and Record Management	11	Advancement is going through a CRM database conversion and Madonna has gone above and beyond to be an SME and valued member for this project. This project has gone on for about a year and a half and is not stopping soon so I appreciate everything she continues to do for her team.
10/2/2023	Eddie Fincher	University Advancement Data Services	11	Eddie is part of the conversion team for our new Salesforce CRM, Ascend, and works tirelessly to move this 2-year project toward completion while keeping the day to day work in Data Services for Advancement current. Eddie works tirelessly to everyday to make our data and reporting top notch. Our Ascend project will move this division ahead by light years and his expertise is essential.
10/2/2023	Jessica Yesgosh	University Advancement Operations	11	Jessica is the project manager for our new Salesforce CRM, Ascend, conversion. She keeps the project moving in a positive direction while working across the division to ensure that the testing for each module is complete. She works with OneIT to ensure that all data is clean and ready to be viewed by our division's colleagues. Our project is currently 1 1/2 years old and she has not let off the gas pedal.
10/3/2023	Teresa Kuntz	University Advancement Operations	11	Teresa is the Subject Matter Expert with the Banner Advancement to Salesforce Ascend. She has worked tirelessly for 1 1/2 years prepping and working through the design, data conversation and testing of the new system while assisting with the day-to-day requirements of Data Services. Teresa is an integral part of this team but more importantly, she was here for the Banner Advancement conversion so her insight is priceless when moving to a new system and she has demonstrated that knowledge and care day in and day out.
10/3/2023	Ursula Barnett	University Advancement Operations	11	Ursula is a data management person and with the new conversion, there are many files and fields that need to be corrected before they are ported into the new Salesforce system. Ursula manages all of the clean up as well as keeping the day to day running with alumni rolls, new parent rolls as well as SOAR rolls. All of this new data is carefully managed through Ursula's office. This is a tedious, time consuming job with the conversion but she has managed all of this with care and speed. She is dedicated to clean data and we could not do this conversion without her.
10/4/2023	Kimberly Rodgers	University Center for Academic Excellence	3	Kimberly is always awesome to work with. She is a wonderful collaborator who is willing to share knowledge and resources. Kimberly is truly a "Golden Nugget!"
10/4/2023	Jessica Kapota	Human Resources - Learning and Organizational Development	2	Jessica is such a positive person who is always willing to help. A casual conversation about needing to update a workshop, turned a PowerPoint Presentation into a modern, interactive training. What a gift when new people are being hired regularly and need on demand training resources!
10/10/2023	Ryan McAllister	OneIT	4	Ryan has been a huge help over the last few months as he has worked to help Undergraduate Admissions update our AP, IB, CLEP and Cambridge exam scores in Banner. We greatly appreciate his assistance, support and patience with our process! Thank you, Ryan!
10/10/2023	Daniel Head	OneIT	4	Daniel has been a huge help over the last few months as he has worked to help Undergraduate Admissions update our AP, IB, CLEP and Cambridge exam scores in Banner. We greatly appreciate his assistance, support and patience with our process! Thank you, Daniel!
10/11/2023	Rhett Bagley	Environmental Health and Safety	10	Recently during homecoming week a banner draped from the 6th floor all the way to the ground was hung on the side of the North Deck. With heavy winds the banner began tearing and breaking away from the upper anchors and also sliding the large bricks across the grass that were the lower anchors. This banner being of thick fabric probably weighed around 50lbs and could have hurt people or caused a car accident if it fell on any people or vehicles below. Rhett Bagley and Tanner Ingle took notice and rapidly responded to this safety risk. Contacting multiple sources until getting in touch with FM-Grounds to come to help remove the banner before it could tear away. They secured the area making sure to observe the banner for any potential falling and keeping everyone safely back from any hazards until the banner was safely removed.
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10/11/2023	Vince McNeil	Facilities Management	15B	Vince ensures all our equipment is in top condition to perform our jobs. Thank you, Vince!
10/11/2023	Jonathan Johnson	Facilities Management	15B	Jonathan makes sure our equipment is operational, clean, and repaired in a timely manner for all our events all around campus. Thanks, Jonathan!
10/11/2023	Jessica Kim	University Career Center	3	Jessica coordinated a new event to serve our Latine + Hispanic student population called Latine + Hispanic Career Panel + Networking event on 10/10/23. It was well attended and we had 30 students participate with employer representatives from Novant Health, Truist, TIAA, and JELD-WEN. She is a great representative of our office and Niner Nation and is also a dedicated UNC Charlotte alum. She works tireless on DEIB initiatives to make our campus more inclusive and to create a stronger sense of belonging amongst our students.
10/11/2020	Robert Holmes Jr	Business Services	16	Extra Duties for the department. Going above and beyond
10/13/2023	Amanda Gary	CHHS Advising Center	7	During a leadership transition in the Advising Center, Amanda has brought her passion for student to a variety of transition-related arrangements, supporting the quality of the advising experience and balancing workload across team members, all with an incredibly positive attitude.

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10/13/2023	Jalen Little	Public Health Sciences	7	Jalen has volunteered to take on a major increase in advising caseload to help team members in another department balance workload during a leadership transition. His passion for the student experience, professionalism and willingness to collaborate across units are greatly appreciated!
1/17/2023	Jerena Q. McNeil	Public Health Sciences	7	Since joining PHS this summer, Jerena has been a welcome addition to the department - she is hard-working, professional, and always ready to lend a hand to get things done. This characteristic has been especially highlighted over the past month while our department's other Administrative Support Specialist has been out of the office on medical leave. Jerena stepped in and managed the increased workload with grace and a smile, including travel arrangements and purchasing/contracting help for a special event (of course, all requested at the last minute). She is a joy to work with and a valuable member of the PHS staff!
10/18/2023	Fred Brillante	Director of Facilities Information Systems	4	Mr. Brillante has always been available for anything that I need, even though every time I reach out it's information I need immediately. Even though the request comes in at the last moment, he will rally his team to make my deadline. I wanted him and his team to know how much I appreciate his dedicated team work and his professionalism. Thank you for all you do to keep us safe.
10/18/2023	Pamela Duff	Facilities Information Systems	4	Ms. Duff handles all situations with grace and confidence. She never takes the convenient path but rather works to get all her assignments done in a professional manner, while still keeping her pleasant demeanor. I appreciate you Pam!
10/18/2023	Jake Zemansky	One IT	4	I want to give credit to the efforts, in the final hours of the day, that Jake gathered up information and without hesitation, delivered it up helping me reach my goal. Thank you Jake for being such a great 49er.
10/19/2023	Ozlem Cankurtaran	OneIT Enterprise Infrastructure	4	I wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude. Thank you for being one of the best managers I've had the privilege of working with. Your leadership style is not only inspiring but also truly transformative. Your guidance, mentorship, and unwavering support have made a significant impact on my professional growth and well-being. Your ability to foster a positive and collaborative work environment is a testament to your exceptional leadership. Your dedication to our team's success is evident in every interaction and decision. I'm genuinely thankful for the opportunity to work under your guidance, and I look forward to continuing to learn and thrive under your leadership.
10/20/2023	Sara Rawls	Undergraduate Admissions	2	Sara joined our team in July 2023 and jumped right into learning about admissions at Charlotte, becoming an advocate for her student populations, and is a true team player! Sara is eager to be involved and support the team as she continues in her training. Thanks, Sara!
10/24/2023	Jessica Barton	Budget Office	9	Jessica has gone above and beyond to support her team members during this year's all funds budget template build. She consistently steps up to the plate when she has the time to and this year's process would not have been possible if not for her volunteered support and hard work. She is the embodiment of a team player and her support is appreciated. Her contributions means a better product for all of campus to use in this year's process.
10/24/2023	Courtney W. Oates	University Advancement - VC	11	Courtney is an amazing colleague with drive, intelligence, and true talent. She always goes the extra mile to help and she never hesitates to be a team player - even when it requires she take on more work or responsibilities. I absolutely love and appreciate working with her. She makes our division better and stronger because she is a part of it.
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10/25/2023	Annakaye Shokoya	Niner University Elementary	7	I try to volunteer in Ms. Hammill's kindergarten class on Tuesdays and I have only been able to get to NUE once since the beginning of the school year. Yesterday when I visited, you couldn't tell the difference between the teacher and the teacher assistant (Ms. Shokoya). She has an amazing rapport with the students and Ms. Hammill, the classroom teacher. Ms. Shokoya is patient with the students, she is joyful, and she and Ms. Hammill have worked extremely hard to get the students acclimated to kindergarten and the expectations of the school. She is doing an absolute amazing job!
10/26/2023	Catherine Denis	FM HR	2	Catherine Denis, is the FM & BES&R department Senior Human Resource Generalist. Ms. Denis maintains a professional behavior. Ms. Denis effectively encourages 2-way communication, and educates. Ms. Denis takes time out to help assist in employees relations situations, she gives constructive feedback, and demonstrates an unbiased attitude.
10/27/2023	Schaunell Brock	Atkins Library	1	Schaun and Chris went above and beyond in their duties to Atkins Library by providing a safe and secure environment for an event we held at the library on October 12th. Due to the increase of anti-semitism in our society, particularly after the events in Israel and Gaza earlier this month, we were concerned about security for our event. I even received multiple messages from faculty members inquiring about the possibility of extra security. Schaun and Chris were empathetic with these concerns and positioned themselves outside of the Halton Room during the entire event. I believe Schaun even worked outside of his typical working hours to help us with this. Their presence helped alleviate the anxiety of many and was extremely appreciated. I'd like to nominate them for this award, along with our Associate Dean of Special Collections and University Archives, Dawn Schmitz.

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