

Golden Nugget Award Recipients - November 2023

Date of submission	Nominee's Name	Nominee's Department	Area #	Reason for nomination
12/1/2023	Matt Rubright	OneIT	4	Matt is an incredibly knowledgeable engineer who is also a very positive and helpful colleague to those of us within OneIT and beyond. Matt is a very skilled individual who works with many folks across different teams to ensure that the servers underlying critical applications are functioning as needed and kept secured. The entire University benefits greatly by having someone of Matt's caliber ensuring that our infrastructure is as stable and properly maintained as it is. Over the years, Matt has ensured that the Linux servers have a top notch, primarily automated patching process that includes safeguards and notifications. This among many other achievements allows our team to provide service at a level that is well above industry standard. In addition to the technical feats that Matt has consistently achieved, he has built several relationships and is an exceptional colleague. He has gone above and beyond to always ensure an excellent relationship between the Banner team and the Servers and Storage team and has dedicated many very early mornings, including very early Saturday mornings to ensure that our application team partners are in a good place during server and application updates. Matt is a truly exceptional and integral member of the University and is highly deserving of recognition!
12/4/2023	Reaiah Rutherford	Housing and Residence Life	5	Reaiah has been handling alot especially while covering Witherspoon Hall while I was away on vacation. It was extremely busy in my building and she solved the problems quickly and mutually agreed upon by those involved. Also she taught us about reading music in one of our breakout sessions.
12/4/2023	Casey Remspecher	Housing and Residence Life	5	Casey is a hard worker and has taken on a new role where she has been able to train and develop new staff in a quick turnaround time.
12/4/2023	Alexis Rice	CAPS	13	While I was out on extended leave Alexis took on additional responsibilities, executing them with professionalism and integrity. She went above and beyond improve the quantity and quality of programs offered by the prevention and mental health education area of CAPS while half the team was not present. She also took on roles supervising and mentoring graduate and undergraduate students. She also planned and implemented a self-care and social connections event, featuring Goat Yoga, which was received positively by the campus community. This is just SOME of the amazing work she accomplished in addition to her regular duties. I am so very thankful to have her as a colleague.
12/5/2023	Bridget Johnson	Urec Belk gym	13	Good fair and always there when needed to help solve problems at work
12/6/2023	Melissa Taylor	College of Engineering	8	Melissa joined the College of Engineering 6 months ago and in that short time she has quickly become a leader! Melissa has managed multiple projects and events for the College which were incredibly well received by faculty, staff, alumni, and partners. Melissa is always friendly and accessible and a goes above and beyond to support the college!
12/6/2023	Natalie Huie	University Advancement	11	Natalie came to my rescue when I was looking for an online scavenger hunt as a team-building activity for our 230 staff members during our recent town hall. While researching, I learned that the University used Scavify during Homecoming Week, so I reached out to Natalie for information. Natalie met with me several times to make sure I fully understood the app. She eagerly answered all my questions and volunteered to do whatever I needed to make sure we had a great experience using Scavify. She was always approachable and even though she has a very busy schedule, she never made me feel rushed. Thanks to Natalie's guidance, I was able to execute the hunt live during our meeting and watch everyone have a fantastic time. Thank you, Natalie, for all you do!
12/10/2023	Jason Pham	OneIT	4	Goes beyond expectations. Always get the job done with minimum or no guidance. Always think about others. Very generous of time, talent, and treasure.
11/27/2023	PAMELA DUFF	OneIT	4	Pamela Duff deserves applause! Ms. Duff leads by example, she is very approachable. Ms. Duff embraces diverse cultures by building great relationships, this reflects how the BES supervisors are comfortable reaching out to Ms. Duff for assistance. One of her greatest strengths is her ability to effectively communicate and respond to the high demands of different departments. Ms. Duff shows a strong commitment to her customers.
12/16/2023	Kathryn Turner	Business Services	16	Katie answered a call for assistance from the PaTS department early on a Saturday morning. Some students had received an email from our department that was sent in error. Within a couple of hours, she had written a response email for our department and had it sent to affected students. Her quick response was vital to our effective communication and correction of the issue. Thanks so much!
12/18/2023	Audrey Sanders	Student union	17	Audrey was working by herself on a Friday and had to take care of the whole Student Union building with events and students in almost every meeting room. She never thought any thing about it and just did the very best she could. The building is normally staffed with three employee's but one was on vac and the other was out sick. she did an outstanding job taking care of the building and I just want to say Thank you Audrey for a job well done !!!
12/19/2023	Maddison Ingram	Cato College of Education Dean's Office	7	We are so very fortunate to have alumna Maddison Ingram working with us in the Cato COED Dean's Office! She brings such positivity to the office. Maddison goes above/beyond daily and is so gracious to help others anytime when needed. I have had the pleasure to work with Maddison on a few events/projects this year and her work ethic is exceptional. Maddison is such a true joy to work with and I am blessed to have the opportunity work alongside of her as my colleague!