

Date of submission	Nominee's Name	Nominee's Department	Area #	Reason for nomination
10/1/2024	Fran Paluso	Applied Physiology, Health, & Clinical Sciences	7	Fran did a terrific job identifying a scheduling issue for Spring classes during the transition to the new central scheduling system + facilitated an efficient update that the registrar was able to implement to correct class scheduling concerns.
10/1/2024	Heather Gladys	Undergraduate Admissions	2	Thank you Heather for going above and beyond to always ensure that the guest experience in Gage and on campus is always top notch! Your dedication to the Admissions team is evident with your time and generosity, and your leadership of the Visit team is admirable. We appreciate you!
10/2/2024	Isaiah Griffin	School of Nursing	7	Isaiah has created a huge presence for the School of Nursing on social media. Students regularly share what they have seen on various social media and how they are so proud to be connected with Niner Nursing! This supports retention of existing students and recruitment of future students.
10/2/2024	Ashton Atmore	School of Nursing	7	Ashton is a co-creator of a new student volunteer program to engage with pre-nursing students. 10 pre-nursing students are invited to become "Learning Resource Center Ambassadors" each semester and work with him in the School of Nursing. This gives them exposure to the labs and simulation supported learning they will enjoy when they are admitted into Upper Division Nursing. It also helps retain students past their first 2 years at UNC Charlotte.
10/7/2024	Jacob Kennedy	Recycling	12	Jacob's Work at UNC Asheville Hurricane Helene Recovery Efforts
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10/8/2024	Sonia Espinoza	BES&R	12	Sonia assisted the training manager in training temporary employees who do not speak English. She was willing to leave her own post/team to translate cleaning practices to the temporary employees. Translating is not a function of Sonia's employment, however, she was willing to provide assistance to ensure success of the temporary employees. Without Sonia, we would not be able to employ these temps in the custodial unit. A huge thanks to Sonia for excellent work.
10/17/2024	Sabrina Rodriguez	Facilities Management - Building Interiors	15B	Sabrina Rodriguez and her team have gone above and beyond re-painting the Harris Alumni Center's 2nd floor after we had some work done in the facility. The entire painting team have done an incredible job with paying attention to details, making sure that staff's items are being covered, while insuring the quality of work is up to par with what is needed for the Harris Alumni Center. Her and the team have been exceptionally kind and always so welcoming whenever you see them. They are even painting a couple of extra office areas that weren't originally requested to ensure that the staff are happy with their spaces. I could not recommend more deserving people for the Golden Nugget Award.
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10/18/2024	Cherifa Ouedraogo	Human Resources	2	Cherifa provided an outstanding individual consultation about the Performance Management system, the Employee Guides and related available tools. Also, Cherifa conducted great virtual trainings about Performance Management, sharing her solid HR knowledge and supporting employees campus wide. Thank you Cherifa and her team.
10/21/2024	William Overby II	BES&R	12	William goes above and beyond for both students and faculty.
10/24/2024	Chyan Gallardo	Parking and Transportation Services	16	Immediately identified damage to equipment and dispatched the proper personal saving the department thousands of dollars.
10/28/2024	Isaiah Griffin	CHHS- School of Nursing	7	Isaiah Griffin is the School of Nursing Digital Design and Communications Specialist. Isaiah has done a fabulous job at increasing visibility of the School of Nursing through his work in website design and social media. He is hardworking, creative, and always seeks to support the faculty in the School of Nursing. It is a pleasure to work with Isaiah!