

Date of submission	Nominee's Name	Nominee's Department	Area #	Reason for nomination
11/1/2024	Jermel Wiggins	OneIT Client Engagement	4	Since SDS moved into Colvard in July 2022, Jermel Wiggins has provided almost all of our IT support. He is incredibly responsive, very knowledgeable and absolutely committed to finding a successful resolution to our IT/tech related challenges. We've submitted all kinds of tickets and Jermel is always able to help us. He's just been really great to work with and as a department we're very appreciative of his knowledge and support. Thank you for this opportunity to publicly recognize Jermel's contributions as a campus colleague and to thank him for all the ways he's helped our team!
11/4/2024	Karla Liboreiro	Human Resources	2	Tiffani has been a great help as I've been in the process of updating some position descriptions and getting salary adjustments for several staff members. She's worked really hard to turn these around as quickly as possible and help the process keep moving forward. I'm glad there's a good colleague to work with on these types of things!!
11/5/2024	Karla Liboreiro	Human Resources	2	I want to full heartedly nominate Karla for helping me during a position upgrade for the office of Military and Veteran Services. I think everyone knows how complicated Niner Talent can be. I was completely lost in the process. Karla took the time to reach out to me and make multiple phone calls and setup a Zoom call to guide me step by step through the process so I could make sure a staff member could get a well deserved salary increase. Her expertise and dedication were instrumental in allowing my office to retain a crucial staff member and to meet our strategic priorities. Karla's guidance allowed me to save valuable time and shows her commitment to fostering cross-departmental collaboration. I am grateful to have the opportunity to work alongside dedicated and knowledgeable HR professionals. I look forward to future collaborations!
11/5/2024	Chris Brasel	Military and Veteran Services	11	Chris' commitment to his students and staff is evident in all of his actions. He is always thoughtful, kind, and hilarious. Chris consistently goes above and beyond to make sure everyone has what they need. I am so glad to call him my colleague.
11/7/2024	Shakirah Garrett	Center for Integrated Care	13	Ms. Garrett has taken on many roles beyond her assigned duties as administrative staff. She acts as business officer team leader, and since the departure of the director of our center in many ways she acts like the social bond of the team. CIC would not function without her and she's deserved a golden nugget every month for the past 2.5 years.
11/7/2024	Donna Sofsky	CHHS Dean's Office	7	I have been the administrative lead on a departmental search, and my supervisor is chairing a search in another department, so I am handling the administrative tasks for that as well. Donna has been incredibly supportive, practically 'holding my hand' as I re-learned the faculty hiring process. She has shown remarkable patience and has never complained, even when the work has been demanding. I am deeply grateful for her hard work and guidance. Thanks to her, the process has felt seamless, and her efforts have truly made a difference.
11/14/2024	Vicky Harris	School of Social Work	7	Vicky goes above and beyond with regularity. She is willing to change her work schedule to accommodate needs of her peers. She will stay late to finish an important project. Even when very busy, she greets colleagues with a cheerful response.
11/14/2024	Ava Torrise	School of Social Work	7	(I am supervisor of the supervisor) Ava has greatly increased her skill level with preparing graphics for the SSW. She has created and produced a bi-weekly unit newsletter that has garnered much praise, with other units in the CHHS asking to know how she creates it. She learned this process on her own.
11/14/2024	Cali Wickert	School of Social Work	7	Cali is invaluable to the SSW Office of Practicum Education. She has worked to find field practicum sites to accommodate working students who have special hours of availability. Because of her willingness to match students to a placement that works with their work schedule, they are able to continue in their jobs, thus cutting down on student debt. This is life changing for those students.
11/14/0004	Ava Torrise	Social Work	7	I just submitted this nomination but I included MY name instead of the nominee name - AVA TORRICE. You should have it - submitted today - about the SSW newsletter.....
11/14/2024	Cheryl Whitley	Social Work	7	Cheryl has done an outstanding job with coordinating the logistics of moving out of spaces in our social work suite in preparation for a renovation. She has done a great job of keeping track of where furniture should be relocated to, and what are the specific needs in each new office space. She did all of this with a smile and with flexibility, understanding the main vision of what the SSW needs.
11/14/2024	Maddie Wright	Business office	7	Maddie has such an outstanding memory for details and does a great job of keeping the SSW accounts up to date and accurate. She follows up quickly on questions and I have never heard of anyone who did not enjoy interfacing with her.
11/14/2024	Jess Still - CHHS Advising center	CHHS Advising	7	Jess has really worked hard to learn about the BSW Program so she can take on the role to advise the SWLD and BSW students. She is a fast learner and appears to care about the students' experiences. It is difficult to learn a whole new program so quickly!
11/21/2024	Joe Mills	FM Maintenance Operation- Plumbing Shop	15B	A solution has been developed to integrate water bottle filling stations at Colvard by utilizing the existing water fountain. This approach has resulted in significant cost savings for the department, as it eliminates the need for contracted installation of new units. Excellent work, Joe!
11/25/2024	Keionda Sanders	Computing and Informatics Advising	8	Keionda voluntarily invited a new advisor from another department to shadow her for an afternoon to assist with onboarding training. The new advisor was very grateful and learned a great deal from the experience. This type of hands on training is invaluable for new hires.
11/25/2024	Jahtoya Means	First Year and Transition Programs	3	Jahtoya is a passionate and deliberate staff member that takes full ownership of the program she directs-- University Transition Opportunities Program (UTOP). She goes far above and beyond the call of duty to provide life-changing college transition experiences for hundreds of new Niners each summer through UTOP, and then keeps students engaged through a Learning Community and a course for emerging peer leaders throughout the academic year. I have witnessed Jahtoya give her time and talent on countless early mornings, extended evenings and weekends to ensure a quality experience for CLT students. The students that she impacts truly respect and respond to her guidance, and oftentimes seek her counsel. She has also grown in her approach to collaboration with campus partners. Jahtoya is a rising star and a real champion for students on their journey through UNC Charlotte.
11/25/2004	Karla Liboreiro	Human Resources	2	Karla's positive energy is contagious. She walked me through the process of a career progression. She took the time to explain every step in detail. She set up meetings with me, even though some requests were last minute. She adjusted herself to help me as well as my employee Will Boynton. Karla's customer service is exceptional. She is a valuable team member and it's a pleasure working with her.
11/25/2024	Solomon T. Franklin	FFQBO	15A	Solomon is by far the best leader I have ever worked with. His support, guidance and mentorship allows me to work at my best. He schedules one on one's with me weekly. We share numerous ideas and strategically plan for the future. He shares his experiences with me. He makes me feel valuable. He supports others as well. He encourages career progression and programs development. He is always available, positive and desires the best for the University by promoting the right behavior. There are many more aspects of Solomon that I can mention. I'm happy to be working with him.
11/25/2024	Jonathan Johnson	Fleet Management	15B	I am very grateful for Jonathan's support the last 3 months. Our Motor Fleet administrator resigned while we were implementing a new software. Jonathan supported his team by managing both roles and the tasks associated. Some of those tasks included scheduling reservations, completing financial reports, confirming vehicle reservations and customer service. We filled the vacancy recently and he is teaching the new employee with some of the new tasks assigned.
11/26/2024	Avaia Daniels	Student Health Center	13	She takes care of our patients and really listens to their needs. She monitors the pods to make sure only the patient's are allowed to the rooms unless authorized by the staff members. She is very helpful to her co-workers as well

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11/28/2024	Jennifer Bueno-Hutchens	Botanical Gardens	6	Jennifer is a valued member of our team and contributes above and beyond to the broader campus community. She created and guides Nature Therapy Walks and Gratitude in the Gardens events monthly for campus faculty, staff, students, and the larger community. These events can enhance the mental, emotional, physical, spiritual, and environmental well-being of anyone who participates. She mentors and supervises gardens student workers with care and creativity. She gives her all along with her coworkers to ensure that the Botanical Gardens are a beautiful space for all guests to enjoy. Her contributions to our team and the University are invaluable.
11/28/2024	Mary Duke	Botanical Gardens	6	Mary is an indispensable member of the Botanical Gardens team, consistently going above and beyond to ensure the gardens are beautiful and inviting for all visitors, including those from the campus and the surrounding community. She played a pivotal role in the project to install a newly surfaced path in the Van Landingham Glen, enhancing accessibility for guests with mobility challenges. Always ready to lead projects and support her colleagues, Mary works hard to ensure the entire team has the resources and assistance needed to succeed.