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3/3/2025	Christy Jackson	University Communications	11	Christy is an exceptional campus partner -- incredibly responsive and strategic. By the nature of her role she is often operating in crisis or crisis-like situations, and her quick, straightforward and collaborative approach means I can always trust her during difficult times. She has been exercising these skills and characteristics recently and I am grateful.
3/3/2025	Jen Knight	Academic Affairs	9	Jen has gone above and beyond this month, stepping up as a great team member to help with some quick-needed and challenging work. She always pitches in when needed which is much appreciated.
3/3/2025	Samantha Maynard	Registrar's Office	2	I just wanted to give a special shout out to Samantha Maynard who has been a wonderful advocate and partner for readmission for the College of Health and Human Services. Samantha met with me and the Associate Dean last year to ensure that readmitted students were able to get connected to an advisor in a seamless process. With her help, we created a standard operating procedure for students in our college. With the the growth of online programs at Charlotte, Samantha willingly joined the Charlotte Online Workshop group where we meet monthly to address specific needs of online students, including those across all colleges who have been readmitted to an online program. She has asked good questions to ensure readmits are not forgotten about. Recently, I've had several students who have wanted to change their readmitted major during the readmit and start timeline. Samantha has been good at adjusting majors where possible and giving me direction of next steps when its not. I appreciate her partnership as we work to provide the best service for readmits!
3/4/2025	Casey Leblanc	OneIT	4	Casey is our team's ultimate hero! Since becoming colleagues, she's solved every one of our technical problems, big and small. She is always eager to help, quick to take action, and generous to explain. We're grateful to have Casey as an expert colleague and a treasured friend. Thank you for all you do, Casey!!
3/4/2025	Virginia Fuentes	Parking & Transportation Services	16	I would like to thank UNC Charlotte for offering Paratransit service to those with mobility challenges. A special thank you to Virginia Fuentes, a Niner Paratransit driver, who is the most conscientious, courteous person and always greets you with a friendly attitude. She truly cares about the community members and it shows! Thank you!!!
3/4/2025	Amber Parks	One IT Financial Systems Support	4	She has helped me sooooo much with Concur, she's resourceful and kind.
3/1/2025	Beth Rose	Bursar's Office	9	Beth has helped me tremendously with getting reactivation needed in order to access our merchant system. She is also always pleasant and helpful with any questions that I have when conducting business at the cashiers office. I always receive timely follow up and she stays in contact until any challenges are resolved. Thank you for all of your help and support to our team.
3/6/2025	Tynaiza Murphy	College of Education TEAL	7	Tynaiza started with us July 2024 and has been a huge help and asset to this department. She has to advise many majors and minors and is able to roll with the changes seamlessly. She is always willing to help and support the team and does a great job everyday! Lucky to have her apart of this team.
3/6/2025	Karyn Romary	OneIT- Enterprise Applications	4	Karyn has transformed both the imaging and workflow and Application Development teams. Karyn was instrumental in the migration of DocuSign from uncc domain to charlotte. Karyn steps up and helps whenever she can. She is a leader within our Enterprise Application team and has really worked across the organization to help improve our colleagues experiences.
3/6/2025	Heather Mitchell	HR- Talent Acquisition	2	Heather went above and beyond in supporting my effort to help me move one of my directors from one position to another. Every time there was a roadblock (and there were many) that neither of us saw coming, she would find out what I needed to do to navigate through it. She supported my efforts and provided encouragement. While there were times I wanted to give up, I did not because I knew Heather spent as much time trying to solve and resolve the problems as I did and she was as much invested in a positive outcome as I was. She put the "human" in human resources.
3/5/2025	Sean Gradison	University Recreation	13	outstanding towards the students very well respected by all
3/7/2025	Delys Espinal	University Recreation	13	outstanding work making sure the building stay clean
3/7/2025	JuPrell Young	Belk Gym		A true team player, hard worker that takes pride in his job
3/7/2025	Rosa Reyes	Human Resources- Business Affairs	2	I would like to nominate Rosa Reyes for the Golden Nugget Award. Rosa consistently demonstrates a "can-do" attitude and is always willing to lend a helping hand. Recently, she took the initiative to jump right in and help to simplify a complex process using an Excel sheet. Her dedication and proactive approach truly embody the spirit of UNC Charlotte, and she deserves to be recognized for her wonderful contributions.

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3/7/2025	Lorraine Wright	Human Resources - Business Affairs	2	I would like to nominate Lorraine Wright for the Golden Nugget Award. Lorraine's exceptional Excel expertise allowed her to simplify a complex process in just one hour, saving our team weeks of mundane work. This task is essential for our auditing purposes, and her efficiency and skill have made a significant impact. Additionally, Lorraine is incredibly approachable, always ready to assist and share her knowledge with others. She has even proactively reached out to see if there are other repetitive tasks she could help streamline. Her dedication, innovative approach, and friendly demeanor truly exemplify the values of UNC Charlotte, and she deserves to be recognized for her awesome contributions.
3/7/2025	Rosa Reyes	Employee Engagement and Retention- Human Resources	2	My colleague and I encountered significant challenges while working on an extensive assignment involving an Excel spreadsheet with over 4,000 entries that required transposing data. Rosa immediately stepped in to assist us, dedicating countless hours to navigating the spreadsheet, researching potential solutions, and watching tutorial videos. Although time constraints eventually necessitated that we seek assistance elsewhere, Rosa's unwavering support and dedication were invaluable. Her actions exemplify true teamwork.
3/7/2025	Catherine Denis	Human Resources - Business Affairs	2	I would like to nominate Catherine Denis for the Golden Nugget Award. Catherine has been an incredibly supportive team member to me as we transitioned into a new unit together. Her passion for process improvement is evident in everything she does, and she is always willing to lend her support whenever needed. Catherine's dedication, enthusiasm, and her efforts are truly appreciated. She embodies the values of UNC Charlotte and should be recognized for her contributions as a great team member.
3/6/2025	Tonya Thompson	Center for ADVANCing Faculty Success	16	Tonya is the senior person in our office and without fail is the go to person for everyone. When you have an issue and don't know how to navigate it, Tonya will always take the time to help. Even when it is an issue she does not know about, she will investigate it and help folks sort it out. I do not know that she has ever said, 'sorry can't help you with that' and just left it at that. As her supervisor, I know that I can always rely on her and that I do not have to be concerned that anything will get done. She makes it possible for our office to run smoothly but does this all quietly and in the background - which speaks to her amazing ability to ensure everything gets done but does not bring attention to herself. I want her to know we see how she keeps it all together for the office and that we appreciate the hard work she does at such a high level.
3/18/2025	Brenda L Puente	SAC	14	Working hard and for her commitment every single day.
3/19/2025	Jennifer Dockery	Belk Gym BES	13	Jennifer has gone above the call of Duty to make sure Belk Gym stays in top shape. Thanks for all you do.
3/19/2025	Herman Lipscomb	Belk Gym BES	13	Herman takes pride in keeping the students safe and the building clean. Thank you Mr. Herman for all that you do.
3/19/2025	Michael Lang	Associate Director; Conferences, Reservations and Event Services	17	Michael shows professionalism and strong tact in stressful situations, he remains level-headed and calm during chaotic events and puts you at ease as he is very responsive and receptive to communications. Some staff members might check in once and then are out their way- he will check in throughout the event, offering assistance and support. He is also extremely knowledgeable about policies and procedures regarding the operation of the university. We in CCI have some very large and complicated events and without both Michael and Kelly McTiernan, these events would simply not be possible.
3/19/2025	Kelly McTiernan	Conference Manager; Conferences, Reservations & Event Services	17	Kelly has been a positive light for as long as I have had the pleasure of working with her (at least the past 2-3 years). Kelly is able to remain objective, polite and professional no matter whom the client is, even if the client happens to be challenging. Kelly is simply an inspiring colleague and woman; she ensures success every time we work with her and Michael Lang by being in touch with us early, standing with us the entire process of the event and offering solutions to any roadblock, and being there for the end process as well. You just get more and it is better with Kelly and Michael.
3/20/2025	Gideon Padgett	PATS	16	Gideon is always great to respond to requests and questions. Recently, our department needed to book a second bus for students to attend an off-site event hosted by an area employer partner. Despite a short time frame and a busy time of the year for chartered travel arrangements, Gideon worked quickly to secure transportation for us, communicated the quotes with our accounting department, and coordinated the bus for our travel. This allowed CCI to take a rather large group to the employer visit. His quick thinking, attention to detail, and transparent communication made the entire process seamless. Gideon represents everything great about Niner staff around the campus.

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3/20/2025	Becky Giroux-Boucher	CCI Dean's Office		Becky Giroux-Boucher is an absolute gem as Events Coordinator and Facilities Support for CCI. Throughout the year, Becky has played an integral role in securing space accommodations for our professional development programs which have grown in number and scope from previous iterations. Additionally, Becky is always a great resource to help in the planning and marketing of these events. Specifically, Becky has taken the lead on our March 25 event with SIM Women where she has arranged everything from space layout, catering, floral arrangements, program design and printing, as well as been an active participant in our planning committee. Her commitment to open, transparent communications keeps us all informed of changes, updates, and her flexibility to late changes make the stresses of event planning go smoothly. Becky represents everything great about Niner staff on this campus and her efforts are so noteworthy. 8
3/21/2025	Lorraine Wright	Human Resources Department - Benefits team		I wanted to express my thanks for your exceptional team spirit and unwavering support. Your assistance in automating the Org Chart changes search via Excel Power Query has significantly streamlined my monthly reporting process. I truly appreciate your willingness to share your knowledge and your helpful attitude. This process change will save me valuable time, allowing me to focus more on customer consultations and other process improvements. I am grateful to have you as a colleague and a fantastic teammate. 2 Keep up the great work! Thank you!
3/25/2025	Margaret Williams	CHESS Dean's Office		Although Margaret will say she's "just doing her job," she goes over and above her job duties, especially in building customer relations concerned. (Customers being other admins in the college's departments). Working at the College level, Margaret's workload is always heavy. However, she will always take the time out to answer all of our department admins' questions. All day, every day. System processes are not always transparent or user friendly. When we have unanswered questions, it makes it tough to do our jobs and feel good about our work. Knowing that Margaret is there to answer our questions and / or direct us to the correct resources facilitates our work day and helps us to feel good about our jobs. I have heard from many admins that they are relieved that Margaret is there to help them. When you know someone's got your back, it helps to relieve the stress of the job. I don't consider that as uniquely "doing your job," but I consider it above and beyond. Recently, we had a due date for quarter three financial transactions. These are difficult for me as we've only had to do them once before. Margaret was out for two days and I can only imagine her inbox upon returning, but she took 30 minutes out of her day to zoom with me to help me understand the process, and answered my chat questions throughout the day. I am just one of many admins in the college asking for her help and guidance. She always makes herself available to me if I have any questions at all. I can be successful at my job in large part because Margaret is there for me and for others. 6
3/4/2025	Gina Ewart	Human Resources		Gina is a tenured UNC Charlotte employee within the Benefits HR Department, and she has so much knowledge to share. I'm nominating Gina and thanking her for her outstanding consultation provided. I now understand my retirement options and what I can add or change considering mandatory retirement plans and a variety of supplemental retirement savings plans. Well done! Thank you again, Gina, for your great work! 2