

August 2025 Golden Nuggets

Date of submission	Nominee's Name	Nominee's Department	Area #	Reason for nomination
8/11/2025	Aeryn Jackson	Student Affairs Support - Office of One IT	4	For the past several years, Aeryn has played a pivotal role in the success of our on-campus flu clinics. They have expertly managed the creation of all clinic sign-ups—often on short notice—making the registration process smoother and more accessible for students and staff. Aeryn consistently responds promptly to requests and completes them efficiently. Their expertise has allowed us to avoid relying on less effective tools like SignUpGenius, ensuring a more streamlined and professional experience for everyone involved. Thanks so much Aeryn, you are appreciated!
8/12/2025	Heather Mitchell	Human Resources	2	I am pleased to nominate Heather for her outstanding contributions during our recent HR internal audit process. Heather consistently went above and beyond, demonstrating exceptional expertise and dedication. Her deep knowledge of HR systems—including Niner Talent (both the Applicant Tracking System and Position Management modules), Banner, and Kronos—was instrumental in ensuring a smooth and successful audit. Heather's understanding of HR policies spans not only our university but also the System Office, as well as state and national regulations. Her ability to navigate complex requirements with clarity and precision is truly commendable. Beyond her technical skills, Heather is a joy to work with. She brings a positive attitude, a collaborative spirit, and a strong commitment to supporting the university's mission. Her professionalism and passion for HR make her an invaluable asset to our team. Well done, Heather! Your hard work and dedication are deeply appreciated.
8/12/2025	Suzanne Voigt	Career Center	3	I am honored to nominate Suzanne for her exceptional dedication and impact as a career coach and mentor. Her unwavering commitment to the development of university faculty and staff is truly inspiring. With remarkable expertise and grace, Suzanne consistently demonstrates a deep understanding of university policies, procedures, and career development techniques. Her positive attitude and genuine willingness to help others make her an invaluable resource. Suzanne's availability and responsiveness are impressive, and her support is always delivered with care and precision. Through her organized and systematic approach, she has not only helped me advance in my career but also empowered me to build confidence in my professional journey. Thank you, Suzanne, for your outstanding mentorship and support. I wholeheartedly and gratefully nominate you.
8/20/2025	Audrey Sanders	environmental tech/ popp martin building.	17	Audrey is a very hard worker. Audrey is always alert and ready to be a team player. on 8/20/2025 Audrey helped assisted a handicap student into the bathroom stall and waited until she was done to help her back out of the restroom and on to the bus.
8/21/2025	Amy Browns	Career Center	3	Goes above and beyond to help coworkers, programs and events in all ways she can. She volunteers for so many things in our office as well as stepping up to help her coworkers when needed. She is always super positive and supportive, engaged and advocates for her team members and coworkers. We are lucky to have her. *****please allow me to remain anonymous in this nomination*
8/25/2025	Sydney Gallup	Career Center	3	Sydney is a wonderful campus partner. They are very intentional and attentive in the work they do whenever they collaborate with campus partners. Sydney truly cares about creating wonderful opportunities for students and working with other offices to ensure students receive the best. Their attention to detail when it comes to marketing is the cherry on top! They are amazing at their job!
8/25/2025	Hunter Sells	Financial Aid	2	I'd like to recognize Hunter for going above and beyond during an especially challenging time for our department. With four vacant positions--two of them on our specific team--Hunter has consistently stepped up without hesitation. He's taken on additional responsibilities to help fill the gaps, all while maintaining excellence in his own role. Hunter is also the first to volunteer when phone coverage is needed, and on one particularly demanding day, he handled over 50 calls while still managing his regular workload. His reliability, initiative, and positive attitude have made a significant impact, not just in keeping things running smoothly, but in boosting team morale. When the time comes to fill our open positions, I can only hope to find more employees with Hunter's level of dedication and work ethic. He exemplifies what the Golden Nugget award stands for, and I'm proud to nominate him.
8/27/2025	Molli Keller	Student Assistance and Support Services	11	Molli has gone above and beyond to help elevate the SASS office through social media and created a new signature event for Gold Rush that was a big hit among student attendees this August. Her creativity and care for the event was evident in the details. Students were make deep connections with one another and reported making new friends while engaging with our office. Molli's social media posts helps students practice self-care while also learning about campus resources and other events around the University. She is a great addition to the team and a wonderful colleague, content creator, and collaborator!

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8/28/2025	Monica Perez de Mejia	SAC	14	Monica has consistently demonstrated a strong commitment to her duties, going above and beyond her responsibilities, and has become an indispensable member of our department