

November 2025 Golden Nuggets

Date of submission	Nominee's Name	Nominee's Department	Area #	Reason for nomination
11/3/2025	Hanna Lee	Languages, Cultures and Translation	6	Hanna Lee has consistently stepped up to learn new skills and implement better processes. She does an enormous amount of work behind the scenes on a regular basis and has been instrumental to the running of the department. Her positive attitude and commitment to the faculty and students exemplifies what one needs in a staff member. We are lucky to have her.
11/3/2025	Robert Kline	CEE	8	Bob went above and beyond by working with Dave Biela to power wash our EPIC building! They removed a noticeable water stain and grimy buildup from the front of EPIC and cleaned the stone on the planters and walls in the back. They had gotten very discolored and blackened and were quite frankly, an eyesore. These two took it upon themselves to clean it up. Students are now back to sitting on the wall and they have restored the beauty of our building. They not only showed pride in EPIC, but in being Niners!
11/3/2025	David Biela	EPIC - High Bay Operations and Technical Lab Associate	8	Dave went above and beyond by working with Bob Kline to power wash our EPIC building! They removed a noticeable water stain and grimy buildup from the front of EPIC and cleaned the stone on the planters and walls in the back. They had gotten very discolored and blackened and were quite frankly, an eyesore. These two took it upon themselves to clean it up. Students are now back to sitting on the wall and they have restored the beauty of our building. They not only showed pride in EPIC, but in being Niners!
11/6/2025	Cassandra Himes	TEAL	7	<p>I would like to take a moment to recognize Cassandra for going above and beyond in her work with our graduate certificate candidates. Over the past few months, she has provided exceptional guidance to numerous prospective students, skillfully navigating them through the application process.</p> <p>Cassandra has managed an increased volume of inquiries across various programs while collaborating closely with the Graduate School and faculty advisors to ensure each candidate enjoys a smooth and positive enrollment experience.</p> <p>Thank you, Cassandra, for your dedication and professionalism. You truly are a gem in the TEAL office, and your hard work makes a real difference.</p>
11/6/2025	Natalie Warren	TEAL	7	<p>I would like to take a moment to recognize Natalie Warren for her outstanding work in maintaining our licensure application review process, updating student program changes, and keeping SWAEPPL records accurate and up to date—with zero errors!</p> <p>Thank you, Natalie, for ensuring these important tasks are managed so efficiently and on time. Your attention to detail and dedication are truly appreciated by all of us in the TEAL office.</p>
11/7/2025	Samantha Pfeiffer	UGE - Career Center	3	Samantha leads our Employer Partners Program with exceptional professionalism and care. She is strategic, level-headed, and consistently thoughtful in every decision she makes. Her student-first mindset drives her work, and she stays proactive in monitoring industry trends to keep our programs relevant and impactful. This fall, our department faced a particularly challenging situation that personally affected Samantha. Despite the difficulty, she demonstrated remarkable grace, integrity, and resilience, never losing her focus on preparing and connecting students with employers. Her composure and commitment during a tough time exemplify the very best of UNC Charlotte and make us all proud to work alongside her.

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11/7/2025	Rochelle Holder	Office of Assessment and Accreditation	1	Rochelle helped a person who was trying to deliver multiple packages to a department in another building. Unfortunately, the gentleman did not speak English and communication was a challenge. Additionally, no members of the department were available to accept the packages. When the delivery person's battery died, she tried to find a charger for him. She stayed with him until his supervisor approved that he could leave the packages with our office. Eventually, she was able to contact a member of the department to come and pick up the packages. This effort took a minimum of two hours from the work she was scheduled to do. Rochelle is a great example of how a person can jump in and help someone in need.
11/7/2025	April Baynes	Alumni Association	11	April is always punctual when you need something, is willing to listen to your ideas but also bring fresh ideas, and is just a great teammate to have for anyone on campus. Just a great person for UNC Charlotte to have.
11/12/2025	Danny Dang	Fire System	15B	He goes above and beyond
11/13/2025	Michelle Embry	Planning, Design and Construction	15A	Michelle's integrity shines through her dedication to making Charlotte better each day and that is why I am eager to nominate her for a Golden Nugget. For her Charlotte community, Michelle has committed multiple years of service to being a Green Dot trainer. Michelle leads the development of the Planning, Design and Construction team by coordinating seasonal events that foster the personal relationships that serve as the foundation for successful professional collaborations. She is a bright personality around the office and a lively contributor to office discussions. Furthermore, Michelle brings her institutional knowledge to the table to help guide team initiatives so that they are most impactful for our campus customers. Michelle is a positive contributor in each role she finds herself.
11/14/2025	John Garst	Facilities Management - Electrical	15B	<p>Recently, our department encountered a challenging issue that required prompt attention and careful coordination. John went above and beyond to ensure the matter was fully resolved.</p> <p>Throughout the process, John responded quickly to every request, returning to our area multiple times to assess the situation and address concerns. They met with staff repeatedly—always with professionalism, patience, and a willingness to listen—to make sure the issue was understood from all angles. Their persistence, expertise, and commitment to finding a solution made a significant difference.</p> <p>Thanks to John's exceptional follow-through and dedication to service, the disruption was resolved effectively and with minimal impact. Their efforts exemplify the very best of Facilities Management and demonstrate a strong commitment to supporting our campus community.</p>
11/17/2025	Logan Homesley	APHCS	7	Logan consistently goes above and beyond to keep APHCS running smoothly. Her dedication, organization, and willingness to step in wherever needed make an enormous difference. Truly, the program would not function at the level it does without her leadership and support.
11/17/2025	Wendy Ramirez	APHCS	7	Wendy consistently goes above and beyond to support the success of APHCS. Their reliability, hard work, and willingness to take initiative make a tremendous impact. The program is stronger and more effective because of their dedication and contribution.
11/20/2025	Rebecca Stamper	Mechanical Engineering and Engineering Science	8	Thank you so much for your support during First-Gen Week. You filled the space with wonderful, warm, and welcoming energy. You were integral for making this a wonderful experience for First-Gen Niners! We could not do this without you.
11/20/2025	Lydia Rodriguez	College of Computing and Informatics	8	Thank you so much for your support during First-Gen Week. You filled the space with wonderful, warm, and welcoming energy. You were integral for making this a wonderful experience for First-Gen Niners! We could not do this without you.
11/20/2025	Rachel Powell-Rangel	Engineering Technology & Construction Management	8	Thank you so much for your support during First-Gen Week. You filled the space with wonderful, warm, and welcoming energy. You were integral for making this a wonderful experience for First-Gen Niners! We could not do this without you.

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11/30/2025	Jonathan Garrett	Office of OneIT, Desktop Support Green Team	4	<p>Jonathan has been consistently helpful in tech support over the past year and is deserving of recognition He has proactively helped update all my tech equipment, which was a very confusing process. Jonathan was quick to work with the settings on my desktop when I needed help in modifying my equipment for a medical condition. Jonathan demonstrates excellence in his problem solving skills every time I interact with him. Most importantly, he shows up to do it everyday in his green shirt and his work nametag; genuinely representing the Niner Spirit.</p>