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Mandy Bibee	University Transfer and Adult Student Center	3	I am nominating Mandy for a Golden Nugget Award for her dedication to helping adult students feel connected, valued, and supported at UNC Charlotte. She has built programs that foster community and belonging and created a newsletter whose most recent edition was viewed by almost 9,000 students. Mandy consistently goes above and beyond to ensure adult students feel seen and know they are an important part of our campus community. Her care, creativity, and commitment make a meaningful difference for our students.
Jason Pham	OneIT, Operational Infrastructure: Network & Voice Services	4	Jason exemplified outstanding service through his responsiveness, expertise, and commitment to helping our team succeed. After responding quickly to a Career Center ticket, he worked around my schedule to troubleshoot a networking issue in my office. He took the time to explain what was causing the problem and shared broader insights about improving network performance on campus; I learned a lot from our conversation. He took the time to assist two other staff members who were experiencing the same issue while he was in the Career Center, and I have since shared his recommendations with our entire team. His communication was thorough, proactive, and incredibly helpful throughout the process.
Megan Garner	College of Arts and Architecture -Art and Art History Dept.	18	I would like to recognize and commend Megan Garner, Advisor for the Department of Art and Art History in the College of Arts and Architecture (COAA), for her outstanding leadership, dedication, and hard work over the past several months. In her new leadership role as Head of the COAA Advising Team, Megan has done an exceptional job supporting and guiding our advising team. She has led monthly team meetings, provided regular advisor leadership updates, and ensured our advisors remain informed about student outreach timelines and important changes. Megan has also taken the initiative to remind us to keep our advising materials current, particularly as we navigate updates to new student orientation processes and departmental updates. Megan also successfully chaired the search committee for a new advisor in the College of Arts and Architecture. Her diligent communication, coordination, and follow through supported the search team throughout the process. This work required significant outreach and collaboration with Human Resources, the applicant pool, and members of the search committee, and Megan handled these responsibilities with professionalism and care. In addition to her regular advising responsibilities, Megan has stepped into an interim advising role for the Graphic Design Program while our new advisor completes the onboarding process. She has taken on this additional responsibility while continuing to fulfill her normal duties, demonstrating an extraordinary commitment to supporting our students and colleagues. Please join us in giving Megan a well deserved shout out and sincere appreciation for the leadership, flexibility, communication, and dedication she has shown to the College of Arts and Architecture. We are grateful for all that she has contributed during this particularly busy period.
Natalie Gardner-Gordon	CHHS Advising	7	Natalie consistently goes above and beyond to ensure every student receives thoughtful, personalized guidance. She takes the time to truly listen, offer steady encouragement, and help students with patience and an approachable demeanor that makes them feel valued and supported. I deeply appreciate her support as a colleague, especially when she generously stays late (even on Friday afternoons) to make sure no student leaves without the help they came for.
Officer Dylan Casey	UNC Charlotte Police Department	10	I am grateful to Office Dylan Casey for helping me resolve a hit and run on my car a couple of weeks ago. He was diligent to examine video records and locate the vehicle that was responsible. Since then, I had my car repaired. He helped to make an unfortunate incident one where I feel like I was supported and assisted. I appreciate Officer Casey's professionalism!
Jason Pham	Enterprise Infrastructure	15	Jason recently handled a ticket for the Atkins Career Center. He responded quickly to the ticket and was willing to work around my schedule. I learned a lot from his visit to my office to do troubleshooting - both about the specific networking issue and getting an improved networking connection on campus in general. He took the time to work with 2 other staff members who had the same issue while he was in the Career Center. I've now shared his tips with our entire staff. He was very thorough in his communication; really going above and beyond.
Derrick Robles	FM - MO - Lockshop	12	Derrick went out of his way to create a 25Live Access Instruction Guide for all the of the technicians in the Maintenance Operations department. That way when a technician needs to access a classroom for any repairs, they can easily search the classroom's schedule.

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Logan Homesley	APHCS		I am pleased to nominate Logan Homesley for this award in recognition of her outstanding administrative support, responsiveness, and commitment to the faculty and students in the Department of Applied Physiology, Health and Clinical Sciences. Logan plays an essential behind-the-scenes role in helping our department function effectively. She provides critical support with course scheduling, course revisions, classroom reservations, and many of the administrative details that are necessary for faculty to successfully deliver our academic programs. While much of this work happens behind the scenes, its impact is significant. Her attention to detail, organization, responsiveness, and willingness to help make an enormous difference in the day-to-day work of faculty. What I particularly appreciate about Logan is that she is dependable and approachable. When an issue arises, she works to find a solution and is willing to help navigate the many logistical details that accompany course planning and academic administration. She understands that seemingly small scheduling or classroom issues can have a significant impact on faculty and students, and she consistently works to address those needs efficiently and thoughtfully. As a faculty member and graduate program director, I rely heavily on Logan's support. Her work allows me to spend more time focusing on teaching, students, program development, and faculty responsibilities rather than trying to manage the many administrative logistics that accompany those roles. She is an important part of the infrastructure that allows our department to operate successfully.
Trey Harris	Facilities Management	12	Trey is an incredibly hard worker who is truly deserving of this award. During NNG Week, he stepped up without hesitation, willing to help with absolutely anything the team needed. He took on the heavy lifting of loading and unloading essential event materials across campus, ensuring everything ran smoothly. Trey's outstanding work ethic, reliability, and team-first attitude make him highly deserving of this recognition
Andrew Hickman	Facilities	12	Andrew, we are so thankful to Andrew for his help with NNG Week, Andrew and his team members were a big part of the success of the event. Thanks so much for everything you did to make this happen.
Sierra Roe	Mechanical Engineering	8	Sierra takes great pride and care in her work supporting students and faculty in Mechanical Engineering. We have a lot of growth and changes happening in Mechanical Engineering and Sierra has jumped in helping where needed. This Fall she has gone above and beyond organizing the retirement party for Dr Raja, promoting many visiting scholars, and managing a large amount of faculty and student requests while the office was short staffed. Awesome work Sierra!
David Keith Williams	Academic Affairs	9	David's organizational skills are soo very appreciated! This Fall we have been managing a high volume of new faculty hires. David tracks critical pieces for each hire that are needed for SACs accreditation and HR compliance. His diligence has kept us on track and ensured that nothing fell through the cracks. It takes a village and I am grateful for all of David's work to keep us organized! Thank you
Erica Roth and Heather Mitchell	Human Resources - Talent Acquisition	2	Erica and Heather have been fantastic campus collaborators this Summer and Fall. They have helped me to process multiple staff hires in the past few months. They are quick to respond and always have a cheerful attitude, even when I know they are swamped. We would not have been able to hire and on-board as many folks as we have without their assistance. They go above and beyond and I greatly appreciate it!
Cassandra Kusorgbor	CHHS Dean's Office	7	Cassandra is super responsive and always communicates with very upbeat energy. My interactions with her are always so pleasant and I appreciate her positivity!
Belinda Alexander	HR Records Management	2	Payroll depends on HR Records Management to implement salary, fund and Approver updates at the most critical times of our Payroll process. Belinda came to HRRM as a temporary employee replacing a seasoned veteran with 20 plus years experience and had to hit the ground running. With the support of her trainer Mike Hogue-Jackson she quickly got up to speed navigating through the Legislative Increase, Bonus and Vacation Season with confidence and skill. Her hard work has moved her from Temporary to Full time and we truly appreciate the effort the she and Mike pour into their jobs every day.
Danny Etim	School of Nursing	7	I would like to nominate Danny Etim for the Golden Nugget Award in recognition of his dedication, initiative, and outstanding contributions to the Learning Resource Center within the School of Nursing. Throughout the Fall 2026 semester, Danny has demonstrated exceptional commitment to supporting our simulation and skills-based learning activities. He has taken the lead in coordinating operational support for NURS 3425, our Fundamentals of Nursing Skills course, ensuring that equipment, supplies, and learning spaces are prepared and ready for faculty and students. His proactive approach to planning, often working two weeks ahead of scheduled activities, has helped improve efficiency and ensure smooth day-to-day operations. Danny has also demonstrated tremendous dependability and teamwork. He has stepped in to help maintain daily operations, support faculty needs, and ensure that scheduled learning activities continued without interruption. His willingness to take ownership of responsibilities, anticipate needs, and go the extra mile has made a meaningful difference in our team's ability to serve students and faculty. What stands out most is Danny's continued growth, initiative, and commitment to excellence. He has become a valuable asset to our team, and his contributions reflect the dedication, collaboration, and Niner pride that make UNC Charlotte such a special place. I am proud to recognize Danny for his hard work and the positive impact he continues to make within the School of Nursing.
Emmi Conner	IDST Office in CHESS	6	Emmi is simply amazing at her job. Currently she is taking on much more work because of a need in the office and as usual, she does it with a smile and kindness. I've never worked with anyone who is so efficient, accurate, kind, and always with a smile. She deserves 1000 Golden Nuggets!

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Sara Watson	Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering	8	Ms. Sara Watson is the the Business Services Coordinator for the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering. In this role, she serves as the central coordinator of the annual Charlotte AIR Airport Workshop. This workshop serves as a conference for airport professionals in the Charlotte area and beyond. Attendees include academics, consultants, government planners, etc. The workshop showcases the excellent work being conducted by researchers in the Charlotte AIR institute specifically and across UNC Charlotte more broadly. This workshop has been taking place for about 5 years and Ms. Watson told me this morning that this year's workshop was the biggest yet at around 240 attendees. Ms. Watson's roles in coordinating this workshop are expansive. She manages the registration, all communications with attendees, oversight of the accompanying career fair, coordination with the Sullenberger Airport museum (where the workshop took place), the purchasing of door prizes, the ordering of Charlotte AIR swag that each attendee receives, the passing out of raffle tickets, and myriad other tasks that are too numerous to name and many that I am certain I'm not aware of. Ms. Watson has done this annually since the workshop's inception. This is a task that is above and beyond her regular duties as the BSC for our department. Although most attendees may not even notice what Ms. Watson is doing, I am certain that their common experience is of a well-run meeting that reflects positively on UNC Charlotte. Ms. Watson does it all with 100% professionalism, enthusiasm, and organization. She does it all quietly, efficiently, and without any specific recognition or reward for her efforts. She has done it this way each year and my only regret is that I haven't thought to nominate her for this award in past years. Ms. Watson personifies the remarkable and selfless behavior and performance that the Golden Nugget award seeks to recognize. She would be a most worthy recipient of this award.
Maddison Ingram	Dean's Office- William States Lee College of Engineering	8	I just wanted to nominate Maddison to say thank you for all she did for me while I was out on FMLA with my husband. She went above and beyond the call of duty to make sure every process and the office continued to run smoothly in my absence. Thank you Maddison. You are Amazing!
Wendy Ramirez	Department of Applied Physiology, Health and Clinical Sciences	7	For nearly two decades, Wendy Ramirez has been a valued and trusted member of the UNC Charlotte community, most notably in our department. Throughout the years, she has been the person so many faculty, staff, and students could count on for help, guidance, and always a friendly smile. Whether it is navigating NinerMart or providing assistance with Concur, Wendy always goes above and beyond to keep the day-to-day operations of our department running smoothly. Her dedication, positive attitude, and deep institutional knowledge of the UNC system have made a lasting difference in the department and the people she has supported. She has moved the unit forward as she developed the travel budget tracking system currently used by the department and has been responsible for facilitating travel for over 25 faculty annually for the past two decades. As she prepares to retire in January, this recognition is a small way to thank her for the countless contributions, kindness, and unwavering commitment she has shown to the University community, and especially our department. Wendy is truly deserving of the Monthly Nugget Award.