

April Golden Nugget Award Recipients

1. Sharon Horinka – Annual Giving (Area 1)

“Sharon is one of the most hard working and dependable people in University Advancement. She's likely the first person to lend a helping hand, no matter the project. As the Call Center Manager, she's developed incredible leadership skills. From volunteer projects to fundraising events, Sharon not only knows how to give great direction, but more importantly, she leads by example. Above all, she has a fantastic, fun, and can-do attitude towards her work.” – Anonymous
2. Brenda Shue – Chancellor (Area 1)

“Brenda went above and beyond during the February Board of Governors Meeting that was hosted on our campus. I witnessed Brenda shoveling ice and slushy snow from the sidewalks at the Hilton so that the BOG members could safely walk to the shuttles to be driven to campus. Brenda took it upon herself to insure the safety and comfort of the BOG members instead of waiting on hotel personnel to clear the sidewalks. These small touches are part of what made our BOG visit such a success! Thank you Brenda!” – Tina McEntire
3. LeeFredrick (Fred) Bowen – University Advising Center (Area 1)

“For the past year, Fred Bowen has directed meetings with various campus stakeholders and the Starfish vendor to plan and implement the Starfish Early Alert and Connect systems at UNC Charlotte. The system will be used by instructors to enter alerts on students in their courses to produce feedback on academic performance early in the academic term. Students are then alerted to follow up by connecting with the resources and personnel in their UNCC Success Network and Services catalog, and discuss possible early intervention strategies with academic advisors. Fred has scheduled and run meetings, training sessions, and tested the system to be sure it is functional when the full implementation occurs this summer. He is now known by the name of "StarFred." - Anonymous
4. Penny Stevens – ITS CIO (Area 4)

“Penny is being nominated for her volunteer work at the Chancellors Cup Golf tournament.” – Jim Kay
5. Robert Sewell – Housing and Residence Life (Area 5)

“I have worked for housing for 29 years and have had over 8 different supervisors over this time. Rob has done so much for the Security Staff. To start with he was willing to come at 6 A.M. to meet with us each week. In the past I would have to stay over and sometimes it would be almost 10 A.M. before the meeting would start. Since I work 11P.M. - 7A.M. I would be so tired I could barely talk :). Rob has a calming nurturing style of leading. He does not make knee jerk reactions at all and thinks things through. Rob has been willing to handle all the day time issues for the Security Staff Phone calls, emails, meetings etc. This allows us to go home and rest, in the past I would have to stay over day time and do this. Rob is always making sure we have

updated working equipment. Also Rob is an excellent long range planner and administrator handling many tasks all at the same. Rob can also talk with the staff in a manner to lets them feel respected. (So many times in the past high up people can tend to talk down to people they supervise and it can leave them with a feeling of being talked down to or them not really caring at all.) Our staff can pick up on this. Over all Rob being our day time boss at UNCC makes UNCC a nice, respectable place to work. Rob sets a tone and a style of supervision that I hope will spread throughout the UNCC system.” – Wayne Wellmon

6. Debra Ballard – Housing and Residence Life (Area 5)

“Debra is assigned to a Loan Key building. She is always diligent with her job responsibilities. She makes additional rounds, and documents everything properly. The nicest thing is she has a wonderful personality. She is pleasant with all staff members and students. We are fortunate to have her on our staff. She is the kind of employee that does not require a lot of supervision, she is very trust worthy. We appreciate what she does.” – Tracy Baumgardner

7. Debbie Roseman – Bioinformatics and Genomics (Area 8)

“Debbie is being nominated for her volunteer work at the Chancellors Cup Golf tournament.” – Jim Kay

8. Stephen Jackson – FM Portal Operations (Area 11)

“Stephen is always working hard to keep the CRI side of campus looking in tip top shape. He is constantly out and about cutting grass, picking up trash, or helping with snow removing. We really appreciate the hard work and dedication.” – Anonymous

9. Virgie Fewell – Housekeeping (Area 12)

“Some of us from Financial Aid were temporarily placed in Cameron, while our floor in Reese was being renovated. We introduced ourselves to Mrs. Virgie and from the first day, she went above and beyond to make our visit pleasant. She found us all the extra perks to make our room comfortable for our needs. We all looked forward to that wonderful smile and her pleasant conversations every day. Anytime we needed the vacuum, a trash bag, more paper towel, etc, we knew that Mrs. Virgie would be there in a flash. She is an excellent employee who truly gives service with a smile.” – Kimberly Hight

10. Frank Hogan – Student Affairs VC (Area 13)

“Frank is being nominated for his volunteer work at the Chancellors Cup Golf tournament.” – Jim Kay

11. Tim Smith – Renovations (Area 15A)

“Tim went above and beyond the call of duty without hesitation in assisting with a project in the Friday building. Within hours he had the project completed and personally delivered it. His hard work and efforts did not go unnoticed!” – Anonymous

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13. John Butcher III – Grounds (Area 15A)

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