

December Golden Nugget Award Recipients

1. **Jillian Stubbs – Office of Adult Students/Evening Services (Area 2)**

“Jillian Stubbs serves as the Coordinator of the 49er Finish Program in the Office of Adult Students and Evening Services (OASES). One of her roles is to help former UNC Charlotte seniors complete their degrees at the university. She has been successful in helping to recruit and graduate over 700 former UNC Charlotte students. In addition to coordinating the 49er Finish Program, Jillian serves as an academic advisor to prospective, new, returning, and transfer adult students. To assist prospective adult and nontraditional students, she participates in on-campus programs such as EXPLORE, SOAR, and Adult Student Orientation. Along with advising and providing student engagement programs for adult students, Jillian teaches a credit transition course for adults and also serves as the Chapter Coordinator for Alpha Sigma Lambda, the oldest and most prestigious honor society exclusively for adult learners. Recently she received a grant from UNC General Administration to design a model for part-way home students in the UNC System to return to school to complete their degrees. Jillian presents at professional conferences and develops national webinars. On campus she works closely with the associate deans and department chairs to impact retention and graduation. She is energetic and enthusiastic in working with all colleges and departments on campus. A person of integrity, Jillian provides excellent customer service and makes a difference in many lives at UNC Charlotte. She is a great asset to the Enrollment Management team, and the staff in OASES are delighted to be her colleague.” – Janet Deal Daniel

2. **Carrie McMahon – Registrar (Area 2)**

“Carrie supervises the course, classroom scheduling, and graduation services areas in the office. She works quietly behind the scenes but her efforts do not go unnoticed by the campus community. Her efforts lead to departments creating their course schedules for students to be able to register for their courses, courses being scheduled in classrooms appropriate for their pedagogy, and students completing all requirements for graduation and being able to walk across the stage at Commencement. She is always more than willing to resolve issues that arise for all faculty, staff, and students. For these reasons, I believe she is truly deserving of a Golden Nugget Award.” – Anonymous

3. **Christopher Bates – Business Affairs (Area 10)**

“Chris Bates conceptualized and brought to life a very special gift for a very long-serving board chairperson (who has chaired several of UNC Charlotte's major boards). He gathered information carefully about this chairperson's connections to UNC Charlotte and the community and identified a small set of books (modestly priced, mostly paperback). Several of these books were authored by UNC Charlotte faculty, and Chris secured their inscriptions. All of this was done with no fanfare, but it brought great joy to this long-serving UNC Charlotte supporter.” – Anonymous

4. Marcos Torres – Housekeeping (Area 12)

“He was very instrumental in the cleaning process for the Governor's last visit.” – Virgie Fewell

5. Joseph Leahew – Grounds (Area 15A)

“Joe is a great example of the spirit of UNC Charlotte. As a grounds employee working with us at Rec Services, Joe makes sure that our facilities are always well cared for, immaculate in appearance and kept safe. He has gone out of his way to offer assistance and always keeps me in the loop about potential problems so we can head them off before they happen. He is a tremendous asset to the University and to his department. Thanks for all of your hard work Joe!” – Matt Shilling

6. David Elledge – Facilities Management Zone 2 (Area 15B)

“Taking a leadership role in the installation of Master key boxes throughout the Zone.” - Anonymous

7. Dwight Nealey – Facilities Management Zone 2 (Area 15B)

“Dwight has provided continuing support of other Zones in need of precision welding. He has saved the University both time and money with his willingness to assist as well as his expert knowledge.” – Anonymous

8. Steffan Moody – Recreational Services (Area 17)

“Steffan is a tremendous person and member of the Rec Services team. He goes out of his way to be helpful and always has a smile on his face. There is no task too big or too small for Steffan and he is greatly appreciated by everyone who works with him.” – Matt Shilling

9. Michael Teague – Student Union (Area 17)

“Mike has always been helpful and goes above and beyond to provide excellent service for everyone in the SUAR family. His leadership of the SUAR IT department is invaluable. He prides himself and his team on effective communication and he always follows up to make sure the problem is completely resolved. Mike provides honest opinions when it comes to equipment and software and keeps us equipped with the best technology to aid us in providing for our student patrons and employees. Thanks Mike!” – Matt Shilling

10. Lydia Peters – Student Activity Center and Venue Management (Area 17)

“She has really been so helpful with transitioning everyone with the addition of a new time keeping system, ordering system (49er Mart), helping me (new employee) with learning my job, as well as covering for my position in the interim. She's patient and understanding, really takes her time to give directions, and is always helping everyone with any questions they may have. She gives so much of herself, and so many people can always depend on her for help.” – Anonymous