

September 2016 Golden Nugget Winners



Area 1

Shayna S. Long

Shayna has worked tirelessly on Niner Nation Gives and Crowdfunding, organizing multiple fundraising efforts for both giving programs -- each with numerous touch points -- and doing so in a positive, cohesive and appreciative manner. Niner Nation Gives encompasses the entire campus and is designed to reach alumni. It is a 6-month long process that culminates during Founder's Week and the effort she has shown is remarkable. As an alumnus, I appreciate her work, dedication and enthusiasm for my University and for Advancement. She is a great example of "can do" and "get it done" with a great attitude.

--Mark Colone

Dawn Tench

Dawn is a bright light on this campus. Always cheerful and willing to lend a hand. It's always a pleasure to work with her. Her knowledge is endless and her positive outlook is contagious!

Area 4

Jason Stephens

Jason has been a great addition to server and storage in ITS. He has been extremely helpful to other co-workers whenever he's asked he is willing and able to assist and does it with a smile. I appreciate all his help.

Thank you so much!

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Gwen Gill

Gwen (who is currently working on her PhD at UNCC) started fulltime with COE in Spring 2015. In just two semesters she has quickly matured into a full-fledged OSDS team member helping support the department and college's mission and activities – responsibilities which include but are not limited to: lecturer, adviser, SOAR, and assisting/participating in COE sponsored events. Gwen is helpful, friendly, resourceful, and always available. With her varied and versatile background in engineering, law, and economics, she is a wonderful person to talk with when you have problems, questions, or concerns about school and life in general. OSDS is very lucky to have Gwen!!

Area 5

Charles Guzman

I can not count the numbers of times i have notice Mr. Guzman go above and beyond to help housekeepers, temporary staff, and even supervisors. He never denied me help in almost 4 years. Thank You Mr. Guzman for your dedication and patience with us.

Paul Bennett

Paul has worked for the Housing & Residence Life department for over a decade as a zone mechanic. He has just acquired a job with the Facilities Management department that will begin on Monday, September 19. As he leaves our department and goes onto another opportunity I believe he should be recognized for his tenure and his hard work. He's diligent, attentive, consistent, and helpful. I think he would make a great candidate for this award. Thank you for your consideration.

Jen Amano

Over the past couple of months are department has been short staffed. Despite the late and long hours Jen Amano has stepped up to fill the gaps. She is a wonderful Residence Education Coordinator who works to support and uplift her coworkers as well as her department. Thank you for all that you do!

Area 6

Laurie Parker

We would like to nominate Laurie Parker for a Golden Nugget Award! Laurie is the “computer guru” for the University Writing Program and CLAS. She consistently goes above and beyond the call of duty by responding quickly to requests, coming up with creative solutions to our problems and being an ultimate example of UNCC professionalism. She does all of this with a friendly willingness and cheerful smile. A Golden Nugget is a perfect way to spotlight excellence and extend a big “thank you” to Laurie for everything she does for us!

--Jacki-Lynn Baynks & Kelly Northey

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Jennie Mussington

This afternoon a female student experienced a problem with her nose bleeding. The student was in the women's room, and she needed help. Jennie instantly stopped what she was doing to deal with this situation. After she took care of the student, she made sure that the restroom was properly cleaned. I know that the student appreciated Jennie's calm and professional response.

--Mark West

Area 7

Doreen Smith

I believe Doreen is deserving of a Golden Nugget Award because she goes above and beyond with every task she is given. Although she has a heavy workload, she is always willing to help others in the department. She is the glue that keeps the department together. Doreen always has a positive attitude!

Area 9

Alicia Bartosch

Alicia helped the Financial Reporting team tremendously this year, taking the reins on very complex, detail-oriented entries related to ESCO, grants and contracts, debt service, and capitalized interest. We are very appreciative of the positive attitude and expertise she contributed, and may not have made it through year end without her! Thank you!

Salima Iskra

Salima not only performs her expected job duties on a day to day basis in a very efficient manner, but she also goes above and beyond to service her departmental customers. I have received comments from campus departments on multiple occasions citing examples where Salima far exceeded their customer service expectations in helping them solve an issue. She goes beyond expectations and takes the extra time to express genuine concern for the department she is servicing. She is invested in their efficient operations.

--Scott Brechtel

Tahnett Mack

Tahnett is always a positive force in every interaction, even when it is stressful. She's a light on campus!

Area 10

Jim Rodgers

Jim goes above and beyond to help me out when I need to solve an HR problem for my students and beyond. And he has a sense of humor during all of it!

--Gillian Perry

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Area 12

Gloria Escobar

Colvard zone was very short staffed without the evening lead tech. We also had an event clean up scheduled in Robinson Hall. I called Candis Robinson the Library Zone supervisor to ask for some assistance. She sent over Gloria Library Zone Lead Tech who lead the Colvard team during the event clean up. Gloria did this without complaint. I received compliments about the cleanliness of the theater for the night performance.

Thanks a lot Gloria!!!! You are awesome and lead by example in the area of team work!!!!!!!!!!!!

--James Revis

Area 13

Connie Rampey

Doing a Great Job of Organization the SA Fall Breakfast

Area 15A

Chris Facente and his Automotive Team

On the morning of Sept 21st, when my Director arrived at work, he noticed that 4 of the Parking and Transportation vehicles had been vandalized. We immediately called Chris Facente from Facilities and the Campus Police. Chris and his team (Robert Robinson, Matthew Martin, Leroy Crawford and Jim Green) immediately showed up and had all 4 vehicles up and running by 12:45pm on the same day! This was above and beyond all expectations. They were all courteous and understood the urgency of getting the vehicles up and running. We did not expect such a fast turnaround. The service was exemplary. The efforts of Chris and his Team reflect the professionalism and Dedication which makes UNC Charlotte great!

--Helena Connors

Area 15B

Dennis Kowalski

Dennis has been very helpful to me in so many ways. He helped get my office organized, get me a much needed desk, and help to keep all my assigned buildings up to standard. I just want him to know that he is appreciated.

--Virgie Fewell

Dwight Nealey

Dwight has been very instrumental in helping me get settled into my office and I want to let him know how much he is appreciated. He has helped with any need that I had. He also assists in keeping my buildings repaired. Thanks Dwight

--Virgie Fewell

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Ed Diaz

You don't normally see supervisor's get nominated but this is well deserved. Ed is a kind person and a very hard worker from being organized to help give us what we need to do our jobs well and the most productive way. I think this makes good moral when you have a supervisor like this, he keeps our team going and is a great boss, just want to say thank you.

Area 16

James Hathaway

Jim organizes the annual NC Science Festival events at UNCC. The events are some of the most successful and dynamic outreach events on campus. The work Jim puts into making the events a success, in terms of organization and planning, as well as physical labor is exceptional. Above and beyond the call of duty.

Area 17

Kemet Gatchell

I am nominating Kemet Gatchell for the Golden Nugget award for his hard work and dedication to the Department of Recreational Services. Although he started a new role in the department in June as the Assistant Director of Sport Clubs, he has maintained his old responsibilities as the Assistant Director of Promotions simultaneously (and will do so until the new person starts on September 15th). Consequently, I want to give him KUDOS for working double duty, including coordinating another successful Rec Fest, and NEVER complaining. Job well done!

--Sophia Marshall

Mike Teague

They have gone above and beyond to run their department even when short staffed. They have been a great role model and mentor.

Jim Kay

Jim went above and beyond to get the Student Union ready to become the Popp Martin Student Union. He and the maintenance and building services staff did a phenomenal job in making our facility look and feel top notch, even more than they usually do! And he did it with a smile on his face.

--Gillian Perry

Trever Swint

Trever is managing multiple roles, is here early, late, and on weekends, and will always, always, always help folks out. His constant support and positive attitude are an asset to the Student Union.

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Rachael Forester

Rachael worked incredibly hard to provide a space for students, faculty, and staff to have a space to process the events unfolding in Charlotte in mid-September. She and the rest of the MRC worked tirelessly to provide that space and make sure folks were aware of it, and students especially have voiced their thanks for that space.