2018
Student Employee of the Year Ceremony
May 3, 2018
CBA Advising Office

Patti Edwards, Katelyn and Kristy Schweitz

Katelyn Bollich

Nominated by Kristy Schweitz and Patti Edwards
Katelyn Bollich

“We challenge any other office on campus to say they have had a student worker for all four years of their college experience.”

“She is beyond professional and treats all student and families with the highest respect.”

“She truly is the model student in terms of responsibility and reliability.”
Food Services

Vishal with Tim Rochford

Vishal Raj Chennuru

Nominated by Anna Cecetka, Food Service Supervisor
“Vishal is always willing to go the extra mile to get the job done right.”

“He works hard both on and off the clock and will be greatly missed”

“…Vishal will crack a joke, bust out in a dance move, or just genuinely make the people around him smile and laugh.”
The Gateway

Sophie Ford

Nominated by Josie Loza, Manager of Student Publications
Sophie has a tireless work ethic and a commitment to become the best journalist she can be."

"Sophie is so necessary to our staff."

"It takes a special student to inspire one’s peers, and Sophie has that quality ... She is truly a leader by example."
Service Learning Academy

Allegra Hardin

Nominated by Julie Dierberger, Director of SLA and Paul Sather, Distinguished Director

Allegra with Julie Dierberger
Allegra Hardin

“Her ability to balance school work with the fast-paced, ever-changing responsibilities of this job – all while making everyone around her laugh – inspires all those who work with her.”

“Allegra goes above and beyond to ensure that she creates professional, creative materials for events in a timely manner.”

“... a great asset to our team and a wonderful student worker!”
Psychology – Animal Care

Haley Hassenstab

Nominated by Heather Jensen, Jon Cavanaugh, Aaryn Mustoe & Sarah Carp

Haley with Jon Cavanaugh

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“It takes a special kind of person to work in our lab with the marmosets and Haley is a professional who takes what she does seriously.”

Haley Hassenstab

“Haley is an inimitable member of the lab who will leave quite a void upon her graduation.”

“She brings light and cheer to our lab every day with her sparkling personality and abundant enthusiasm.”
Abi Heller

Nominated by Janelle Beadle, Asst. Professor, Gerontology

Abi with Dr. Beadle
Abi Heller

“We couldn’t ask for a better student worker or a better member for our team.”

“She is a leader in the lab and helps to guide the other students.”

“She sets a great example for other students in the lab in terms of her hard work ethic, attention to detail and positive attitude.”
Autumn Henkenius

“I have seen Autumn grow from a new employee into a confident professional that could actually take over my job without hesitation.”

“She has been the key to success of the Mav Kids Summer Day camp for the past two years”

“It is evident that Autumn will be as successful in the education field as she was as a program assistant in Campus Recreation.”
Social Work

Tova Hettinger

Tova with Jeanette Harder and Pamela Ashley

Nominated by Jeanette Harder and Pamela Ashley
“Tova has an uncanny ability to think and problem solve on her feet when unexpected things happen.”

“The epitome of responsibility and reliability”

“Her commitment and professionalism represent UNO well and our community partners have taken notice.”
Community Engagement Center

Abrar Hussain Frasat

Nominated by David Peterson, CEC Building Services Manager
"Abrar has a dedication not normally associated with student workers, and having Abrar is like having an additional staff member."

"The courtesy and respect he provides all guests of the building is appreciated and invaluable."

"He enjoys challenges and seeks out ways to contribute."
Office of the University Registrar

Cassandra Jahn

Nominated by Matt Harrington, Center for Public Affairs Research, formerly Office of the University Registrar

Cassandra with Matt Harrington and Tracie Anderson
“Cassie noticed one of the students being helped next door at Financial Support & Scholarship had trouble communicating ... Cassie has taken courses in American Sign Language and made a decision to help ... she spent approximately 20 minutes helping translate for the student.”

“She is what every supervisor wants in a student worker.”
Division of Continuing Studies

Ajay Kanagala

Nominated by Karen Kempkes, DCS Office Supervisor, and Regina Toman, Asst. to Sr. V.C.
“Ajay is a fantastic student worker, and an even more amazing human being.

“We fully feel that Ajay’s efforts in our student numbers have made a difference to not only our department, but to UNO and to the NU system as a whole.”

“He goes above and beyond in all he does.”
School of Music

Connor with student Brandon Armstrong

Nominated by
Jeremy Baguyos, Professor of Music
“Connor is also enhancing our reputation as a University committed to forming meaningful partnerships with area arts organizations.”

“He is a respected mentor to the younger music technology students.”

“He has a knack and innate disposition to get things done and figure out how to get things done, in a very professional and affable manner.”
Information Services

Nick Kjosling

Nominated by Beth Coughlin and Derek VerHelst, ITS

Nick with Beth Coughlin
Nick Kjolsing

“He has been instrumental in keeping us above water.”

“I look forward to days when Nick works because I know we will be able to catch up on daily tasks and make headway on projects.”

“I am proud to send him out on campus as a representative of Telecom.”
“She has been a great leader in our student workers. She puts a team together and works on the project with little or no direction and makes it look great.”

“Her awesome attitude and great customer service will be a huge loss for the store when she graduates and continues on her journey.”
School of Health & Kinesiology

Rachel Mattley

Nominated by Courtney Luxon and Griffith Watson, Advisors
Rachel Mattley

“She has taken initiative to explore new ways to contribute to our advising efforts – social media graphics, flyers – great ways to navigate these types of conversations.”

“She is mature and professional and her positive personality is completely contagious. She is one of the absolutely best representatives of the School of H&K.”
Psychology – Animal Care

Jacqueline Muellner

Nominated by Heather Jensen, Jon Cavanaugh, Aaryn Mustoe & Sarah Carp
Jacqueline Muellner

“Jackie is one of the most reliable and observant student workers we have ever had.”

“I would never have time to get everything done without Jackie’s creativity and dedication to our lab and animals.”

“Jackie has played the role of social glue that keeps the care of the animals at the highest standard.”
Shota Nakaya

Nominated by
Tanya Hanson, Food Services
Shota Nakaya

“He gives 100%. He does whatever it takes to get the job done.”

“He has ‘it’, that special intangible quality, which makes him stand out.”

“He keeps the area running smoothly and usually notices problems and is taking care of it before I am aware of it.”
Teacher Education

Kanisha Oates

Nominated by Karima Goodman, Sandy Keil and Carol Adam, Teacher Education
“Kanisha’s ‘do it right’ attitude and incredible work ethic provide strong and reliable scaffolding for many initiatives within the Teacher Ed department.”

“She recognizes and anticipates the needs of others and seeks ways to be ‘part of the solution.’”
Jordan Penn

“She is an incredibly valuable and important asset to our team.”

“She conducts her calls with a professionalism that is not easily matched by most people.”

“What sets Jordan apart from other student workers is her ability to see the big picture.”
Accessibility Services Center

Kaneja (KJ) Russ

Nominated by Anne Heimann & Becky Jacobs, Accessibility Services Center
Kaneja (KJ) Russ

“Students have told us how directly speaking to KJ helped in their understanding of being a UNO student and greatly increased their confidence.”

“KJ is very open to engaging in campus activities that strive to break down barriers and decrease stigmas related to disability.”
Joshua Saddler

Nominated by
Katie Wessel, Assistant Director, Career Advising

Josh with Katie Wessel

Nominated by
Katie Wessel, Assistant Director, Career Advising
Joshua Saddler

“He is an asset to our team because he often gives us the student perspective we need, but in a constructive and professional manner that is equal to someone with years of experience.”

“Josh is the pro you want on your team.”

“Josh has been stepping up in his role as peer advisor from day one.”
Social Work

Nominated by Jeanette Harder and Pamela Ashley

Natalie with Pamela Ashley and Jeanette Harder

Natalie Scarpas

Nominated by Jeanette Harder and Pamela Ashley
“Her dedication to the goals of the project and respect for co-workers and clients characterize her professionalism.”

“Perhaps her most unique contribution is grounded in the analytical lens that she brings to every situation.”

“Natalie is a valued ambassador for UNO.”
Zech Stangl

Nominated by Ani Solomon, Residence Hall Director
“Zech is a shining example of the kind of student employee that UNO loves to hire and retain.”

“Residents come to him for advice on their lives, their taxes, their academics and their projects. Zech is never too busy to answer them.”

“... caring, responsible, creative and trustworthy...”
The Gateway

Megan Wade

Megan with Josie Loza

Nominated by Josie Loza, Manager of Student Publications
“Megan has a strong sense of dedication to her job and loves to solve problems.”

“She is a fast, efficient worker who works well under pressure and doesn’t cave under my infinite to-do list.”

“She is talented, caring, intuitive, dedicated, and focused in her pursuits.”
Congratulations to all of our nominees!

We truly appreciate you!