

## Maverick Student Employment Awards

### 2026 Award Winners and Nominees

#### Graduate Student Employee of the Year

- **Winner:** Cieron Hampson, CBA Career Center, College of Business Administration
- Aislyn Tyler, Grace Abbott School of Social Work
- Angela Blankenship, Library & Instructional Technology Leadership Programs
- Anne Thomas, EMBA Suite, College of Business Administration
- Bahman Kargarbahrkazar, Myers Biomechanics Research Lab
- Bobita Mohajan, School of Public Administration, Digital Governance & Analytics Lab
- Darian Draft, Grace Abbott School of Social Work
- Elizabeth Krejci, Math Learning Center
- Gabriel Pilon Gaiotto, Service Learning Academy, Office of Engagement
- Jania Williams, Myers Biomechanics Research Lab
- Kaitlyn (Kaity) Wusk, Campus Recreation & Wellness
- Shona Juliana, Center for Innovation, Entrepreneurship, & Franchising
- Zaid Kakish, School of Interdisciplinary Informatics

#### Undergraduate Student Employee of the Year

- **Winner:** Christopher Perkins, Campus Recreation & Wellness
- Amanda Hoffman, Housing, University Village
- Amora Madibela, College of Business Administration
- Anna Brown, Outdoor Venture Center
- Barbara Spicka, Theatre Scene Shop
- Caden Cerny, Intramural Sports
- Calla Behney, Aviation Institute
- Callum Diarrassouba, Scott Cafeteria
- Cooper Kinnan, Campus Recreation & Wellness
- Denise Valdez-Alvarez, Writing Center
- Diego Estrada, Office of the University Registrar
- Joseph Neihart, H&K IPC Center, Biomechanics
- Joel Jarusek, Physics Department
- Jonathan Scheopner, College of Business Administration
- Lily Krajewski, Housing, University Village
- Marcus Pennell, Writing Center
- Michael Abboud, Maverick Maniacs
- Mitzy Salinas-Gomez, Thompson Learning Community
- Mya Bareksten, Aquatics
- Natalie Schrad, Weight Room
- Ren McMahan, Campus Recreation & Wellness
- Samira Zarazua, Housing, University Village

**Student Employee Team of the Year**

- **Winner:** Campus Recreation & Wellness, RecWell Student Emergency Response Team
- Biomechanics, Myers Research Team
- Dodge Campus Housing and Residence Life, Resident Assistants
- Grace Abbott School of Social Work, Grace Abbott's Future Leaders Team
- Office of Strategic Marketing and Communications, Maverick Creators
- Spirit, Tradition, & Signature Events
- Stedman's Cafe, Business
- Student Conduct and Case Management, Graduate Case Managers
- Service-Learning Academy Office of Engagement, Service-Learning Academy Graduate Assistant Team
- Theatre

**Student Employee Supervisor of the Year**

- **Winner:** Aimee' Coke, Campus Recreation & Wellness
- Britney Huish, Residence Life
- Casey Wells, Spirit, Tradition, & Signature Events
- Dr. Aaron Likens, Psychology
- Dr. Joe Yao, Chemistry
- Gleyce Castro, Community Engagement Center
- Hunter Pehrson, Aviation Institute
- Jared Craig, Maverick Creators
- John Forsman, Theatre
- Keli Manz, IS&T
- Krista Testin, STEM Trail Center
- Lindsay Sanders, Community Engagement Center
- Madeline St. Clair, DASH
- Patty Patton Shearer, Goodrich
- Stacy Hartwig, Injury Prevention & Care
- Yahya Shema, IS&T
- Zachary McGee, Intramural Sports, Aquatics

**2025 Award Winners and Nominees****Graduate Student Employee of the Year**

- **Winner:** Emily Fuller, Graduate Assistant, University Honors Program
- Amarnath Chaudhari, Graduate Assistant, Department of Management
- Claire Foley, Graduate Assistant, Service Learning Academy
- Colina Matthews, Movement Analysis Core Student Worker, Department of Biomechanics

- Frances Reyes, Graduate Assistant, School of Music
- Luis Bustamante-Salgado, Career Coach, Career Services
- Madison Lackowski, Graduate Assistant of Membership, Campus Recreation and Wellness
- Meghan Witte, Graduate Assistant, Grace Abbott School of Social Work
- Shao Zhi (Joesline) Teo, Senior Venture Analyst, Maverick Technology Venture Alliance

### **Undergraduate Student Employee of the Year**

- **Winner:** Jonathan (Jon) Watson, Building Manager, Campus Recreation and Wellness
- Amna Ali, Student Worker, Office of the University Registrar
- Brooklyn Williams, Student Worker, Criminology and Criminal Justice
- Camden Carmichael, Student Researcher, Center for Collaboration Sciences
- Caz Lowe, Resident Assistant, Housing and Residence Life
- Che'Marquis Pinkney, CEC Student Worker, Barbara Weitz Community Engagement Center
- Connor Johnston, Venture Analyst, The Maverick Technology Venture Alliance
- Emmalee Undereiner, Animal Care Assistant, Office of Research and Creative Activity
- Gabriela Rodriguez, Peer Advisor, Health Careers Resource Center
- Haley Schuler, Exploratory Studies Peer Mentor Intern, College of Arts and Sciences
- Hanna Latham, Career Services Intern, Career Services
- Izzy Martin, Resident Assistant, Housing and Resident Life
- Kathryn Fulkerson, Student Worker, Samuel Bak Museum: The Learning Center
- Keira Miller, Recruitment and Partnerships Support Assistant, International Programs
- Lara Ohling-Guilliatt, STSE Event Team, Office of Spirit, Tradition, and Signature Events
- Leilou Guerrero, Peer Mentor, Durango's Advancement and Support Hub (DASH)
- Litzy Morales, Student Worker, Office of Research and Creative Activity
- Madelyn Harrifeld, Resident Assistant, Housing and Resident Life
- Mirsada Demirovic, Office Assistant, Office of Financial Support and Scholarships
- Nathan Wisecup, Career Services Intern, Career Services
- Perla Cuevas, UNO Ambassador, New Student and Family Programs
- Ruby Martinez, Resident Assistant, Housing and Residence Life

### **Student Employee Team of the Year**

- **Winner:** Writing Center Staff, Department of English
- Career Services Student Employee Team
- DASH Peer Mentors, Durango's Advancement and Support Hub
- Deterrence Lab Assistants
- Mav Mentors Peer Mentors
- Office of Financial Support and Scholarships Student Employee Team
- Peer Mentor Team, Project Achieve
- Quantitative Reasoning Learning Assistant Team, Mathematical and Statistical Sciences
- Social Media Ambassadors, Strategic Marketing and Communications
- The Dodge Campus Resident Assistant Team, Housing and Residence Life

- The Maverick Technology Venture Alliance, Center for Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Franchising
- The Samuel Bak Museum: The Learning Center Student Workers
- TVTP Grant Program Evaluation Project Team
- UNO Ambassadors, New Student and Family Programs

### **Student Employee Supervisor of the Year**

- **Winner:** Aaron Likens, PhD, Assistant Professor, Biomechanics
- Alissa Miller, Graduate Assistant for Fitness and Wellness, Campus Recreation and Wellness
- Blake Ursch, Senior Communications Manager, Center for Collaboration Sciences
- Britney Huish, Residence Life Coordinator, Housing and Residence Life
- Elise Janson, Events Coordinator, New Student and Family Programs
- Eric Wolford, Director, Strategic Retention Programs
- Erin Bass, PhD, Professor, Department of Management
- Erin Pleggenkuhle-Miles, PhD, Professor, Department of Management
- Hunter Pehrson, Recruitment and Retention Specialist, Aviation Institute
- Jesse McBee, Operations Manager, School of Music
- Jodi Benenson, PhD, Associate Professor, Public Administration
- Josh Nichol-Caddy, Technology Commercialization Program Director, Nebraska Business Development Center
- Kristy Schweitz, Assistant Advising Director, College of Business Administration
- Madeline St. Clair, Assistant Director, DASH
- Morganne Grutsch, Assistant Director, Thompson Learning Community
- Myoungkyu Song, PhD, Associate Professor, Computer Science
- Robert Smith, Library Associate, Criss Library
- Ryan Wong, PhD, Associate Professor, Biology
- Sammi Svendsen, Residence Life Coordinator, Housing and Residence Life
- Sihley Pawaskar, Residence Life Coordinator, Housing and Residence Life
- Stacy Hartwig, Assistant Director, Campus Recreation and Wellness
- Steve Schulz, PhD, Dean, College of Business Administration
- Song Yue, China Program Coordinator, International Programs

## **2024 Award Winners and Nominees**

### **Graduate Student Employee of the Year**

- **Winner:** Karla Zavala, Graduate Assistant, Grace Abbott School of Social Work/CPACS
- Sydney Streicher, Graduate Assistant, Teacher Education, CEHHS
- Narayani Bakhati, Innovation Consultant, Nebraska Business Development Center

### **Undergraduate Student Employee of the Year**

- **Winner:** Emily Erickson, Tutor, Foreign Languages and Literature
- George Dixon, Theater Technician, Theater/School of the Arts
- Hailey Petri, Desk Assistant, Thompson Learning Community
- Mohammed Alfawzan, Front Desk, Undergraduate Admissions
- Libby Caldwell, Student Worker, Department of Biomechanics
- Gabriela (Gaby) Rodriguez, Peer Pre-Health Advisor, Health Careers Resource Center
- Hailey Teller, Marketing & Communications Intern, CBA Career Services
- Kole Hutson, Resident Assistant, Housing and Residence Life
- Matthew Roland, Student Assistant, Creative Production Lab
- Alisa O'Neal, Exploratory Studies Peer Mentor Intern, Exploratory Studies
- Abigail Faris, Student Worker, Maverick Food Pantry

### **Student Employee Team of the Year**

- **Winner:** Creative Production Lab Team
- Small Business Consultants Team
- The Child Care Center Team
- Creative Production Lab Team
- DASH Peer Mentors
- Maverick Food Pantry Team
- Dodge Campus Housing and Residence Life Resident Assistant (RA) Staff Team

## **2023 Award Winners and Nominees**

### **Graduate Student Employee of the Year**

- **Winner:** Katie Cooley, Graduate Assistant, Honors Program
- Fatuma Hassan, Graduate Assistant, Office of Engagement
- Jonathan Wong, Graduate Assistant, School of Public Administration and International Programs
- Kayla Lacey, Innovation Consultant, Nebraska Business Development Center

### **Undergraduate Student Employee of the Year**

- **Winner:** Paige Michaud, Front Desk Student Worker, Division of Continuing Studies
- Ali Al Balushi, Parking Specialist, Parking and Transit Services
- Celeste Espino, Student Worker, Office of the University Registrar
- Elizabeth Mavis, Student Worker, School of Music Events CFAM
- Emma DeCou, Student Lead, UNO Bookstore
- Hailey Petri, Desk Assistant, Thompson Learning Community
- Jaycee Wallace, Weight Room Manager, School of Health and Kinesiology
- Karoline Ford, Stockroom Attendant, Chemistry
- Kirshan Xiang, Building Manager, Campus Recreation and Wellness
- Lauren Rezac, MavIGATOR, Office of Strategic Marketing and Communications

- Luke Partusch, Program Assistant for Wellness, Campus Recreation and Wellness
- Nalleli Zermeno, Communications & Marketing Assistant, College of Arts and Sciences
- Precious Ayelomi, Lead Student Worker-CEHHS Instructional Technology Support Office, College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences Instructional Technology Support Office
- Quincey Epley, Circulation Desk Student Employee, Criss Library
- Sara Al Jabri, Career Peer Advisor, Career Services
- Sierra Leonetti, Peer Advisor, Health Careers Resource Center, College of Arts and Sciences
- Stephanie Veloso, Social Media Student Worker, College of Communication, Fine Arts and Media

#### **Student Employee Team of the Year**

- **Winner:** Housing and Residence Life Dodge Campus Resident Assistant (RA) Team
- Service-Learning Academy Graduate Assistant Team
- Student Staff of Campus Recreation & Wellness
- Success Academy Peer Mentor Team
- Graduate and undergraduate student employees that help teach Psychology 1010
- Thompson Learning Community Peer Mentors

#### **Student Employee Supervisor of the Year**

- **Winner:** Stacy Hartwig, Assistant Director Injury Prevention and Care, Campus Recreation and Wellness

### **2022 Award Winners and Nominees**

#### **Graduate Student Employee of the Year**

- **Winner:** Saeed Dabbour, Graduate Assistant for the CADRE Project in Teacher Education
- Daniel Kreuzberg, Assistant Program Evaluator for the STEPs program in the Grace Abbott School of Social Work
- Bennett Dement, Administrative Assistant for the STEPs program in the Grace Abbott School of Social Work
- Lizeth Fraire, Assistant Program Evaluator for the STEPs program in the Grace Abbott School of Social Work

#### **Undergraduate Student Employee of the Year**

- **Winner:** Katrina Washington, Student Worker in the Chemistry Department
- Jacob Schreiber, Stockroom Attendant in the Chemistry Department
- Ryuma Mukai, Maverick Den Coffee Shop and Grill in Food Services
- Diana Munoz, Lab Technician for the UNO Social Media Lab for Research and Engagement in the School of Communication, Journalism & Media Communication
- Dev Mehta, Peer Mentor in the Success Academy
- Jackson Hardin, Undergraduate Student Worker in the Service Learning Academy

- Nia Lyons, Undergraduate Student Worker in the Service Learning Academy
- Sheri McVay, Learning Assistant in the Psychology Department

### **Student Employee Team of the Year**

- **Winner:** The Child Care Center Team
- The Service Learning Academy GA and Undergrad Team
- The Office of Health Security Team
- The Student Ambassador Team in Enrollment Management
- The Thompson Learning Community Desk Assistant Team
- The Thompson Learning Community Peer Mentor Team
- The Explorer Peer Mentor Team in Exploratory Studies