

Kudos 2015-2016

Rosie Groves, Financial Specialist | Accounts Payable

June 2016

I wish to thank Rosie for expediting a couple of new vendor set ups into Banner last Friday. She was swamped with end of year documents, and I really needed to get a couple of requisitions onto the system buy could not as they were new to our vendor database. Rosie set her work aside and got these set up for me. I sure appreciate her effort to help me out. Thank you Rosie!
Lynne Kittner, Budget Specialist, CNR

Scott Smith, Retail Operations Coordinator | VandalStore,

Spencer Martin, Clinical Faculty | LHSOM,

Melissa Adams, Advising Specialist | Advising Services,

Amy Kingston, Scheduling Coordinator | Registrar's Office

June 2016

Thank you for going the extra mile this morning to help my daughter Erin with her class schedule. I have been so impressed with the U of I staff we have met -- from the campus store manager Scott who introduced Erin to art majors who work at the store, to the marching band director Spencer Martin, to Erin's art academic advisor Melissa Adams, and now, YOU! You could have simply transferred us to someone else, or told us that you're not able to help us. But you didn't. And that is an indication of the genuine commitment this university has for creating a caring community! I just wanted you to know you that your kindness and professionalism is appreciated. Lisa Stewart, Parent of an Incoming Student

Kathy Foss, Associate Director | Donor Relations and Stewardship

June 2016

Kathy went beyond any expectations to help U of I Boise by preparing new hand-crafter decorations for an event with very short notice. She did this without being asked to do so and she volunteered her creativity and her time to help us create a very successful event in Boise. Kathy's response is what makes Vandals a true family and keeps the Vandal spirit alive among departments that do not interact that often. Thank you!!! Maria Ortego, Marketing and Communications Manager, U of I Boise

Jamie Frausto, Team Cleaning Specialist | Facilities

May 2016

Since Jaime has started, we have noticed how much he has improved our work environment. His attention to detail goes far beyond his job description, and the third floor is better for it. Beyond just basic cleaning, Jaime takes it upon himself to make sure that we are always fully stocked with supplies, and offers to help us when he sees a need. He even fixed a faucet that has been spraying incorrectly for years due to mineral buildup! He is so friendly and always greets us in the mornings with a "hello" and a smile. We are so grateful that he puts so much additional time and care into his job because it makes the whole floor a better place to work. We hope that he knows that we absolutely notice his hard work and are so appreciative of the efforts he takes on a daily basis to perform his job to the absolute best of his abilities. Thank you, Jaime, for all that you do for us and for being a part of our team. The Lab Group of Mark McGuire, Animal Sciences

Thad Gilkey, Electrical Lead Worker | Facilities

May 2016

Thad decided to personally work above and beyond his work duties to address a building safety issue and install emergency lighting for the Meat Pavilion (CALs). This safety matter persisted for years and is now compliant thanks to Thad. Elaina Perry, Ind. Hyg. Specialist, EHS

Kevin Ketchie, Assistant to President | President's Office

May 2016

I would like to give a "big" kudos to Kevin Ketchie in the President's Office for all of the remarkable things he does on the U of I Campus to make it that much brighter for all of us that work here. He has always been so responsive in addressing various needs and issues, and does so in a kind, respectful manner. He is a joy to work with. He always presents himself in a very positive manner, and represents the President's Office well. I sincerely appreciate everything he does, and I don't think he gets enough recognition for all of the different responsibilities that he is burdened with. However, he manages these graciously and with kindness. Thanks, so much, Kevin for all you do! Cheryl Gardner, Business Manager, University Support Services

Candis Glassey, Assistant Director of Finance | University of Idaho Foundation
May 2016

Candis is the Assistant Director of Finance at the University of Idaho Foundation, Inc. She has been an exemplary employee for the University and the Foundation for 14 years, and has gone above and beyond her duties to serve both this past semester. Glassey stepped up for the Foundations' finance team when a co-worker was away from the office for an extended period of time. Candis took initiative and responsibility in competing reports, delegating assignments, and communicating with University stakeholders on behalf of the Foundation's finance team. Glassey also trains new University employees in the UI/Foundation financial relationship models, with staff feedback being positive throughout their experiences. Candis truly upholds the Foundation's mission to inspire, manage, and distribute private support to enhance the excellence of the University. Bob Weis, Executive Director, University of Idaho Foundation

Kara Billington, Swim Instructor | Swim Center
May 2016

Kara has done marvelous work with teaching my son about swimming! Before signing up with Kara we had tried a number of different instructors but she made a breakthrough. She has a gentle persistence that helped him gain the confidence he needed to work on his skills. Thank you Kara for helping him grow so much this semester! Lauren Torok, Director, Advancement Services

Nicole Cook, Swim Instructor | Swim Center
May 2016

Nicole was charged with showing my stubborn daughter the mechanics of swimming. It was a tough semester for Nicole! As the semester progressed, Nicole was able to convince my daughter that she could have fun AND learn to swim. The stubbornness would flair and Nicole used that to increase my daughter's skill set as it that was the plan the whole time. (I wish I had that grace!) Thank you Nicole! Lauren Torok, Director, Advancement Services

The Alfred W. Bowers Laboratory of Anthropology, Staff and Volunteers | Bowers Lab of Anthropology
May 2016

On May 7th, 2016, The Bowers Laboratory of Anthropology hosted our annual public outreach event. I want to thank the students and volunteers who made this event so successful; they include Cruz Botello, Ari Burns, Dan Crandall, Rachel Falzon, Allison Fashing, Emma Cott, Ty Unrug, Dakota Wallen, Tammy Watson and Darcy Wayman. Finally, thanks are owed to Dr. Leah Evans-Janke, who has been working hard on organizing, crafting, and designing the activities for this event since January. Thank you for making this a great place to research and work! Stacey Lynn Camp, Director, Bowers Laboratory of Anthropology

Budget Office, All Staff | Budget Office

May 2016

Today I called the Budget Office for assistance and Janice Todish assisted me. Their office consistently offers support cheerfully to the university community, whether in person, by phone, or in workshops. Kudos to you! Kathleen Zillinger, Administrative Assistant, CBE Dean's Office

BEX and U of I Garage | Facilities

May 2016

The BEX shop dropped everything and came to my aid in repairing all the water main breaks that we experienced when we had to take the I-Tank off line. They worked late into the night, well after their regular shift and without question. With their help we were able to get all the leaks repaired in a timely manner and without too much inconvenience. Lewis Paul came up with the idea to make a bypass road around the water leak in the middle of the street on the 6th Street Extension. He stayed through the middle of the night building that bypass road. This made it possible for us to safely repair the leak without interrupting traffic. I just want to give a big THANK YOU to all the guys in the Building Exterior Services Shop! Elmer Johnson, Water Systems Manager, Facilities

Mike Holtaus and Nels Reese | Idaho Commons and Pitman Center

May 2016

On April 28th a Parent stopped in the office to ask if there was a way for her to have a tour of the Administration Building. She loves the Admin Building and wanted to have a tour of the building. I sent out emails and got in touch with Brian Johnson who was happy to assist if possible. It all worked out that Mike was available and was part of the tour guides to provide access to parts of the building the Parent wanted to visit. The tour was put together quickly and on Friday, April 29th at 2pm Mike arrived ready to take the Parent around the Admin Building. It is always great to make something happen. It is even better that on short notice something can be put together to make another person very appreciated. This is what makes the U of I a great place to work, people from different departments working together to make something occur, even with busy schedules going on. Mike is a true team player to help out in this. Brian Johnson should also be commended for assistance and providing Mike's name to help with this request by a Parent. Team work all around! David Pittsley, Office Manager Assistant, Office of the President

Brian Jemes, NetTeam and Business Technologies | Auxiliary Services

May 2016

I want to thank both Brian Jemes and NetTeam as well as Michael and Jim in Auxiliary Services Business Technologies for their work on the LLC AP installation project. They were able to very quickly pull together and install AP devices in all 8 community buildings in less than 2 days. They went above and beyond to get this project knocked out for the benefit of our students. Dee Kanikkeberg, Director, Housing and Residence Life

Ryan Watson and USS Event Crew, Campus Events Manager | University Support Services
April 2016

Ryan and the USS event crew members he supervises did an incredible job setting up and tearing down monitors and trusses for the Etiquette Dinner. Everything was set exactly as we asked. Our event was highly successful in no small part because of the efforts of Ryan and his team. They all have our heartfelt thanks. Jamie Garlinghouse, Employer Relations Specialist, Career Services

Brian Moyer and Pitman Center Event Crew | Idaho Commons and Pitman Center
April 2016

Brian ensured that the Pitman Center International Ballroom was perfectly set for the Etiquette Dinner and pre-event networking event. We could not ask for better service. Our event was successful in no small part because of the diligence of Brian and his event crew members. You all have our sincere thanks. Jamie Garlinghouse, Employer Relations Specialist, Career Services

Ben Aiman, Facilities and Events Manager | Idaho Commons and Pitman Center
April 2016

This was my first year coordinating our annual Etiquette Dinner and I was full of questions about the event's setup and specifications. Ben was patient and diligent explaining guidelines for the Pitman Center International Ballroom. His expertise contributed to another successful event for Career Services and for that, we are very grateful. Jamie Garlinghouse, Employer Relations Specialist, Career Services

Jennifer Knerr and the Vandals Dining Team | Vandals Dining by Sodexo
April 2016

The 'Dine with Style' Etiquette Dinner is an annual collaboration among several campus partners, including Vandals Dining by Sodexo. This was Jennifer's first time serving on the planning committee. She was patient with me, this also being my first time helping coordinate the event. Her catering crew members did an excellent job training student servers. Chefs also instructed a student menu group on menu preparation and presentation. The entire Vandals Dining & Catering teams provided outstanding service and attention to detail, which helps build long-lasting relationships. They all deserve our gratitude and we look forward to partnering with them again for the 2017 Etiquette Dinner! Jamie Garlinghouse, Employer Relations Specialist, Career Services

Eric Stenback & SPL Crew | Idaho Commons and Pitman Center
April 2016

Eric and his crew provided fantastic sound, production and lighting assistance at the Etiquette Dinner. His crew was professional and efficient during setup and tear down of the event space as well as available throughout the evening in case our guest speakers needed assistance. We are indebted to them for their outstanding service. Jamie Garlinghouse, Employer Relations Specialist, Career Services

Nichole Vietz, Fiscal Management Assistant | President's Office

April 2016

Nichole Vietz truly understands how important customer service is to the success of our institution, and she consistently offers a top notch experience to all who enter or call her office. Every single encounter with Nichole is a positive one and you can always count on her to exceed your expectations. Thank you Nichole for making every experience with you one to look forward to! Kim Malm, Executive Assistant, Office of Research and Economic Development

Lynne Kittner and Cheryl Chambers | College of Natural Resources Administration

April 2016

Lynne Kittner and Cheryl Chambers always go above and beyond in their work! They have consistently stepped up to the plate when there is extra work to be done. CNR is very lucky to have Cheryl and Lynne as members of our team! Kaitlin Morehouse, HR & Operations Supervisor, CNR

Cheryl Chambers, Grants and Contract Specialist | College of Natural Resources Administration

April 2016

Cheryl is a pillar of administrative support. She is always pleasant and helpful. She always accepts extra work loads and completes tasks accurately and in a timely fashion. How can we reward someone like this? Mark Coleman, Professor and IFC Director, Forest, Rangeland and Fire Sciences

Andrew Gauss, Director | Alumni and Dev. Communications

March 2016

Outstanding customer service, always willing to lend his expertise to another's project. Always goes the extra mile to make sure things are correct and the University is seen in the most positive light. A great accomplishment from Boise!!!! Kevin Ketchie, Assistant to President

Brandon Gardner and Ariel Popp, Enterprise Solutions | ITS

March 2016

Brandon and Ariel rose above the call of duty to assist with the migration of the ITS website to the Responsive platform. To help meet the difficult deadline, Brandon and Ariel created thousands of Sitecore objects and quickly adjusted to my feedback to improve content and make it easier to add the components to webpages. The result is a website that looks excellent and beautifully adjusts to the user's browsing device, whether computer, tablet or cell phone. Thank you Brandon and Ariel! Bob Hoffman, Web Technician, Infrastructure

Terri Lesley, Landscape Maintenance Technician | Facilities

March 2016

In preparation for the library's ribbon cutting event, Terri really scoured the grounds outside of the doors to make the library look spectacular on its big day. Lynn Baird, Dean, Library

Chris Menter and Sharon Jemes | Office of the Registrar

March 2016

Chris and Sharon spent several months working on the eTranscript implementation project. ETranscripts allows students to send and receive an official transcript in a secure PDF format. Congratulations to both of you for your hard work and successful launch. Heather Chermak, University Registrar

Katie Gross, HR Assistant | Human Resources

March 2016

CNR is very thankful for all of Katie's help this academic year! She goes above and beyond to make the final stages of the hiring process flow smoothly. Katie always keeps everyone in the loop about the status of off-site I-9s. She is always positive when dealing with difficult situations and serves as a welcoming face of HR to new faculty, staff, and student employees. Thank you for all of your hard work!! Kaitlin Morehouse, HR Operations Supervisor, College of Natural Resources

Ryan Haworth, Instructional Computer Designer | Idaho Falls Center for Higher Education

March 2016

Ryan is a great employee that is an asset to everyone else. When asked to contribute, he goes above and beyond the normal expected outcome! He is an active participant in staff affairs, always willing to go above and beyond. He is a think-tank that others can spring board ideas from. His work is creative and innovative and when he is teaching or explaining he can relate to you on your level. His continuance is always welcoming and warm. Ryan has a great sense of humor and is engaging in all conversations. He is well liked and sought after by the entire staff. Debbie Clements, CALS Idaho Falls R&E Center

Sarah Morra, Administrative Financial Specialist | Department of Statistics

March 2016

Sarah is always willing to help. She was great in an emergency that arose at 7:30 in the morning with test photocopies. Erkan Buzbas, Assistant Professor, Statistics

Lexi Schaar, Academic Advisor | College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences

March 2016

I started my position 3 months ago and Lexi has been integral to my success as a new employee. She has answered all of my questions and helped me to navigate my new position with patience and grace while still continuing to do her regularly assigned duties and shoulder some of the work that I will be taking on as I progress in my position. She is incredibly supportive of students and our team members. She is always willing to step up and take the lead on a new project and maintains a positive attitude no matter the circumstance. Erin Doty, Recruiter and Academic Advisor, College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences

Charity Wright, Customer Service Representative | Housing
March 2016

Charity has been the organizer of fun activities during our departmental potlucks. She's willing and stepped up to create and organize the fun, adding just that extra spark to the event. Dee Dee Kanikkeberg, Director, Housing and Residence Life

Student Recreation Center
February 2016

For the 3rd year in a row, the SRC has passed the annual inspection by the Idaho State Dept of Building Safety with no hazards or areas of concern. This is a testament to the consistent high standards of the staff. This team greets everyone with a smile on their faces, provides incredible customer service and promotes health and wellness to all who visit their site. They make the SRC a comfortable, supportive environment for all. Patricia Baker, Environmental Health and Safety

Charles Hatfield, Customer Service Representative | Facilities
February 2016

When we visit facilities we are always welcomed with a warm smile and a greeting. Chuck always takes the time to greet everyone. We would like to take a minute and thank Chuck for all of his hard work. Whenever HR has needed his assistance, he has been on top of any requests. We recently had a few meetings to coordinate in facilities and he made this a smooth process. He took care of booking the room and making sure all equipment that was needed for our presentation was setup and ready when we arrived. He is always willing to go above and beyond with anything he does. Recently, we requested that HR be completely sanitized due to the fact almost half of HR was out sick with a nasty illness. He assured us that he would notify the fantastic custodial staff of the need for all our areas to be disinfected. This is just one small example of the great things Chuck does! Chuck always takes the time to say we are awesome, but this time it's Chuck who is awesome! Entire Human Resources Staff

Kaitlin Morehouse, HR & Operations Supervisor | College of Natural Resources
February 2016

Employment Services would like to recognize and send a big THANK YOU to Kaitlin Morehouse, HR & Operations Supervisor, College of Natural Resources. In the short 6 months that Kaitlin has been with CNR, she has encountered a myriad of challenges. She has a positive, can-do attitude and has never hesitated to meet those challenges head on. She is proactive, very knowledgeable and can think on her feet. She always asks great questions for EPAFs that need to be done and has worked very well with some complicated situations and she wants to have it done correctly. She has also done a phenomenal job of working within federal guidelines for Employment Authorization. She is also proactive in following our background check requirements and timely in responding to any issues that arise. She is always willing to learn and is very open about needing help and does a great job to follow-through with any issues that arise. If she doesn't have the answer to one of our questions, she would find out and call us right back. She has been awesome to partner with and we look forward to working with her in the future. We appreciate her hard work! Brandi Terwilliger, Employment Services - Human Resources

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Amber Feldman, Kirsty Pinchuk and Kelli Sirotzki | Human Resources
February 2016

Amber, Kirsty and Kelli were fantastic as they helped me navigate how to hire student employees! I had no knowledge coming in, and they answered all my questions, gave good advice and made everything easy to understand. Amber especially has continued to be a great help throughout the process! I appreciate the whole team's responsiveness, patience and openness. Tara Roberts, science and research writer, Office of Research

Christina Anthony, Administrative Assistant | Department of Business
February 2016

Christina is the glue that holds the department together and that keeps us going. She always goes out of her way to help us faculty, no matter how busy she is and she always manages to do that with a smile. And she is quite busy, Department of Business being one of the largest departments on campus. Honestly, I feel like most of us would not know how to go about our business and would not be half as productive without her assistance. The College of Business is currently going through an extensive dean search process and as part of the search committee, I could not be more appreciative of Christina's help with organizing everything related to the search. On top of all her other duties, she's been there helping all search committee members with various tasks. I really don't think any of us would have finished our part in time if it weren't for her support. Berna Devezer, Assistant Professor of Marketing, Department of Business

Liza Morris, Project Architect | Facilities
February 2016

Liza is the project architect for the Library's first floor renovation project and has gone above and beyond to bring this project together on time and on budget. She is highly professional, providing expert assistance and advice to her clients and I find her a joy to work with! Because of Liza's work, the Library will be a true hub of University life, one we can all take pride in. Lynn Baird, Dean, University Libraries

Diane Isaak, Management Assistant | Southern District University of Idaho Extension
February 2016

Diane consistently goes above and beyond serving the faculty, staff and volunteers of the Southern District Extension. She supports and manages our grants, payroll, staff hiring processes, evaluations, helps us navigate policy and procedures, and does it all with a grace and a smile. We couldn't do it without her! Ariel Agenbroad, Associate Extension Professor, Southern District Extension, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences

Jamie Garlinghouse | Employer Relations Specialist
February 2016

A major kudos to Jamie for her planning, coordination, execution, and leadership of the Spring 2016 Career Fair. We had a record number of both employers and students attending. It was a terrific event for our employers and the success of this fair is in large part to Jamie and her team. Eric Anderson, Interim Director, Career Services

Liz Ridgway and Stephanie Fox | Idaho Water Resources - Boise Center
February 2016

Liz and Stephanie made an uncomfortable trip to Boise a wonderful experience. They are top-notch employees and a huge asset to the University of Idaho family! Thank you so much for making us feel at home and for taking such good care of us - It did not go unnoticed and we appreciate you so very much! Charity Buchert & Christian Elsberry, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, Administrative Services

Mike Hilker and Don Patterson | Financial & IT departments Idaho Falls
February 2016

Mike Hilker & Don Patterson put together the annual Groundhog Day-mid winter celebration party. Hats off to Mike and his wife Ginger for bringing the decorative and tasty home baked goods along with the other complimentary snacks brought in by other staff members. The room was packed with faculty and staff and it was GREAT FUN! Debbie Caudle, Academic & Services Advisor, Student Services Idaho Falls

Karee Head, International Admissions Specialist | Office of Admissions
January 2016

Last week we received a letter from Mike Reilly, Executive Director of AACRAO (American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers), indicating that our own Karee Head received AACRAO's Emerging Leader Award. This award is presented to professionals who have, early on in their admissions or registrar office career, made an exceptional or unique contribution which demonstrates promise as a future leader. Karee has served in several service and leadership roles within AACRAO, and this award recognizes her talent and dedication. For those who work regularly with Karee, you already know the time, effort and professionalism that she extends to colleagues, students and their families as they transition to life in higher education. Karee will be recognized at the opening session of AACRAO's 2016 Annual Meeting in Phoenix. Please join me in congratulating her on this award and thanking her for being part of the Vandal Family. Admissions and International Programs Staff

Adrian Norris, ITS Enterprise Developer | ITS
January 2016

Adrian has been updating the Independent Study in Idaho database. We have come to him with a number of changes and he has quickly fixed each one. He has been great about looking into the problems to help us improve our efficiency to work with students and faculty. Roseanne August, Administrative Financial Specialist, Independent Study in Idaho

Kathy Hayworth, Team Cleaning Specialist | Facilities
January 2016

The custodial staff not only keep Renfrew Hall clean but go beyond the usual in that they let me in my office when I'm locked out, they clean up broken glass and floods in labs and report needed repairs. I don't know if those are their customary duties, but I'm glad they're here even when we don't know we need them. They are the behind-the-scenes warriors. Thanks guys!
Deb Cissell, Administrative Assistant, Chemistry

Jessica Lambert, Team Cleaning Specialist| Facilities
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Ben Baker, Application Administrator | ITS
December 2015

Ben went above and beyond for me today! I initially called him to ask (what I thought was) a simple programming question. It ended up being a roughly hour-long access and training session. Thank you Ben, for dropping whatever you were doing at the time and for helping me immediately. Your knowledge and generosity with your time is much appreciated!
Cynthia Adams, Assistant Buyer, Purchasing

Savannah Tranchell, Internal Communications Manager | University Communications & Marketing
December 2015

Savannah has stepped up to almost single handedly proofread the entirety of the university's new responsive website. As the final stop gap before sites go live, she has been instrumental in ensuring consistent quality across our largest communication platform. I'm grateful for her efforts to go above and beyond to help with what is a tedious but important element for our site's success. Our website is much better because of her efforts and other editors involved with the project. Thank you, Savannah.
Johanna Blickenstaff, Associate Director of Digital Marketing, Communications & Marketing

Sean Williams, Web Technician | University Communications & Marketing/CLASS
December 2015

Sean has been an extraordinary team player over the past month – a month where our Web Communications team has been down many members. He has stepped up to help with MailChimp emails, websites and more. We appreciate his willingness to pitch in consistently to help his team and the exuberance he continually shows in tough situations.
Johanna Blickenstaff, Associate Director of Digital Marketing, Communications & Marketing

Bryce Barbee, Maintenance Craftsperson | Facilities

December 2015

As I travel around the campus, providing Ergonomic Assessments or conducting safety inspections, I see innovative 'fixes' to workstations. When I ask who came up with these ideas, I am frequently told 'Bryce from Facilities'. I recently suggested a department submit a service request for some desk adjustments. Bryce responded the next day and dealt with all the little fixes as well and reassembling a desk. I love his 'Get 'er Done' attitude! Thank you Bryce for your work in making U of I a comfortable and safe workplace. Patricia Baker, Occupational Safety Technician, EHS

Ken Schmidt, Classroom IT Analyst | ITS

December 2015

Ken was helping set up some microphones for an event in JEB 104. There was unexpectedly a class in the room before our event was to occur. Ken and his assistant managed to get the microphones going in the brief amount of time between classes. This was essential for our success. Thanks, Ken! Michael Maughan, Clinical Assistant Professor, Mechanical Engineering

Stephanie Fox, Event Supervisor | Boise Center for Higher Education

December 2015

I was tasked to put together an event in a short amount of time at the Boise Center. Not being familiar with the location or meeting room set up or how to reserve the space, Stephanie helped me every step of the way. From providing me the link to reserve the room, to offering catering options, to making sure all went well for the meeting attendees. Stephanie was awesome in helping me out and I look forward to working with her again when the time comes for another event. David Pittsley, Management Assistant, Office of the President

Mary Ellen Brewick, Director | Marketing and Recruitment

December 2015

Mary Ellen always has a positive, can do attitude that boosts the morale of the office. She is an extremely supportive supervisor. She is also highly engaged in different activities around campus. She is a great, all-around team player. Erin Rishling, Outreach Coordinator, International Programs Office

Elizabeth Hardyway, Marketing | Enrollment Management

December 2015

Elizabeth has coordinated and collaborated with stakeholders across campus to create the printed materials that go out to prospective students. As a new[er] partner with her on these types of projects, I've appreciated her willingness to take feedback and collaborate. Her workload is great, but so is her attitude and approach. Thanks for all you do, Elizabeth. It's noticed and appreciated. Johanna Blickenstaff, Associate Director of Digital Marketing, Communications & Marketing

June Clevy, Campaign Coordinator | Enrollment Management
December 2015

June is simply a data ninja. On top of her incredibly important other duties coordinating the mailings going out through our CRM to prospective students, she's always willing to lend a hand in helping to pull, interpret and report the data to help us make informed decisions. I can't count the number of times that she's helped out – always quickly and efficiently. Thank you, thank you, thank you, June. You're wonderful to work with, and I greatly appreciate all you do.
Johanna Blickenstaff, Associate Director of Digital Marketing, Communications & Marketing

Cheri Cole, Management Assistant | College of Graduate Studies
December 2015

I would like to recognize Cheri Cole for her dedication and the amount of effort she puts into graduation each and every semester. Each time a student has a question, needs a form, or has a concern, she always handles it promptly and with a helpful and calming attitude. She always tries to keep a smile on her face, no matter how frustrating things are. When Commencement rolls around she is hard at work trying to make sure everyone can graduate on time. It is truly evident on how much she cares for the students she works with daily, and watches graduate after a few long years of tears, stress, and eventually success. Sam Koester, Management Assistant, College of Graduate Studies

Emily Mowrer, Senior Graphic Designer | Creative Services and Print Management
December 2015

Emily has developed outstanding creative materials for the University's enrollment marketing efforts and has been a true professional! She has worked so well under a lot of deadline pressures and has moved forward one of the University's strategic goals. Anna Sherwood, Director of Enrollment Marketing, Enrollment Management

Cheryl Gardner, Business Manager | University Support Services
November 2015

Outstanding customer service at the November 28 football game. Cheryl went above and beyond to help a football fan get monies returned for over charge of tickets as well as went the extra mile to make sure they were taken care of at the highest level. Kevin Ketchie, Assistant to the President, Presidential Events

Rachel Falzon and Dakota Wallen, senior staff | Alfred W. Bowers Laboratory
November 2015

Dakota Wallen and Rachel Falzon have put in an incredible amount of time and hard work on finishing an archaeological contract for the Idaho State Historical Society and Kootenai County. They have gone above and beyond the expectations of the contract, and worked hard to write a complete archaeological site form and report under time constraints. We at the Bowers Laboratory appreciate their service to the state, and to our archaeological repository. Stacey Lynn Camp, director, Bowers Laboratory of Anthropology and associate professor

Boni Cruz, Landscaping | Facilities

November 2015

Boni is doing a wonderful job of clearing away all the dead needles & leaves around Wallace Residence Center on 6th Street. His efforts show the care he has for our campus. Jen Skinner, Customer Relations Manager, Housing & Residence Life

Daryle Faircloth, Project Manager | Facilities

November 2015

Thank you for all your support and hard work to make this new building home for the U of I Center on Disabilities and Human Development. You have been exceedingly patient and very responsive to all our requests. Faculty and staff at the CDHD very much appreciate your efforts, and the efforts of all those who helped to create a functional space for the work we do. I hope you are going on a restful vacation this weekend, you deserve it!! Thanks again. Julie

Angie Sowers, Enrollment Services Specialist | Coeur d'Alene

November 2015

Angie continually goes above and beyond at the Coeur d'Alene Center. She has a positive outlook in any situation and has the energy of at least 2 people combined! She is knowledgeable of University processes and is our go to person when we have questions. Angie recently organized and presented a graduate student fair involving several post secondary schools at the Harbor Center and it brought a large crowd to the building for the evening. Karen Thurston, Director, Cybersecurity Training and Operations Center

Justin Ross, Paint Shop | Facilities

October 2015

This past spring, a Service Request was submitted by Building Services to paint the hallway walls at Memorial Gym. The Paint Shop has gone above and beyond what was requested, and in doing so has greatly improved the appearance of Memorial Gym. This is far more than was expected, and it is greatly appreciated by Building Services. Comments have also been made by building users and students on how much better the building looks because of the efforts made by the painting crew. Graham Driskell, Acting Foreperson, Building Services Section D

Jenine Cordon, Ben Baker and Tom English

October 2015

Thank you for their efforts in getting our new file management system up and running. They spent many hours getting our system ready and then in mid-October, spent three solid days in training with us building and customizing it to our needs! The system works great and the technical support has been awesome! Jen Magelky-Seiler, Administrative Assistant Sr., Office of General Counsel

Steve Curry, Interiors Shop | Facilities

October 2015

Heartfelt thanks and gratitude to Steve Curry and his staff in the Interiors Shop for carefully trimming a vintage wooden bench in the Women's Center with significant historical and personal meaning, to alleviate access issues and create an unobstructed passageway for all our users.

You are the best! Lysa Salsbury, Director, Women's Center

Rick Wilkins, HVAC Control Tech | Facilities

October 2015

HVAC supports many services on campus. Ag Bio had a fume hood in room 216 that was malfunctioning, and Rick was able to get in and fix it in less than two days. Impressive! The research group using the space is very pleased. Great Job! Elaina Perry, Ind. Hyg. Specialist, EHS

Ryan Watson | USS

October 2015

Ryan and the team of USS event staff he supervises did an incredible job setting up and tearing down for our Career Fair week. I have worked with event staff for years and I have seen none any better. Everything was set exactly as we asked. Our event was very successful in no small part because of the efforts of Ryan and his team. They all have our heartfelt thanks. John Mangiantini, Manager, Employer Relations and Communications, Career Center

Kevin Ketchie, Assistant to the President | President's Office

October 2015

On behalf of the Career Center, I would like to thank Kevin and the President's office for their support in holding our Fall 2015 Career Fair in the Kibbie Dome. It was a huge success with the largest employer and student attendance in many years. The success of this fair was in no small part due to hosting it in the Dome. That wouldn't have been possible without the support of Kevin and the President's Office. We are very grateful for their support. John Mangiantini, Manager, Employer Relations and Communications, Career Center

Chef Bennie Dewberry & Vandals Catering | Chef, Vandals Catering

October 2015

Chef Dewberry and his Catering team did an excellent job providing food and beverage for our Vandal Networking Night and Fall 2015 Career Fair. When we under-ordered, Chef rescued us because he knew we were in trouble. It is that kind of service that builds long-lasting relationships. He has our gratitude. And to the rest of the team that prepared the food and set everything up, the food was incredible and on time. We couldn't be happier. John Mangiantini, Manager of Employer Relations, Career Center

Ben Aiman and Brian Moyer | ICSU

October 2015

Ben and Brian made sure that the Commons and the Pitman locations were perfectly set for the events we held in conjunction with Career Fair Week. We could never ask for better service. The events were successful in no small part because of the diligence of Ben and Brian. You and your team members have our sincere thanks. John Mangiantini, Manager of Employer Relations & Communication, Career Center

Krista Bateman, Management Assistant | Auxiliary Services

October 2015

We had a last minute application to try to get through the system with only 24 hours to do it. I was referred to Krista. I hadn't had the opportunity to work with Krista since she started with Auxiliary Services. I was calling from Boise and was not able to walk the document from office to office, etc. Through many phone calls and emails with Krista, she was able to get our application through the system and approved with only 50 minutes to spare! I sincerely appreciate all of Krista's attention and help! Stephanie Fox, Manager, Facilities & Operation, U of I Boise

Sammantha Green, Assistant to the Dean, University Libraries

September 2015

Samm has single-handedly kept the Library's administrative operations afloat since last February, assuming all functions of finance, human resources, and managing the office operations. She has done so with grace and professionalism; she is a great exemplar of the Vandal spirit. Lynn Baird, Dean, University Libraries

Nancy Holmes, Corporate and Foundation Relations

September 2015

Nancy has helped me immensely in preparing foundation proposals. She is incredibly reliable, knowledgeable and kind. She has always gone above and beyond with her service to my program and exemplifies what it means to be a collegial staff member at the University of Idaho! Greg Fizzell, Program Director - McCall Outdoor Science School

Derek Zimmerman, facilities interiors | Facilities

September 2015

On Thursday and Friday (9/24, 9/25), EHS and facilities began bathroom cleanup and repair in the Meat Pavilion. Derek came from facilities on short notice to remove wet ceiling and drywall material. The job quickly became grosser and messier than anyone anticipated. EHS and Facilities met to discuss fix for weekend event. Derek willingly continued the work to have the area clean and ready for participant of Ag Days to arrive. His hard work reflects the type of attitude and work ethic that makes a difference and will continue to help the U of I reflect a positive image. Especially at recruiting events such as Ag Days! Thanks to Derek and the facilities team for making the difference when it counts! Elaina Perry, Ind. Hyg. Specialist, EHS

Amber Wilson, Business Partner | Human Resources

September 2015

Amber is a terrific colleague and a pleasure to work with. Not only is she extremely knowledgeable but she always has a great attitude, which makes getting the hard work done a bit easier. This kudos is a small way to say a big thank you to Amber! Jennie Hall, Assistant to the Dean, CLASS

Twila Brown, College of Education & Michelle Weitz, Boise Center

September 2015

Few activities are as stressful for faculty as pulling together a promotion packet. Twila Brown and Michelle Weitz kept me sane during this process this summer. They are magic and the institutional memory they possess is a gift that keeps on giving to their colleagues and our students. Thank you both for being exemplars of caring and professionalism. Jean Henscheid, Academic Faculty

Kathy Garofano, Administrative Coordinator | Twin Falls Research & Extension Center

September 2015

I started working for the U of I Extension Twin Falls Research and Extension office just three weeks ago, but right away Kathy made me feel like I was already a valuable asset and that I should expound upon my talents, drive and creativity. From day one she has been a strong support for continuing my education, holds strong to university ideals, encourages creativity and is open to ideas, change and innovation. She is the right hand person for everyone in the office, and the staff as a whole cares dearly for her and her knowledge. Such respect from the staff tells me this woman is deserving of accolades. She's made me feel as though I'm part of a family. People like Kathy are rare in most industries and it was wonderful to be comfortable in unknown surroundings. I send her a great big kudo for her support. I'm looking forward to working with her and others for many years. Jami Whited, Administrative Assistant, U of I Ext TFRE

Max Stillwell, Computer Tech | Student Affairs

September 2015

Max has been outstanding to work with, and I don't think we have had a problem he couldn't solve. Max is also terrific at explaining things in such a way that non-IT and computer staff can understand. We are so lucky to have him. Eric Anderson, Manager, Career Advising and Professional Development (Career Center)

Nicole Campbell, Career Advising Specialist | Career Center
September 2015

A major kudos to Nicole for initiating and overseeing a major project for our office, the creation of a Career Center promotional video. Nicole saw a need in our office, and a chance to give a very talented student real-world experience with video production and editing. The video is absolutely amazing and I can't wait for the campus to see it. Without Nicole, this project would not have happened. Eric Anderson, Manager, Career Advising and Professional Development (Career Center)

Leslie Dorsey, Program Assistant | CNR McCall Outdoor Science School
August 2015

Leslie is an incredible asset to the University community and the community at large. One of Leslie's tasks is being a liaison between program staff and parents. I witnessed her successfully navigate a tricky topic with a parent so effectively this summer that the parent came in with a frown and left with a smile. She puts program participants at ease and is regularly bending over backwards to improve the MOSS experience for everyone. Not only is Leslie excellent with our guests, she is a fantastic colleague. She bucks human nature and steps up to complete ambiguous tasks around the office. When the recycling is full, Leslie will sort it without hesitation. The trash is overflowing in one can, she will empty all the cans. The bathroom sink is black from someone rinsing a fireboard in there, Leslie will wipe up the mess. She sees something that needs improving and she jumps in to do just that. Leslie is a wonderful teammate and we are lucky to have her! Sacha B Jackson, Operations and Registration Manager, CNR McCall Outdoor Science School Campus

Kelli Sirotski, HR Business Partner | Human Resources
August 2015

Kelli assisted us with a difficult employee situation, proposed a solution which we implemented, and responded quickly. Kelli provided exceptional and professional service throughout the case. Andrew Kliskey, Co-Director, Center for Resilient Communities

Classroom Technology Support | Information Technology Services
August 2015

The Classroom Technology Support team rocks and their new rock anthem is classroom LSS 277. The team worked with Facilities Management, faculty and other ITS teams to install a new classroom display system to best accommodate the remodeled layout of the room. It is an impressive 3x3 display array (meaning nine 55" monitor panels), an engineered sound system including listening assisting devices, and an integrated touch-screen control panel! The team met all the challenges of this project by researching and training themselves as well as receiving vendor training on the new technology solutions. The final product is a complete WOW! Congratulations to the team and a big thank you also to the faculty that shared their needs, the Facilities Management team, and the other ITS teams they worked with on this project. Great collaboration and an awesome outcome!!! Brian Cox, Director, ITS

Vandal Dining | Campus Dining

August 2015

Congratulations to Vandal Dining for getting the University of Idaho added to the Food Recovery Certified program through Sodexo. Eric Anderson, Manager, Career Advising & Professional Development, Career Center

John Mangiantini, Manager | Employer Relations and Communications

August 2015

Kudos to John on all his hard work transitioning the Career Center job board and career management system over to a new platform that will be more engaging and intuitive for our students, alumni, and employers to use. We are excited for students and alumni to check out the new Hire a Vandal job board. Eric Anderson, Manager, Career Advising and Professional Development (Career Center)

Teri Riedner, Financial Technician | Office of Sponsored Programs

August 2015

I've been working on projects with Teri for several years now and she has proven herself to be one amazing partner to work with! She is extremely competent at her job duties, she is level-headed and down-to-earth, she understands how important deadlines are and that sometimes we don't have control over events that cause us to run up against those deadlines, and on top of all that — or maybe because of all that — she has a great sense of humor. I vote for giving Teri a pay raise! Debbie Hornbuckle, Grants Manager, Corporate and Foundation Relations Office

Kari Dickinson, Coordinator | Distance and Extended Education

August 2015

A huge kudos to Kari for helping me better understand, organize, and set-up a class I was instructing in BBLearn. Because of Kari I feel I have a much better grasp on how BBLearn works. Eric Anderson, Manager, Career Advising and Professional Development (Career Center)

Janice Jones, Senior Financial Specialist | College of Agricultural and Life Sciences

August 2015

Kudos to Janice Jones for all of her assistance in developing and reviewing the FY2017 budget request for Ag Research and Extension. She is defining "going above and beyond" every day and it is very much appreciated. Trina Mahoney, Budget Director, Budget Office

Joe Enloe and the Idaho Commons and Student Union Custodians | Building Superintendent
July 2015

When I emailed Joe Enloe and requested a particular outside stairwell be cleaned, I wasn't expecting that it would happen the next day! Calvin Stowe, Tess Shoemaker and Patrick Buettner came to the rescue and did a fantastic job of cleaning up an area that someone had made a smoking area. Calvin was the heavy lifter on this job and I just want to let you all know how clean it looks and what a great job you did! Thank you! Jean Otto, Tech Records Splst II, Accts Pay

Matthew Stoddard, Peggy Beyerlein, Lisa Cochran, Jaron Leavitt, and Tom English |
ITS-Technical Support Services Team
July 2015

The Registrar's Office gives a big shout out to the members of the ITS – Technical Support Services team. The team helped with our temporary move to the computer lab in the Pitman Center. Matthew Stoddard, Peggy Beyerlein, Lisa Cochran, and Jaron Leavitt all pitched in, helping us move our 20+ computers, various IP addresses, and printers downstairs. Two weeks later they returned to move us back to our office space. It was a big project, their office closed for a couple of hours to assist us. The moves were completed in a little over two hours, we had anticipated a least a half a day before we could get back to work, so we had minimal disruption to our services during this time. We'd also like to say a thanks to Tom English, who helped facilitate the move and approving our move to the computer lab during this time. We couldn't have done it without you - Thank you! Office of the Registrar

Donn Thill, Debbie Rigby, Phil Anderson, Dave Casebolt, Josh Peak, Brad Bull and Roy Patten |
Palouse Research Extension and Education Center
July 2015

Thank you so much to this group for providing an outstanding tour of the Palouse RE&E Center facilities. These individuals shined as they shared what their functions are within the college and the research, extension and teaching that occurs through this RE&E Center. To top it off lunch was served out at the Parker Farm, spotlighting Vandal Brand Meats!! You guys really know how to do a tour!! Charity Buchert, Human Resource Coordinator

PK Northcutt II, Manager Senior IT | College of Engineering
July 2015

He was very patient and customer service oriented. He solved an issue very quickly that would have caused difficulties for me when training someone on Wednesday. The bright greeting was very welcome, "Happy Monday." Matt Steele, IT Database Analyst - AIS

Daniel Granja, Server Systems Manager and Brian Jemes, Network Manager | ITS
July 2015

ITS specialists held Facilities upgrade and improve automated controls for the heating and cooling systems on campus. Kudos given to Daniel Granja (Server Systems Manager) and Brian Jemes (Network Manager) of ITS. Chuck Schoeffler, Building Automation Systems HVAC

David Sargent, Chemstores Storekeeper 2 | Chemistry

July 2015

I've known this person since 2009 and he is doing a great job in Chem store at the Chemistry department when he helped us as a graduate student to get our chemical supply to help us with our research. He is very smart and very helpful. Ramadan Ali Altwer, PhD Chemistry