SCIENCE ADMINISTRATION
FACULTY AND STAFF
AWARDS
Lori Arnold
Account Assistant

Lori was a part of a team that came together and selflessly volunteered to take on additional duties during an extended vacancy of one of our account manager positions in Computer Science. We only have two account managers in Computer Science who handle a large department. This group banded together to re-distribute the load among themselves in addition to their normal workloads and the very busy transition into a new academic year. These staff never complained; they just dug in and volunteered to get it done with the goal of minimizing the impact to the faculty and staff we serve.
CUSTOMER SERVICE AWARD

Bryan Dispennett
Facilities Support Coordinator

Bryan is being honored for going above and beyond to make sure that the Math Building and its occupants are well taken care of. His dependability is never in question — he is always where he needs to be when he needs to be there. He has taken on additional responsibilities such as painting of areas rather than spending funds to hire the paint crew or taking on the building deputy responsibilities of the HAAS building when the previous person retired. His customers truly appreciate his hard work and enjoyable personality.
LEADERSHIP AWARD

Stacey Dunderman
Associate Director of Undergraduate Education

Stacey’s exemplary performance of her duties as a leader in Academic Advising ensures that the unit runs with efficiency, on-time responsiveness, accurate application of data, and precise application of policy and procedure. Additionally, she resolves student needs and challenges and provides high support for her subordinates and the larger team. She is instrumental in ensuring that support of leadership guarantees the appropriate support of the advising area. Stacey grew in her leadership capacity and ability through our pandemic response. She continues to push her knowledge and leadership impact through training professional development activities.
Liz Dunning  
Account Clerk

Liz is a highly valued member of our Procurement Center team. Whatever role we have asked her to take on, she has done willingly, with great enthusiasm, and accomplished beyond expectations. This has included items such as accepting the challenge to move to the procurement center, becoming a go-to person for that area, and being a key contributor to our ability to decrease our ticket processing times. Liz is devoted to serving the faculty and staff of the College of Science and her fellow business office colleagues and is very deserving of this honor.
Sarah Flook
Account Clerk

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Lora Goonewardene
Academic Advisor

Lora exemplifies outstanding customer service efforts in several key ways that are appreciated and sometimes underestimated. She is tireless in her efforts to share her genuine interest in, and care for, others and her extensive advising and professional knowledge. She quickly anticipates the needs of others and is generous in providing individualized support. Her focus on inclusion and belonging contributes to the well-being of colleagues and advisees, as they feel a deep level of respect and concern. Finally, she is committed to the success of others and has a level of customer care that encourages the confidence to act upon decisions.
PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Nina Haghighi
Web Application Programmer

Nina is receiving this award due to her hard work, efficiency, and organizational skills which are continually touted by her customers. They regularly share how impressed they are with her daily accomplishments and contributions to their projects. Nina consistently stays up on latest trends and best practices, which is key for keeping the college in line with its peers and other units around the university.
Angel Howe walked into a challenging role as an external hire to Purdue with no knowledge of our processes, systems, or research account management and reported to a new Business Manager who was also an external hire to Purdue. In the last year, Angel has done nothing but amaze with her positive energy, impressive work ethic, ability to quickly learn and absorb information, and handle a very large workload. She has a great combination of excellent people skills and top-notch technical skills and is truly devoted to the service of her customers.
Kevin Jones  
Associate Director of Undergraduate Education

Kevin exemplifies the intent of this award. Over the last year, he has set and achieved his goals in his role as Associate Director for Undergraduate Education and his program efforts at the University level. This year of growth and impact has resulted in a well-led CS advising team and a more highly prepared and trained university advising unit. He consistently exceeds expectations with students and the supervision, training, and development of his staff. Student satisfaction is very high as they report a level of unexpected but appreciated responsiveness.
Robynne McCormick  
*Research Account Specialist*

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Laura Starr
Director of Experiential Learning and Student Success

Laura is recognized for being the champion for the development of intercultural competencies among students, faculty and staff. She has focused the College’s attention on these areas and is invested in growing them using virtual technology. Through her efforts, first year orientation courses in each of the College’s departments now contain the online Learn-to-Be program which emphasizes the importance of developing self and other awareness through reflection. She continues to work on the goal of increasing the inclusiveness and intercultural proficiency of the CoS community through on-campus, online and study abroad activities.
CONGRATULATIONS

Thank you to all of our honorees for your persistent efforts to create a culture of respect, inclusion, innovation and growth.

We appreciate you!