

# Kudos 2013-2014

Robin Bailly, Database Analyst | Advancement Services

June 2014

Robin created an innovative new Argos report for Annual Giving that allows us to quickly search through thousands of donor records from our direct mail projects and generate reports of funds raised at the college level, department level, and even down to the fund level. This saves us hours of compiling and sorting scores of separate data files to report out to our constituents. Thank you Robin! You're awesome! Mike Gotch, Annual Giving Program Coordinator (Direct Mail), Advancement Services

Brandi Chastain, Accounts Payable Specialist | Accounts Payable

June 2014

Hey I wanted to give a big shout out, KUDOS to you. You do such an awesome job getting the invoices entered in such a timely manner and with great accuracy. Theresa Albright, Budget Specialist, Kimberly R & E Center

Sacha Jackson, Campus Mgr/Registrar | McCall campus

May 2014

Our McCall campus (MOSS) is a fast paced growing program. There are an enormous number of fiscal and payroll tasks to be administered. Sacha takes a great load off my shoulders with all the work she does. Her work is accurate, timely and she is always looking to learn new things. Thank you, Sacha, for all that you do for MOSS and me. Lynne Kittner, Budget Specialist; CNR Fiscal

Sandy Larsen, Kristy Mayer and Lauren Hamilton | Alumni Office

May 2014

Sandy, Kristy and Lauren are the event gurus on my team in the Office of Alumni Relations who go above and beyond their calls of duty to plan and execute over 300 alumni events each year. I could not ask for a better team to work with on events for our alumni—and students, parents, staff, faculty and community members! Go Team! Tim Helmke, Associate Alumni Director, Alumni Office

Alexiss Turner, Judy Dinwiddie and Annis Shea | Alumni Office

May 2014

Alexiss, Judy and Annis do the behind the scenes work for our Office of Alumni Relations events and often are overlooked when kudos are handed out after a successful event. They deserve their time in the limelight as we couldn't do our alumni events without them! Kudos to you all! Tim Helmke, Associate Alumni Director, Alumni Office

Hugh Cooke, Associate Alumni Director | Alumni Office  
May 2014

Hugh has worked magic with the University of Idaho Alumni Association Board of Directors and their efforts in mass media buys in Boise, Idaho Falls and Coeur d' Alene over the past few years! It is great to drive down the highway and see the billboards the Association and Hugh have developed for the university. Way to go! Tim Helmke, Associate Alumni Director, Alumni Office

Steven Nelson, Annual Giving Program Coordinator (Vandal Connect) | Annual Giving  
May 2014

Through great effort, Steven has transformed the Vandal Connect workplace culture into a positive workplace for our student callers. His changes and professional managing of the call center have increased pledge fulfillment to record levels, reduced complaints from donors, increased student employee job satisfaction and retention. His leadership and changes in procedures for the 'Second Ask' in March-May 2014 resulted in a 32% increase in dollars raised setting a new record for that project. Mike Gotch, Annual Giving Program Coordinator (Direct Mail)

Barbara Lyon, Administrative Assistant, Office of Estate | Trust & Gift Planning  
May 2014

I'm a relative 'newbie' here, having only started on May 12th. However, in the weeks prior to my arrival, and in the short time since then, I have both personally experienced and observed Barb's consistent effort to help others with job related tasks as well as personal issues outside the job parameters. For example, I needed an apartment quickly, and in addition to sustaining her work load, she tirelessly contacted those whom she knew in the area who might have an apartment. Ultimately, she directed me toward a very comfortable and affordable place. This, and numerous other efforts on her part, make her, I believe, an excellent candidate to be recognized. Clark Hyvonen, Director - Office of Estate, Trust & Gift Planning

Eliza Browning, James Logan, Ted Unzicker, Mary Lyon, Chris Menter, & Diane Yates |  
Registrar's Office  
May 2014

Due to the nature of testing & placing students according to English level, the ALCP registration & scheduling process has a lot of last-minute decisions. Eliza and the Registration team (usually Mary & Chris, Dianne too, forgive me if I'm forgetting someone) do an amazing job of processing a large number of our paper registration forms quickly and accurately. I so appreciate their diligence. Ted & Jim impress us at ALCP with their patience and willingness to help with our many (and sometimes complicated) scheduling needs. Their work is reliable, flawless, and fast. Thank you so much, Registrar's Team! Ashleigh Bright, ALCP, International Programs

Alexiss Turner, Program and Web Specialist | Office of Alumni Relations

May 2014

When there's a problem to solve or a coworker in need, Alexiss frequently is the first one to raise her hand to help out. The commencement site finally is in the new design. Thanks to Alexiss. The Friday Letter's initial testing and sends were thanks to Alexiss. Our university's company presence on LinkedIn would not exist without her. And all of this is above and beyond the stellar work she does for Alumni. Here's to you, Alexiss. Thank you for everything you do and more! Johanna Blickenstaff, Associate Director of Digital Marketing, Communications & Marketing

John Feeney's Affirmative Action Coordinators

Charity Buchert; Marty Lunt; Ellen McKenzie; Pam Bell; Linda Kiss; Debbie Eisinger; Margo Holthuas; Mary George; John Wallace; Margaret Eldrich; Tracey Abdallah; Sammantha Green; and Marcee Hartzell

May 2014

I have an amazing opportunity to partner with these individuals within my position, as they are the Affirmative Action Coordinators for their Colleges/Units. Each one of them are extremely helpful and are great representatives of their Colleges/Units. They are very knowledgeable and pleasures to work with. I believe I am better able to serve my areas because of these individuals. Thank you very much for everything you all do!! John Feeney, Human Resources Business Partner, Human Resources, Charity (Personnel/Diversity Coord., College of Agricultural & Life Sciences); Marty (Personnel Specialist; College of Agricultural & Life Sciences); Ellen (Administrative Assistant, Snr; College of Art & Architecture); Pam (Director, Admin Services; College of Natural Resources); Linda (Director, Admin/Fiscal Ops; College of Law); Debbie (Executive Assistant to the VP; DFA); Margo (Assistant to the CIO; ITS); Mary (ITS Operations Director; ITS); John (Associate AD for Internal Ops; Athletics); Margaret (Student Insurance Coordinator, Athletics); Tracey (Personnel Coordinator, Facilities); Sammantha (Assistant to the Dean; Library); and Marcee (Snr Executive Assistant, UI-Northern Idaho)

Amber Spencer, Team Cleaning Specialist | Facilities

May 2014

Amber is always bright and cheerful. Importantly, she takes care of our offices with minimal interruption. She goes out of her way to bring in sprays for the bathroom, and always listens to our complaints and directs us to the right person to talk to. When she was cleaning the offices, she never missed a trash as others will do, and she always catches the offices that our outside of our hallway. She was gone for a month, and we noticed a big difference. Jennifer Baillargeon-Hauck, Administrative Assistant II, English Dept.

Parker Gibson, IT Field Consultant | ITS  
May 2014

Parker Gibson put forth Herculean efforts in assisting the UI Confucius Institute in the execution of a successful professional video conference on a limited timetable. Quite a bit of work was asked of him on short notice. Parker worked diligently to ensure all hardware and software was functional prior to the video conference, ensuring smooth operation across multiple platforms in different locations. He also took initiative in writing up documentation for the use of the Lync video conferencing software (which previously did not exist for UI department use), and user instructions on the operation of Lync for distribution to our meeting participants unfamiliar with that software. This additional endeavor was greatly appreciated and now that these documents exist, will benefit other UI departments and personnel going forward. Dusty Fleener, Administrative Coordinator, Confucius Institute

Trina Mahoney, Budget Director | Budget Office  
May 2014

I have worked with Trina Mahoney for 10+ years in creating and managing the capital budgets necessary to support and implement the design and construction projects that comprise the university's Capital Improvements Portfolio. Trina is consistently timely, competent, and helpful. Her work is accurate, clear, and - most importantly - clearly communicated. She is always willing to help with difficult or unusual questions. Raymond Pankopf, Director, Architectural & Engineering Services

Leah Andrews, Web Coordinator-Student Affairs | University Communications and Marketing  
May 2014

I want to thank Leah Andrews for extending her collegiality, professionalism and much needed expertise to help us fix many higher-level web issues we were having on our site. The improvements to the calendar section alone have made a dramatic change and added functionality which we were lacking for a while. Generously, Leah did this out of no obligation other than to improve the overall look of another division's site. She is a true Vandal and UI team player! Thanks Leah! Stephanie Thomas, Recruitment Coordinator, College of Graduate Studies

Michelle Weitz, Education | Boise Center for Higher Education  
May 2014

Michelle goes above and beyond on a daily basis, but this past week, when I visited the Boise center she was always so very helpful, assisting with catering, and the meeting details Michelle—you are a true gem and I really like working with you very much! Thank you again! Twila M. Brown, Assistant to the Dean, College of Education

Ryan Haworth, Instructional Computer Designer | University of Idaho - Idaho Falls  
May 2014

Thanks to Ryan for taking photos of the Idaho Falls Staff Appreciation Event on April 30th. He is always ready to help out behind the camera when we need him and get great photos! Carol Spain, Executive Assistant, University of Idaho - Idaho Falls

Tom English, IT Service Manager | ITS  
April 2014

Tom is an outstanding employee for the University of Idaho. Tom is always available when our College needs assistance and is always professional and courteous to work with. Tom recently sat down with our incoming Dean to discuss IT needs upon his arrival. Tom was knowledgeable about all the products the Dean was interested in and after research and due diligence, the products were ordered and will be here in time for the Dean's arrival. Tom truly is a valuable team member of the Vandal family. Jennie Hall, Assistant to the Dean, CLASS

Tom Witt, University Access Coordinator | Facilities  
April 2014

Tom Witt is one of the valuable employees of the University of Idaho that has little recognition yet is a vital part of the overall operations. Tom was essential in working with the PGA Golf Management program in setting up and implementing the computerized lock system at the hitting room at the University of Idaho Golf Course. Tom has come to my rescue a number of times when the computer lock system has failed for whatever reason, sometimes operator error. Tom has always been available at any given time and has gone out of his way to ensure that the system is up and running again. His knowledge and skills working with the computer system are incredible. The system would not be working without Tom. Tom is always friendly and courteous making a stress situation less stressful. I truly appreciate all the time and effort he has spent with me. Thank you Tom. Diana Renfro, PGA Golf Management Internship Coordinator

Dan Noble, Senior Financial & Employment Services Tech | Human Resources  
April 2014

Dan provided a supplemental material workbook for EPAF's that is a one stop shop to find all the information that you need! Dan is an excellent resource at HR, and I sincerely thank him for his expertise! Kim Malm, Management Assistant, Auxiliary Services

Melinda Deyasi, Kathy Duke, Tamara Renfrow, Stephanie Thomas | College of Graduate Studies

April 2014

These four colleagues of COGS, Melinda Deyasi, Kathy Duke, Tamara Renfrow, Stephanie Thomas, made brilliant contributions to the most recent, university-wide Research and Innovation Showcase, which is designed to provide both graduate and undergraduate students with a prime opportunity to democrat their accomplishments in research and creative work. They volunteered themselves to help the coordinator of the showcase, working overtime on top of their own duties. Their strong teamwork spirit and hard work beyond the call of duty should be greatly appreciated at this university! Jie Chen, Dean, College of Graduate Studies

Susan Branting, Assistant to Associate Dean | College of Graduate Studies

April 2014

Sue played the central role in coordinating and organizing the most recent, university-wide Research and Innovation Showcase, which is design to provide both graduate and undergraduate students with a prime opportunity to demonstrate their achievements in research and creative work. Due to her efforts, this year the Showcase attracted a record number of students to participate. The Showcase went very well, and was great success! As Dean of COGS, I greatly appreciate her hard work and excellent management skills exemplified by her central role in the Showcase. She deserves kudos! Jie Chen, Dean, College of Graduate Studies

Amy Yacavace, Linda DuBose, Madie Hall, Lisa Bahr, Sharon Melson | Laboratory Technicians & Supporting Staff | Caine Veterinary Teaching Center, Caldwell

April 2014

These ladies prepared a fantastic booth representing the U of I Caine Veterinary Teaching Center and presented it at the Vallivue-Caldwell High School Job/Career Fair on April 16th. About 1,400 students attended and about half of those visited the booth, with 200 interested enough to take a U of I pen or sticker, and filling out an information sheet that will be shared with the Admissions Office, potential Vandals! They set up microscopes and showed the students how to look at animal parasites, and demonstrated an animal heart with a birth defect, a llama fetus, a sheep eye, a goat brain and a diseased cattle intestine. The presentation excited the imagination of many students and hopefully will influence their career choice and attendance at U of I! Glen C. Weiser, Research Scientist, Caine Veterinary Teaching Center, Caldwell

Marci Merrick, Administrative Assistant I | Idaho Falls

April 2014

Marci Merrick has done an absolutely outstanding job since starting with us in 2012. We want to thank her for all of her great work helping us prepare for the ATMAE site visit for accreditation. This included assembling and maintaining the course materials over the time period she has been with UI, contacting faculty for materials needed by the ATMAE Team, and supporting the faculty. We feel we would be much less prepared if it weren't for her valued help. She also provided substantial support in the recent faculty searches. She has been instrumental to our team and we appreciate Marci. Debbie Caudle, Academic & Services Advisor; Lee Ostrom, Director of Academic Programs and Associate Dean; Cheryl Wilhelmsen, Director of Industrial Technology; Roger Scott, Assistant Clinical Professor; and Raghu Kanakala, Assistant Professor, Idaho Falls

Brittini Lowe, Business Specialist/Financial Tech | ITS

April 2014

Our office had a last minute schedule change on a meeting, and I could not reach one of the attendees that works in ITS. I called Brittini on the chance that she had an alternate telephone number for this person. She was super friendly and went the extra mile to help me with my situation... even by running down the hall to see if she could find my person! Brittini is a great example of how to help your co-workers. Kudos to her! Cynthia Adams, Purchasing Assistant, Purchasing

Julie Jacobson, Administrative Assistant I | Idaho Falls

April 2014

I want to thank Julie Jacobson for her good work with the arrangements and site visits for the recent Chemical Engineering faculty candidates. Not only did she take care of multiple moving parts, she made certain that the candidates were welcomed, given information and transported to each meeting - on time! Alice Allen, Academic Program Coordinator, Idaho Falls

Mark Pfeifer, Marketing & Communications Specialist and Career Center Marketing Team

April 2014

Mark has done an outstanding job since starting with us this past semester. Along with our wonderful Marketing Interns, they have truly transformed our advertising and publicity strategies in the Career Center. Many students have told us how noticeable and eye-catching our marketing materials are around campus and online. We are so appreciative of their efforts. Eric Anderson, Manager, Career Advising and Professional Development, Career Center

John Mangiantini, Manager, Employer Relations & Communications | Career Center  
April 2014

My sincerest kudos to John who started with us in the Career Center this semester, as he has done some amazing things already for us. John has helped us envision new, even more user-friendly ideas for our website and Vandal CareerConnection, the student and alumni job and internship career management database. His efforts not only positively impact our staff, but have profound effects on our students and alumni. John truly has our students, alumni and employers best interests in mind, and I look forward to all the wonderful things he has planned for us. Eric Anderson, Manager, Career Advising and Professional Development, Career Center

Tami Noble, Assistant to the Director | NIATT (National Institute for Advanced Transportation)  
April 2014

Exceptional support for faculty and research. She is the most efficient, responsive and friendly staff member I know. I wished we had many of her! Axel Krings, Professor, Computer Science Department

Leah Andrews, Tara Roberts, Lesa McPeak, & Holli Sampson | University Communications and Marketing  
April 2014

Congratulations to Leah, Tara, Lesa, Holli and the prankster team for the outrageous success of the FURRI initiative for April Fool's Day. It got some great coverage and our students LOVED it. Katie Dahlinger, Assistant Director of Student Involvement

Victor J. House, IT Tech | NIATT and Civil Engineering  
April 2014

Big Kudos to Victor House, he has shown to me and to the civil engineering department excellence in three aspects of his job: Knowledge: Victor seems to be on top of things and keenly search for solution for any computer issue that I have encountered. I have a long list, but here is couple of examples: We have licensed software that resides off campus at an agency in Boise. We hook to it via VPN. He worked diligently with the agency to facilitate my access. This task took significant amount of time and communication and he got it working. Another example, I use software that runs under the "old" Windows or even DOS operating systems. He was able to install virtual machines and get the software runs smoothly for students. Timely response: Victor is very responsive and he is always on time or ahead of time. In many instances, if I write him an email inquiring or requesting something, and before I even try to call to find out, he is done with it. He always impresses me of how quick his response is. It makes me make sure to say "no rush" on a job that I feel no need to act on it right away. Personal manners: Victor is really a nice person to work with. He has high respect to his co-workers and he always has a polite way to ask for time extension, if needed, or when he is not able to do something. Fouad M. Bayomy, Professor, Civil Engineering

Debbie Foster, Finance Technician & Tami Noble, Assistant to the Director | NIATT (National Institute for Advanced Transportation)

April 2014

The whole team is awesome. They have a can do attitude!!! David McIlroy, Prof. and Chair of Physics

Amber Wilson, HR Business Partner | Human Resources

April 2014

Amber recently came up to the English department to train me on the new ATS system. The last system literally left me in tears of frustration. The fact that Amber came up here to train me personally and sweetly handled all my questions with patience was in a word amazing. I think we get so used to doing our jobs that we lose our patience when we have to teach someone something that comes easily to us. The fact that she didn't lose her patience and she gave me as much time as I needed was refreshing! She is an asset to the University. Jennifer Baillargeon-Hauck, AAll, English

Corilyn Rice, Team Cleaning Specialist | Facilities

March 2014

Corilyn is a recent addition to the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences family. She has been going above and beyond in making sure that our floor is spotless in every way possible. When asked how she is, we get a unique response of "blessed." She is a wonderful person to come in contact with on a daily basis!!! Thank you so much for taking such good care of us!!!! Charity Buchert, CALS Administrative Services

Bill Loftus, Shane Jackson and Carly Raska | College of Agricultural and Life Sciences

March 2014

Bill, Shane and Carly were called together by the CALS Dean to create a video and folder for a series of events for our stakeholders, celebrating the 125th anniversary of the university along with the college's partnership with the agriculture industry. The team had great ideas and created fantastic products under a very tight timeline. Thank you! Kim O'Neill, CALS Senior Director of Development, CALS

Gayle Gleason, Administrative Assistant II | Ag Econ and Rural Sociology

March 2014

Gayle went above & beyond setting up interviewing schedules for 4 candidates for the SSRU while she was setting up two AERS faculty interview schedules. Thank-you for a job well done it is appreciated. Barbara Foltz, Survey Operations Manager, Social Science Research Unit

Thomas Witt, University Access Coordinator | Facilities

March 2014

The HR staff recently requested Tom Witt's help in addressing a potential safety/security issue with a door in our building not automatically locking upon entry. Within 30 minutes of the initial request for Tom to take a look at the lock he was in our building. Within the hour the lock was fixed! His dedication, quick response and professionalism was greatly appreciated. Thank you Tom for helping us ensure our building is properly safe and secure. Brandi Terwilliger, Director of Human Resources, Human Resources

Myung Chun, Employment Services Technician | Human Resource

March 2014

Myung offers exceptional customer service. Always willing to go the extra mile, cheerful and kind, easy to get a hold, and responds timely! I appreciate all of her expertise in EAP's and the knowledge that she shares! Kim Malm, Asst. to the AVP, Auxiliary Services

Dr. Alton Campbell, Director Honors Program and Staff | Counseling Center

March 2014

Dr. Campbell and the staff at the Counseling Center spend hours helping my daughter prepare her resume and get ready for interviews at various Pharmacy Schools. Their hard work paid off. Thank you. Edward Christian, Tech Rec Specialist II, Office of Admissions

Cheri Cole, Management Assistant | COGS Dean's Office

March 2014

Cheri is an outstanding representative for the College of Graduate Studies. Each and every day her main focus is student advocacy and customer service. I overheard a student say to her today, "Cher, you're the best administrator I've ever dealt with at this university!" We could all take lessons from Cheri Cole... WAY TO GO! Sue Branting, Management Assistant/COGS Dean's Office

Nicole Campbell, Career Advisor | Career Center

March 2014

Kudos to Nicole for going above and beyond this year in her new role as a Career Advisor. Nicole has far surpassed any expectations we had for her, truly stepping up and taking on all the roles and responsibilities a seasoned advisor would do, and does it all with a smile. She has a natural gift for helping students, and makes quite an impact with everyone student she assists. Nicole is a tremendous asset to our office and to our university. Eric Anderson, Manager, Career Advising, Career Center

Matt Vaartstra, Career Advisor | Career Center

March 2014

Kudos to Matt for helping out again with the career advising trip to southern Idaho campuses. Matt makes a tremendous impact on the students, alumni, and staff at our southern campuses, and they always appreciate the time, depth of attention, and care he gives. He truly has a passion for what he does, constantly goes above and beyond, and is true role model for the Career Center. Eric Anderson, Manager, Career Advising, Career Center

Bryce Barbee, Senior Maintenance Craftsperson | Facilities

February 2014

I just wanted to say I had Bryce here today and, as always, he did an amazing job. I am so consistently impressed with the quality of the folks that work for facilities. I don't think there is a department/program on campus that even compares. I have worked on this campus for eight years (I was a student here before that) and I say that with all honesty. Thanks for all that you do :D Mandi Coulter, Idaho NSF EPSCoR

Melinda Deyasi, Thesis and Dissertation Advisor | College of Graduate Studies

February 2014

Melinda "stepped outside the box." As a Thesis and Dissertation Advisor, her main duties come at the end of a student's career. However, this didn't stop her from stepping in and helping out our office (Graduate Admissions) during the February 1st deadline rush. Melinda rolled up her sleeves and jumped right in opening tubs of mail, matching documents to files, and keeping our filing system organized. Thanks to Melinda's willingness and hard work (and overall great attitude), the Graduate Admissions Office was able to focus on completed application files and credential evaluation. Pam Beutler, Roxane Fredrickson, and Tammy Renfrow, Graduate Admissions Office

Chuck Schoeffler, Energy Operations Specialist | Facilities

February 2014

Dr. Schoeffler, though substantially over qualified for his position, provides the staff and students of U.I. with a full day of competent service professionally applied day after day. Others can call Chuck at home at any time for assistance on the phone and when necessary will gladly come in to assist. Though highly educated and possessing a great natural intellect Chuck is plain spoken and unpretentious. A native of Moscow and U.I. alum, Chuck appears to have a genuine affection for the institution. Known by many across the campus, Chuck is held in very high regard personally and professionally. David Hamilton, Energy Operations Specialist, Facilities

Angie Sowers, Enrollment Services Coordinator | UI Coeur d'Alene, Staff Affairs CDA Representative

February 2014

Angie served as the primary coordinator for the College Info Night. This is a collaborative event between UI, BSU, LC, ISU and NIC each year. Approximately 150 prospective students and their parents had a chance to meet with representatives from Idaho schools as well as attend workshops on Financial Aid, Career Exploration, College Success and Dual Credit. An event of such magnitude is not easily coordinated, nor does it always "go off without a hitch." Angie deserves a big thank you for dedication to making this year's College Info Night such a success! Great job Angie!!! As well as a big thank you, for her tireless dedication to the CDA Center!  
Charles Buck, AVP/CEO University of Idaho CDA

Landscape & Grounds Maintenance | Facilities

February 2014

Great job on getting ahead of the sidewalk snow and keeping campus mobile for the rest of us!  
Cindy Bogar, Dept. Manager, Chemistry

Video Communications Services | ITS

February 2014

As a center employee, I rely heavily on the use of videoconference for both classes and meetings. The VCS folks go above and beyond to accommodate us and track down and fix problems when they arise. This morning there was a mix-up when a room didn't get scheduled on my end and we had an overlapping event. This was purely my fault, but their office did everything they could to find a work around for the problem. In the end, everything was solved and the meeting got connected. A big thanks especially to Daryl Power and Edward Gosselin!  
Angie Sowers, Enrollment Services, Coeur d'Alene

Dusty Fleener, Administrative Coordinator | Confucius Institute

February 2014

After only three weeks in his new job as Administrative Coordinator for the Confucius Institute, Dusty Fleener was thrown into having to coordinate the Chinese New Year celebration—the biggest Chinese holiday of the year—from start to finish. In addition to his normal duties and Banner training. In only two weeks! He handled the scheduling and publicity, ordered supplies, arranged ticket sales, dealt with all the UI paperwork necessary for such a huge event, etc... he even put together gift bags for the children's gifts and decorated the SUB Ballroom. All with good humor (no matter how many surprises he encountered). Dusty, we're happy to have you on the third floor. Hil Priest, AA2, Modern Languages and Cultures

Debra Rumford, Family and Consumer Sciences/Media Coordinator, Staff Affairs  
February 2014

Debra consistently makes the Staff Affairs newsletter enjoyable. I especially like the important news first, the sidebar of calendar items and the many pictures with succinct descriptions. It's great to highlight our off-campus colleagues and to know what they are doing. I see the Staff Affairs getting better and better each year. Good leadership and good reporting! Ann P. Merriam, Administrative Assistant, WWAMI

Tom English, IT Service Manager | ITS  
January 2014

A big thanks to Tom English for setting up a new computer and getting it routed to me so fast. It has been awhile since I have gone through this process and this time was much faster than I expected. I was surprised by how seamless the transition was and want to thank Tom and everyone involved in getting my new machine set up. Lacey Devlin, Financial Compliance Specialist, Accounts Payable

Jaron Leavitt, IT Field Consultant | ITS - Technology Support Services  
January 2014

I would like to thank Jaron Leavitt for the seamless change over to my new computer. He even made sure my wallpaper was the same! This is the first time I have been able to sit down at a new machine and take off right where I left off. Jaron is a great asset to the University and I hope you all get a chance to meet him when it is your turn to upgrade. Lacey Devlin, Financial Compliance Specialist, Accounts Payable

Ken Schmidt, Media Equipment Specialist | ITS  
January 2014

I have had a lot of problems with firewalls and other issues in presenting a key component of my Green Dot program, a skills training on how to prevent people from being hurt or harassed. I visited Ken Schmidt's office the day before my training this past Saturday, and he accompanied me to the space for the training and was meticulous and extremely responsive and helpful in getting us tested, set up and ready to go in the morning. There were changes that needed to be made so everything would go smoothly, and he attended to each detail. Above and beyond—he came in early Saturday morning on his own time to check in and make sure everything was ready to roll. I am so impressed with this level of customer service and genuine caring. Ken Schmidt clearly is a very valuable member of our Vandal Team. The day was a big success, with almost 50 students making a personal commitment to intervene if someone is in trouble. That would not have happened if Ken had not been the grand problem-solver and professional he is. Virginia Solan, Coordinator, Violence Prevention Programs, Dean of Students Office

Sharon Jemes, IT Programmer Analyst | Registrar's Office  
January 2014

I want to say what a gem UI has with Sharon Jemes. She is calm, focused and so meticulous. I don't know how many software issues she has taken the lead on to fix. And from my perspective, these software issues have campus wide effects and invariably come at the worst times during a semester. She recognizes issues, collaborates with the providers, and with staff who depend on this software to get their jobs done. Then, Sharon follows up with everyone who is affected. I truly appreciate her! Cheri Cole, Management Assistant, College of Graduate Studies

Monte Cooley, DFA Programmer Analyst | Auxiliary Services  
January 2014

The UI Golf Course advertises in the magazine "Golf in the Northwest" each year. The deadline for creating the ad was this week. Since the golf course is closed during the winter I don't work much. All of a sudden I realized we were going to miss getting our advertisement submitted. I called Monte who is part of the Auxiliary Services ITS support and asked him if he could help. In one day he created us a beautiful advertisement. Much better than if I had thrown one together. Now the UI golf course will shine in the magazine. Thanks again, Monte. Kandy Nelson, Operations Coordinator, UI Golf Course

Vernon Dorendorf, Landscape Maintenance Tech 2 | Facilities  
January 2014

On my way into work this very windy day, I didn't realize that the check I planned to deposit at lunch had blown out of my purse. Vernon emailed me that he had found it and offered to deliver it to my office. We have wonderful people working at the University of Idaho! Thank you so much, Vernon! Dixie Kearney, Professional Development and Learning

Chris Menter, Student Records/Systems Coord | Registrar's Office  
January 2014

Lately I have had some difficulties generating enrollment data through BANNER (all my problem!), and Chris has been unfailingly helpful to walk me through the process. But more than that, Chris made sure that grades were posted in a timely fashion during the winter break—taking time from her own holiday season to do so. Her work paved the way for financial aid, academic, and athletic eligibility verification to be processed with little stress to our students. Thank you, Chris! Lynaire MH Banks, Academic Adviser, CNR Student Services

Myung Chun, Employment Services Tech & Dan Noble, Financial Tech Senior | Human Resources

January 2014

On behalf of CNR Fiscal Services, I would like to recognize the outstanding work done by both Myung Chun and Dan Noble in processing our epafs. We've had quite a bit of turnover of late and, not surprisingly, various issues with epaf accuracy. Both Myung and Dan have provided tremendous patience and training while we get back up to speed within our area. They are truly unsung heroes of the university's staff. Without their expertise and eye for all the details, university employees would not have accurate paychecks. They quietly go about getting this essential work done and too often are not given recognition. Thank you Myung and Dan for everything you do for this university; you are very much appreciated! Lynne Kittner, Budget Specialist, CNR Fiscal

Janet Peterson, Financial Unit Supervisor and Benny Garcia | Auxiliary Business Services

January 2014

I want to thank Janet Peterson and Benny Garcia for their hard work over the end of the semester and holiday break. They worked collaboratively with the VandalStore on the textbook buyback and for the first time ever we had a zero variance! Their attention to detail, early preparation, and thoroughness in the daily processing was a major part in this success. They also volunteered to come in and work on a couple days through the holiday break to finish up the buyback as well as process daily deposits for the retail locations that remained open. It is wonderful to have hard working and dedicated team members like these two! Denise Town, Manager, Auxiliary Business Services

Accounts Payable Team

December 2013

Linda Keeney, Lacey Devlin, Alice Reyes, Erica Frazier, Rosita Groves, Brandi Chastain, Barbara Fountain, and Jeanne Otto. When people think of navigating finances within an organization as large as a university, most people are at best skeptical. Linda and the Accounts Payable staff have been amazing to work with the entire time I've been at this University. We often have very specific and sometimes complex requests, yet we are welcomed with a friendly demeanor and a bunch of "can do" attitudes. It is truly a pleasure to work with all of you—thank you. Colton Oliphant, Advisor & Faculty/Staff-led Program Coordinator, Study Abroad Office

Margie Schaper, Parking Attendant, Parking and Transportation Services | Facilities

December 2013

We just had a nice gentleman call with only nice things to say about Marg. She was up in Family Housing, doing her job, when she came across a young boy who was locked out of his house, cold and crying. Marg went out of her way to help him and make sure he found his way over to his friend's house, also in Family Housing. This gentleman on the phone, father of said friend whose house he went to, was so impressed with her generosity he had to call and make sure everyone knew how wonderful of a thing she just did and make sure appropriate kudos were noted. Nice work Marg and Kudos to you!! Summer Howard, Customer Service Lead, Parking and Transportation Services

Cheri Cole, Management Assistant, College of Graduate Studies  
December 2013

I had a lot of questions and Cheri was extremely helpful, patient and kind. She is amazing and the U of I is very lucky to have an employee like her! Kristi Overfelt, Advising Specialist, CLASS Dean's Office

Michelle Weitz, Education, Boise Center for Higher Education  
December 2013

Michelle was very patient with me when I had a lot of questions for her. She always answered my emails very promptly, and was always kind and patient. I very much appreciate her help and feel grateful that we have someone like her representing us on the Boise campus. Kristi Overfelt, Advising Specialist, CLASS Dean's Office

Members of University Support Services and Facilities  
December 2013

I would like to take a moment to recognize members of University Support Services (USS) and Facilities for their tireless efforts to keep the Kibbie Dome up and running during the unprecedented cold snap we just experienced. Last week a malfunctioning valve caused a shutdown of the main heater for the Dome. The result was a large, extremely cold stadium. Joe Hunt (USS), Bruce Pancheri, Tom Clemens, Kevin Dial and Chuck Schoeffler (Facilities) worked diligently to get that problem resolved. This was followed up with a freezing of pipes in a secondary heater unit Saturday night. Sunday morning, bright and early, Joe Hunt and Rob Anderson (USS) Mike Holthaus and BJ Schenck (Facilities) were working, yet again, to undo the damage wrought by the cold temperatures to ensure that the Kibbie Dome would be up and running by Monday morning. The time and commitment that these individuals put into the Kibbie Dome Facility are exceptional and their efforts are very much appreciated. Thank you! Cami McClure, Director- Administrative Operations

Anup Shrestha and Robin Bailly, Database Analysts | Advancement Information Services  
December 2013

Anup and Robin created an awesome webpage to streamline the Payroll Deduction process. This new system will communicate to both Gifts Processing and Payroll the necessary information to complete a payroll deduction. Thanks Anup and Robin!! Lauren Torok, Assistant Director, Advancement Information Services

Kelton Jensen, 4-H Program Coordinator, Ada County  
December 2013

Kelton always has a great attitude and is a team player. He has been instrumental in his efforts to build the 4-H robotics program in Ada County and frequently helps other counties with his knowledge and skills. He has great people skills and is an asset to the University and 4-H program. Tina Holmquist, 4-H Program Coordinator, Canyon County

David Schloss, AAI Student Services College of Education  
December 2013

David is brand new not only to UI, but to Moscow as well. He has integrated himself into student services with ease daily treats everyone he greets with kindness and respect. We do not get to see that from everyone and it is wonderful!! Thank you David. Tammy Bowen, Director Student Services, College of Education

Troy Zumwalt & Martin Klingele, Steam Plant Mechanics & Doug Olson, HVAC Control Tech 2 | Facilities  
December 2013

The Facilities and Steam Plant staff have responded to several requests in Morrill Hall (room 209) over the last few weeks to fix windows and heating/cooling issues. They have been pleasant and helpful and even have dropped back by to make sure everything is working appropriately. This is a busy time of year with the cold snap and snow and our office sincerely appreciates the immediate response to our requests for assistance. Sarah Martonick, Post Award Manager, Sponsored Programs

Chris Lighty, Research Analyst & Archie George, Director | Institutional Research & Assessment  
November 2013

HUGE thanks to Chris Lighty and Archie George for the immense amount of help that they have been over the past couple of months. Their friendly and quick response to requests for data are greatly appreciated and have continued to make my job a bit easier in the midst of surveys, P&T, and other big projects. Kudos to both of them for the wonderful job that they do! Darby Baldwin, Student Coordinator, Computer Science Department

Keri Moore, Assistant to the Dean, College of Business and Economics  
November 2013

The other morning I observed Keri going out of her way to pick up (a lot) of garbage in the parking lot before heading into her office. In this way, she showed respect for our great campus and for the hardworking groundskeepers who have many acres of land to care for. Keri's thoughtfulness was a simple but uplifting act of shared stewardship. Brenda Helbling, Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President

Shawna Lindquist, Jake Weaver, Josh Tomlin, and Candis Glassey | University of Idaho Foundation, Inc.  
November 2013

Shawna, Jake, Josh and Candis from the University of Idaho Foundation, Inc. provided an excellent training session on gift accounts and management to the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences. The folks at the University of Idaho Foundation are fantastic and we really appreciate their professionalism and willingness to help! Kim O'Neill, Senior Director of Development, CALS

Noell Kinyon, External Relations Specialist, Career Center  
November 2013

A HUGE kudo to Noell Kinyon for the terrific job she's doing at the Career Center. At present, she and two marketing interns are doing the work of several while we wait to hire a new manager. Noell successfully planned and executed a great fall career fair, coordinated multiple employer info sessions and dozens of on-campus interviews, handled all the marketing for every Career Center event, and before the fall fair was over, she started planning for the spring fair...all while keeping a smile on her face! Thanks, Noell, for all your hard work! You are amazing! Donna Crenshaw, Office Manager, Career Center

Debbie Caudle & Alice Allen (Idaho Falls), Amanda Moore-Kriwox (Twin Falls), Miki Kurosawa & Sandy Schultz (Boise)  
October 2013

A huge thank you to Debbie Caudle, Alice Allen, Miki Kurosawa, Sandy Schultz and Amanda Moore-Kriwox for the wonderful hospitality they always show us when the Career Center visits their campuses for career advising appointments. They always make us feel welcomed and are such great advocates for the work we do in the Career Center. We truly appreciate all they do for their students and alumni. Congratulations also to Idaho Falls for their recent Graduate School and International Food Fair. Eric Anderson, Manager of Student Advising & Dev., Career Center

Dixie Kearney, PDL Training Specialist, Human Resources  
October 2013

Dixie created an online FAMIS FERPA/Security Training Link for Facilities. This new process will streamline our FERPA training so it will be thorough, consistent and efficient. Tracey Abdallah, Personnel Services Coordinator, Facilities

Camille Hattrup, Landscape Maintenance Tech 2, Facilities  
October 2013

Forwarded ...I really appreciate all the hard work and effort that Camille puts into the Family Housing area. I have on several occasions had the opportunity to see the before and after of some of the cleanup/beautification projects. I really liked the trim job she performed on the bush at the end of 430 Taylor. I can honestly say that I have never seen her wasting time or complaining about what needs done. I enjoy her input on some of our exterior upgrades and consider her to be an immense resource in helping draw back residents to stay with us. Please let Camille know that she is an asset to the University and especially Housing. Steven Spencer, Building Maintenance Supervisor, University Housing

Conor Richards, Manager of Vandal Express

October 2013

So many people who spend the majority of their days in the TLC depend on Conor's expertise and customer skills so evident at Vandal Express, which he manages. Conor is amazing. He remembers many, many customers' names, what they like, what projects they might be working on and struggles they may be having. He is a great resources for all, always having a moment to refer or support someone with a question. I have seen the quality of the selections of merchandise, stocking and keeping up with demand, willingness to try new things, and much more improve dramatically since Conor took over the store. His staff is ALWAYS smiling and friendly and efficient, and that is really saying something about Conor as a leader. That small space gets very hectic sometimes, and people can be challenging when they are stressed out and in a hurry. Conor makes everyone's day better, and is one of those people who keeps UI feeling like a community and not just a campus. He also is the kind of person that often gets missed for things like Kudos because he never looks for praise or appreciation. It's just who he is. Virginia Solan, Coordinator of Violence Prevention Programs, Dean of Students

Gary Thompson, Leadership Coordinator, McCall Outdoor Science School

October 2013

About a month ago, our unit had a very serious and difficult situation to deal with that involved student safety and well-being. Gary went beyond the call of duty with great poise, leadership and strength. His tremendous decision-making under stress was remarkable. His number one focus during the entire incident was the well-being of our students, both physically and emotionally. The University of Idaho is fortunate to have Gary on its team! Greg Fizzell, Program Director, McCall Outdoor Science School

Darrell Stout, Business Operations Specialist & Bruno Wilson, College of Natural Resources

October 2013

All of us in the Department of Conservation Social Sciences want to thank Darrell Stout and his "right-hand man" Bruno Wilson for all their hard work during the re-carpeting of our offices and the remodel of our conference room. I don't know what we would have done without them! They moved furniture and boxes; took things to surplus for us; disassembled and reassembled furniture—we truly appreciate all they did for us. Julie Haarr, Administrative Assistant, Dept. of Conservation Social Sciences

### Fall Leadership Week Presenters

October 2013

Thank you to the following University of Idaho Staff members who presented a workshop during Fall Leadership Week. I greatly appreciate your, time, effort and knowledge that you shared. You make a difference in the lives of University of Idaho student leaders. Craig Chatriand & Lysa Salsbury, Dean of Students; Jazzmine Hudson, University Housing; Colleen Quinn, Department of Student Involvement; Ellen Schreiber, The Ombuds Office; Butch Fealy, Intramural Sports; Tim Helmke & Lauren Hamilton, Alumni Relations; Captain Gregory Eaton, Naval Science Department; Karen Richel, University of Idaho Extension; and Carl Dindo, Counseling and Testing Center. Denise Carl, Coordinator, Student Engagement, Department of Student Involvement

### Fall Leadership Week Case Study Competition Judges and Writers

October 2013

Thank you to all of these staff members who helped to judge the fall leadership week case study materials and helped to write the case study competition. We had seven teams compete in the inaugural case study competition without the help from these individuals it would have not been possible. Thank you for helping students leave their legacy of leading. Lysa Salsbury, Katie Noble, & Erin Agidius, Dean of Students; Greg Tatham, Idaho Commons Student Union; Matt Dorschel, Public Safety & Security; Shannon Haselhuhn, Student Health Services; and Patrice McDaniel, Emergence Security & Services. Denise Carl, Coordinator, Student Engagement, Department of Student Involvement

### Susanna Markert, Administrative Assistant, Department of Naval Science

October 2013

Naval ROTC is proud to send a "Bravo Zulu" to Ms. Susanna Markert for her outstanding performance during the past year. She has made incredible contributions to the quality, efficiency, and professionalism of our front office. Furthermore, as the primary link between the Navy staff and the University, she ensures we are connected to and compliant with all University events, timelines and procedures. Her diligence has proven invaluable toward helping our instructors and students achieve their educational and professional goals. We are very grateful for her hard work and are blessed to have her onboard. Thanks Susanna! Alex Greig, Executive Officer NROTC

### Elisabeth (Liz) Ridgway, Senior Executive Assistant, Boise/On-Off Campus, Staff Affairs

October 2013

Liz Ridgway is the quintessential executive assistant and leader. There are no tasks - large or small - that Liz will not willingly manage to a successful outcome for the greater good of the University of Idaho and all involved. She is gracious, thoughtful, smart, caring, highly dedicated, positive and timely. Working with Liz is a great pleasure. Kudos to Liz for all that you do for UI Boise and for ALL that you do for me. Trudy Anderson, AVP/CEO UI Boise

Emily Adams, Coordinator of Internal Operations, Athletics  
October 2013

We have many hard-working people here, however, Emily really impressed me with her ready familiarity with even the most arcane of facts related to her program. Combining that with her positive attitude and speedy assistance in gaining information when it was needed quickly, she has been added to my Vandal hero list. Brett Morris, Director, Presidential Communication, University Communications & Marketing

Hillary Haight, Financial Technician, Auxiliary Services  
October 2013

I want to give a huge thank you to Hillary Haight who has absolutely gone above and beyond to help out through a very trying time. Over the last two months, we've had two resignations and another staff member out on FMLA. Hillary has taken on a ton of extra responsibilities and has worked tirelessly to ensure that everything is getting done in a timely manner. She has maintained a cheerful attitude and continuously has stepped up to the plate to help whenever and wherever needed. Without her help, I would have been in a world of hurt. I am very fortunate to have Hillary on my team!! Denise Town, Manager, Auxiliary Business Services

Julie Bollman, Buyer, VandalStore  
October 2013

Julie is always awesome to work with. She has a great attitude, is always willing to help, and does everything with a smile. She is just great!! Kudos, Julie! Hillary Haight, Financial Technician, Auxiliary Services

Janice Todish, Budget Management Specialist, Budget Office/Treasurer, Staff Affairs  
September 2013

As a new financial technician at the library, I am greatly in debt to Janice. She has absolutely gone above and beyond to help me understand budget management and the intricacies of the Banner system. She has been available for me to come to with each of my questions and is always informative and helpful. All in all, she has been a lifesaver as I learn the ropes! Rachelle Edwards, Financial Technician, Library

Debra Rumford, Desktop Pub/Tech, Family and Consumer Sciences/Media Coordinator, Staff Affairs  
September 2013

Each month Debra creates an amazing newsletter to keep UI staff informed and involved in staff events throughout the University. This month she did a truly outstanding job. The newsletter is chock full of engaging and informative pieces that she pulled together from all over Idaho. Thanks, Debra! Ali Bretthauer, Manager, TCS, Academic Support and Access Programs/Vice-Chair, Staff Affairs

Patricia Eberhardt, Management Assistant, College of Education  
September 2013

Patricia is the AAC for the College of Education, so every job I post has to go through her. She is always gracious and patient with each and every interaction I have with her. In my job I post a lot of ATS openings for the BIP, REC, and DAN programs, and Patricia has mentored me through this process with "amazing grace"! I truly appreciate all she does for the College and all of the Departments in creating a fair and equitable hiring process. She goes above and beyond to help everyone through the processes. She is an AAC rock star! Cheryl Gardner, Financial Technician Senior, Movement Sciences

Foundation Seed Program

Morgan Stanger (Kimberly R&E), Randy Gamble (Aberdeen R&E), Todd Carter and Teri Hill (Tetonia R&E) and Supporting Staff

September 2013

A big Thank You to everyone involved with the Foundation Seed Program. This group of outstanding individuals is spread out at different locations across the state and bear the load of many responsibilities. They go to great lengths to meet the needs of agriculture not only in Idaho, but across the nation. They deserve to be recognized for their hard work and constant endeavor to maintain high quality service and high quality products. What a Team – Job Well Done. David Hoadley, Ag Seed Specialist, PREEC

David Pittsley, Customer Service Representative, Parking and Transportation Services  
September 2013

David is an exceptional employee who tirelessly takes on multiple responsibilities while keeping an inexhaustible positive attitude. He is a great team player who encourages those around him to do a great job and he always makes sure to show appreciation for the efforts of others. His contribution to morale is the type that all offices hope for. He is also a fantastic educator and patiently helps those around him gain knowledge and confidence for their respective tasks. Kendra Rathbone, Customer Service Representative, Facilities

Ted Unzicker, Scheduling Coordinator, Registrar's Office  
September 2013

I had been working at the University for about a week, and had had no real training. I needed to learn the COWS system and was nervous about figuring this out on my own. Ted came to my office and walked me through every step simply. He didn't make me feel like an idiot and he explained everything, while answering all my questions. It was by far the best training experience I have ever had, and it was all I needed to understand what to do the first time. Jennifer Baillargeon-Hauck, Administrative Assistant II, English Dept.

Brandi Terwilliger, Benefits Administration Manager, Payroll and Benefits  
September 2013

Brandi is awesome! She was incredibly helpful in a dire situation with an employee who was fighting a battle with cancer. Communication was essential for this employee at a very difficult time and Brandi was fantastic, helpful, understanding and giving. I was with this employee just a couple days before she passed away and Brandi settled yet one more question for her when we were able to get her on the speaker phone. I used my iPhone to reach Brandi on Microsoft Lync. I said, "I need you and I need you now!" Without any hesitation, she told me to call immediately (she didn't even ask why)...all the while being gentle, helpful and acting just exactly how I needed her to in that moment. Brandi's answers gave peace to this individual. For me to know I could count on her was awesome! I just wanted to publicly thank her for her outstanding customer service and empathy. Really super refreshing! Thank you sweet lady. :) Denise Engebrecht, Program Manager, Engineering Management

Nancy Morrison, Budget Specialist, College of Education  
September 2013

Nancy has always been so gracious when I have needed help, despite the piles of work on her desk every day. She always takes the time to help me, with whatever I need, at the time I need it. She drops everything to help me, and you would never know how much work she has because she never complains. She goes out of her way to help whenever she is needed. I could not do my job without the mentoring Nancy has given me, with her infinite patience and graciousness. Nancy is the best! Cheryl Gardner, Financial Tech Sr, Department of Movement Sciences

University of Idaho Employees and Local Communities  
September 2013

I would like to say thank you to all who purchased Vandal Football tickets for Veterans and their families for the North Illinois game at the Kibbles Dome. Joe Groves, Asset Accounting/Property Management

Emily Mowrer, Graphics Designer Supervisor, Creative Services & Paula Davenport, Associate Director of Writing Services, University Communications and Marketing  
September 2013

At a recent UCM retreat, we saw a sneak peek of the upcoming Here We Have Idaho magazine. It was stellar! I applaud Paula and Emily giving new topics a new presentation layer and, in general, continuing to take the magazine to the next level. I'm eagerly awaiting the arrival of my copy in the mailbox. Way to go, team! Johanna Blickenstaff, Web Coordinator, University Communications and Marketing

Tracey Abdallah, Facilities & Kayla Evans, Human Resources  
September 2013

My thanks to Tracey Abdallah, Personnel Services Coordinator in Facilities, and to Kayla Evans of Human Resources for their efforts to reduce the costs for advertising vacant positions. They collaborated to create a format in which multiple UI vacancies are published in a 'block' format, saving the University over 50% in local advertising costs. Well done! Brian Johnson, Assistant Vice President, Facilities

Cindy Blum, Administrative Assistant, Movement Sciences  
September 2013

Cindy is just plain awesome! She is a great help to the department and to AT. She has a positive attitude and is a joy to have as a colleague. Everything she does it excellent. She has a strong work ethic and is also concerned with people and their feelings. We need more people like her in this world! Jeff Seegmiller, Associate Professor, Movement Sciences and WWAMI

Sandy Schultz, Administrative Assistant aka Miracle Worker | University of Idaho Boise  
August 2013

Sandy Schultz has taken on significant additional work in an emergency situation. She is masterfully juggling major projects including: FitOne (a huge new community initiative giving the University greater visibility in SW Idaho); New Student Orientation Sessions; Welcome Back picnic for all faculty, staff and students; Fall Lunch & Lead Program... and so more. All of this with her cheerful, positive sparkle. Boise is very fortunate to have Sandy Schultz! Trudy Anderson, AVP/CEO University of Idaho Boise

Monica Martinez, Administrative Assistant, College of Education  
August 2013

I want to thank Monica for her willingness to help all the new students and faculty that come to her desk every day. She is so willing to help new students with directions, and assist them with finding their classes and providing them information. The new faculty are welcomed by her and she has the information that they need or directs them to the correct places. Thank you Monica for your willingness to continue to assist those with questions, and do everything else you do so well! Twila Brown, Assistant to the Dean, College of Education

Patricia Eberhardt, Management Assistant, College of Education  
August 2013

Patricia has the responsibility for the college as the AAC—sometimes this position doesn't always "get to" give good news to people and requesting them to change things. Patricia does this with a kind approach, and explains the same things over and over again to everyone in the college. Thank you Patricia for your patience and understanding as you assist us through this process. THANK YOU! Twila Brown, Assistant to the Dean, College of Education

Bruce Pitman, Dean of Students

August 2013

A HUGE KUDOS to Dr. Bruce Pitman and his generosity in providing the Women's Center with air conditioning units for our offices. Thanks for finally making us all just as cool as you are! The Women's Center Staff: Lysa, Katie, Colleen & Melissa!

Ryan Edinborough, Lisa Miller, and Cretia Bunney | Payroll and Benefits

August 2013

In honor of National Payroll Week (September 3-7), a big thank you to the Payroll Services team! You make our lives a little brighter every two weeks, and your hard work is appreciated. Elissa Keim, Director, Professional Development and Learning, Human Resources

Cori Planagan, Coordinator, Orientation Program, Dean of Students

August 2013

Cori, as always, did an amazing job orchestrating new student orientation. Her orientation leaders are some of the hardest working students on campus, which speaks to who Cori is as a leader. Thank you for doing such an amazing job welcoming our new students to campus! Denise Carl, Coordinator, Student Engagement, Department of Student Involvement

Greg Hodapp, Landscape Technician, Ken Dola, Arboriculturist, and David Rauk, Horticulturist | Facilities

August 2013

We would like to extend a huge thanks to you and your staff for working to make our landscaping look great for opening. The extra attention and quick response to our needs is greatly appreciated. University Housing

Bart Schumacker, Interiors Tech - Painting, Facilities

August 2013

All of us in University Communications and Marketing would like to send Kudos to Bart Schumacker, Interiors Tech Extraordinaire, for transforming many dark and dingy looking offices in Forney Hall into showrooms! Bart does an amazing job and always leaves the room cleaner than he found it, we deeply appreciate that! Thank you Bart! Judy Pankopf, Administrative Assistant 2, University Communications and Marketing

Brett Travis, ISSFS Americorps Member, International Programs Office

August 2013

Thank you, Brett, for moving our extra furniture out to Surplus! You showed initiative in taking care of the truck and coordinating the timeline. It's a relief having that task taken care of. We appreciate your willingness to always be there to help when we need an extra hand! Laila Cornwall, Senior International Student Advisor, International Programs Office

Dixie Kearney, Professional Development and Learning Training Specialist, Human Resources  
August 2013

The Risk office has been developing training for educating those who work with minors. Dixie, from PDL, has been an excellent, knowledgeable resource in getting to our goal. Not only is she all these wonderful things, but she has helped me with a smile and a great sense of humor. Thank YOU Dixie!!! Carry Salonen, Risk and Real Estate Specialist, Risk Management

Tracey Abdallah, Personnel Services Coordinator, Facilities  
July 2013

Just wanted to let you know that Tracey went above and beyond the call of duty this past week. I just hired a temporary worker to replace the one who was terminated. This is a critical position—the person will be watering trees and shrubs all over campus with the water wagon—and these plants are getting quite thirsty at this point in the summer. Thus, I was in a hurry to find a replacement, get them processed, and out on the wagon. Of course I didn't really explain to Tracey the whys behind the urgency to hire, just that I wanted someone as quickly as possible. I'm sure she hears this all the time: "I want to hire someone now, so drop whatever else you're doing and take care of my needs first!" Well, Tracey acted professionally and extremely efficiently and had a genuine helpful demeanor through the entire process. She should teach classes on customer service. I have someone starting today and couldn't be more pleased about the outcome and time it took to process everything so quickly. Best experience I've had with a hiring in many, many years. I thanked Tracey for a job-well done, and thought I'd let you know as well. David Rauk, Horticulturist, Landscape and Exterior Services, Facilities

Leah Andrews, Student Affairs Web Coordinator, University Communication and Marketing  
July 2013

Many, many kudos to Leah Andrews from University Communications and Marketing for all the work she did in helping us do a content audit and update of the Career Center website. Eric Anderson, Manager, Career Advising and Professional Development

Marty Lunt, Personnel Service Specialist, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences  
July 2013

Marty Lunt is the best hire EVER!!!! Thank you Marty for taking care of things while I was out of the office for two weeks. I came back feeling refreshed and ready to hit all the piles of work on my desk to find very little. Your initiative and work ethic are tremendous and I appreciate you more than you will ever know. Thank you again!! Charity Buchert, Personnel and Diversity Coordinator, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences

Cretia Bunney and Lisa Miller, Payroll Services  
July 2013

Cretia and Lisa ROCK!!!! Thank you so much for putting up with me this past week dealing with payroll issues and EPAFs for the fiscal year rollover. You two are always willing to go the extra mile and assist us with whatever we may need to get our jobs done efficiently!!!!!! Charity Buchert, Personnel and Diversity Coordinator, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences

Dan Noble, Financial Tech, Sr., Human Resources

July 2013

Dan Noble is awesome at providing quality customer services to the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences. He is always willing to give us the information we need to understand what is going on and asks good pertinent questions and is always proactive. Thank you for working with our EIS reporting and all of our international hires. You're an awesome business partner Dan. Charity Buchert and Marty Lunt, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences

Kayla Evans, Tana Hostetter, Mandy Charbarneau and Myung Chun, Employment Services

July 2013

Thank you Kayla for all your assistance with our advertising; Tana for our background checks and compression analyses; Mandy for our job descriptions, PCN maintenance, supervisor changes, and EPAFs; AND Myung for our thousand of EPAFS this past fiscal year. You guys rock as our business partners!!!!!!

Charity Buchert and Marty Lunt, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences

Jane Westervelt, Environmental Health and Safety

July 2013

Jane was very helpful to me with my Netlearning gatekeeper tasks. If you have any business with Netlearning, then you know how challenging it can be to navigate if you are new to the system: just like Banner. Click here, click there, click on the name and go back and double click the icon at the top on the left. Jane was very patient, knows her stuff and conveys information in a very calm, friendly and professional manner. Julia Nkanata, Research and Economic Development

Larissa Labolle, Fiscal Operations Manager, Research & Economic Development

July 2013

I have had some unexpected resignations/openings in my unit. Larissa has gone out of her way to help me get the ROJD's through Human Resources very quickly and searches set up. Her knowledge as AAC has been very helpful, and her attitude refreshing. Kris Freitag, Financial Unit Manager, Office of Sponsored Programs