

Kudos 2016-2017

Mandi Coulter, Training Specialist | Professional Development and Learning
February 2017

As one of the co-chairs for the upcoming Women's Leadership Conference, Mandi has been an absolute rock star! She's dedicated hours of her scarce and precious time to help guide an effective and productive work team in developing what is sure to be a dynamic and engaging conference. As her fellow co-chairs, we want to recognize her outstanding organizational skills, detail-oriented work ether, collaborative team-building efforts, and general all-around awesomeness. Thanks for everything you've done and are doing to ensure the success of this event, Mandi! We truly appreciate you! Lysa Salsbury, Director | Women's Center and Erin Chapman, Faculty | Family and Consumer Sciences

Nichole Vietz, Fiscal Management Assistant | President's Office
February 2017

Nichole has been an invaluable source of support and guidance for the Women's Center during a challenging period of short-staffing and staff-in-training. I cannot thank her enough for her abundant patience, extreme generosity with her time, and willingness to go far above and beyond to help us with some difficult and time-consuming processes. We appreciate you so very much, Nichole! Thank you for everything you've done for the Women's Center. Lysa Salsbury, Director | Women's Center

Nichole Vietz, Fiscal Management Assistant | President's Office
February 2017

A big kudos to Nichole Vietz in the President's Office who is always so patient and helpful. Given her immense workload, her professionalism and patience are amazing. She is truly someone that deserves extra recognition. A difficult and complicated process took extra time on her part, yet she was thanking others for their small part. She has always taken extra steps to solve issues. I wanted somehow to let her know how much I have very much appreciated her attitude and work ethics. Thank you, Nichole. Anna Thompson, Assistant to Faculty Secretary/Ombuds

Mark Pfeifer, Communications & Marketing Coordinator | Career Services
February 2017

Kudos to Mark who almost single handedly creates and develops all the marketing and advertising for all of the numerous events, resources, and new we have coming out of Career Services. mark goes above and beyond with each project he does. He is so good at his job that many of our campus partners ask if he can help with some of their marketing efforts! Eric Anderson, Manager, Career Advising and Professional Development

Career Advising Team, Career Development Liaisons | Career Services
February 2017

Major Kudos to the Career Advising Team in Career Services. This year we moved to a specialized model of services, where advisors focus on specific colleges and spend part of their week taking career appointments in the respective college buildings. In just Fall 2016 alone, career advisors saw 7,230 students through appointments, drop-ins, and workshops/presentations. To give you a perspective on how big that is, in all of Fall 2015 - Spring 2016 we saw 7,830 students total, which was a yearly record. With our specialized model, Career Services saw almost as many students in one semester as we did all of last year. Eric Anderson, Manager, Career Advising and Professional Development

Jaron Leavitt, IT Field Consultant
January 2017

Excellent Customer Service! Kevin Ketchie, Assistant to the President

Brian Russell, IT Field Consultant | ITS
January 2017

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Dianna Waskom, Team Cleaning Lead | Facilities
December 2016

Dianna came up with a great idea to utilize our auto scrubber to clean the atrium floor instead of hand mopping. We had never thought to try this in the past. It worked so well we are now doing it a couple times each week. Her idea has really helped keep the SRC looking good, especially with the winter weather and all the ice melt that gets tracked in by our patrons. Brian Mahoney, Associate Director, Facilities and Operations - Campus Recreation

Daryl Power, Video Operations Lead | Facilities Electric Shop
December 2016

An outside contractor severed multiple data and AV connections while relocating a floor box in the auditorium of JEB 104, taking the multimedia system offline. Although he already had a full plate of tasks for the day, Daryl rushed over to the room and swiftly and expertly re-terminated the data lines so the upcoming events in the room could go on as scheduled. Daryl's timely action and dedication to duty spared many people from the inconvenience of having to have their events moved or cancelled. Greg Clifford, Classroom Technology Services Manager

Terry Saunders, Team Cleaning Specialist | Facilities

December 2016

I would like to acknowledge and thank our building custodian, Terry, who has cared for our building ALL semester (and much longer). In particular, I and the staff of the Child Development Laboratory would like to make sure that not only he, but his supervisor(s) know of the excellent service he provides to us. He knows our routines and what matters to us, and often initiates special care that he notices we need. In addition he is so friendly and professional in his service to us and well represents the University of Idaho and the caring community that makes working here a pleasure. Suzanne Planck, Director Child Development Laboratory

Joe Hunt, Maintenance/Custodial Manager | University Support Services

Dawn Sundman, Team Cleaning Specialist | University Support Services

Jeanette Weidig, Team Cleaning Specialist | University Support Services

Scott Springer, Team Cleaning Specialist | University Support Services

Luke Kilgore Brown, Team Cleaning Specialist | University Support Services

Dan Manwaring, Team Cleaning Specialist | University Support Services

November 2016

The USS Team Cleaning Specialists do a fabulous job keeping the Kibbie Dome clean for students, staff, faculty, and visitors. This is truly a challenge, every day, for this small group of people to do so much work but yet, they get it done in a timely manner and are a joy to be around. Their supervisor, Joe Hunt, is always busy and never seems to slow down. He not only manages the cleaning of the Kibbie Dome, and all of the offices within; but also the maintenance of the Kibbie Dome with his maintenance staff. I am always amazed at how much this small group accomplishes, on a daily basis, with all of the different events that happen each and every day in the Kibbie Dome. They maintain all of the offices on each floor, besides keeping the concourses and the bleachers clean in the Kibbie Dome. They are an amazing, organized group of people. Cheryl Gardner, Business Manager | University Support Services

Liza Morris, Project Architect | Facilities

Greg Clifford, Classroom Technical Services Manager | ITS

Matt Kitterman, Instructional Systems Specialist | ITS

Ray Anderson, Director of IT | College of Engineering

November 2016

Earlier this afternoon, I participated in the testing of our new video conference systems linking EP204 and CDA/Harbor Center room 240B...and all went smoothly. As project architect and manager of this critical project linking/expanding the computer science program in both Moscow and CDA, Liza Morris did a professional and unwavering job of pushing this project through on time with exemplary results. Liza's efforts were joined by equally great work on the part of Greg Clifford and Matt Kitterman from ITS. I'll laud the efforts of our own Ray Anderson as well. All in all...a great team effort. It's a great room and Moscow-CDA faculty look forward to using it beginning this Thursday. —As team leader, It couldn't/wouldn't have happened without Liza's hard work and problem solving. Barry Willis, Associate Dean for Outreach | College of Engineering

Sam Koester, Management Assistant | College of Graduate Studies
November 2016

Sam Koester has been a joy to work with since he became an indispensable part of our team at College of Graduate Studies over 3 years ago. One of his fortes is creating highly visible events that have made COGS more successful. He is instrumental in getting 3MT Dissertation off the ground. Innovation Showcase has increased visibility and U of I involvement under his direction. His impressive artistic ability is something our office has been missing and is highly valued! COGS is part of an alliance of 4 universities funded by a grant from NSF, whose goal is to increase American Indian/Native Alaskan students in STEM. His assistance to our Interim Dean has been instrumental and I know he relies on Sam consistently. He is genuinely committed to this university. Thank you, Sam! Cheri Cole, Management Assistant | College of Graduate Studies

U of I Catering Team| Vandals Dining
November 2016

The Career Services office hosted an Open House on Nov. 16 to share our services with students, staff and faculty and to celebrate National Career Development Day. The U of I Catering Team setup a professional, sharp looking food and beverage station for pizza and soda. The team also coordinated well responding to several phone calls I made to them during the event. The issues were resolved very quickly. Thank you for taking such good care of our event needs. You helped make our Open House a huge success! Jamie Garlinghouse, Employer Relations Specialist | Career Services

Corilyn Rice, Team Cleaning Specialist | Facilities - CALS
November 2016

Corilyn works hard to keep our facilities clean, and she always has a great attitude, brightening everyone's day with her kind words, smile and laugh. Ian Leibbrandt, Financial Specialist | CALS

Renee Schlickemeyer, Departmental Grant Administrator| Idaho Space Consortium
November 2016

Renee' is n great Departmental Grant Administrator. She, along with all the other DGAs, submits subaward requests to OSP on a regular basis. DGAs act as intermediaries between the subrecipient and faculty, making sure that all proper documentation is complete before submitting it to OSP. As the subaward administrator, I need good DGAs, they are vital to the subaward process. Renee' is always prompt in submitting subaward requests. She includes all documentation and is quick to report any changes in information. Renee' has also reviewed templates and given feedback on how OSP can improve its subaward process. She has gone above and beyond her DGA duties. Claire Freund, Associate Contract Review Officer | Office of Sponsored Programs

Paul Warnick, Arboretum Horticulturist | Arboretum
October 2016

I was directed to Paul to share with him the lack of trash bin near the WWI Grove in the C.H. Shattuck Arboretum. Paul connected with me right away and shared with me the process on what it takes to add trash bins to the Arboretum. Paul worked his magic and shared with me recently that there is a new trash bin now located at the WWI Grove! As this is an area with three nice benches in a quiet area just south of the Administration Building it is nice to have a place for people to put their waste while they are enjoying what our fine campus has to offer.
David Pittsley, Manager Assistant | Office of the President

Kim Ridle, Benefits Specialist | Benefits Services
September 2016

Kim is so clear and easy to work with. With my complex benefits situation, Kim has been so careful to be complete, timely, and accurate with her information and guidance. She is an example of the best of the U of I - warm, professional and thorough. Many thanks! Ashleigh Bright, ALCP-Program Coordinator, International Programs Office

Mark Spellmire, Operations Coordinator | Campus Recreation
August 2016

Mark took initiative on his own to develop a virtual tour (through Google) of the Student Recreation Center. He did an extensive amount of research, came in early in the morning on weekends to capture photos when the building was closed and worked hand in hand with our web coordinator to make it work within the U of I parameters. In addition, Mark has blogged about his experience and has received many inquiries from other schools on how it was done. The tour can now be seen on our Campus Recreation website. Awesome job, Mark! Brian Mahoney, Associate Director | Campus Recreation

Becky Barry, Customer Service Representative 2 | Parking and Transportation Services
August 2016

Becky provided exemplary and much appreciated service in an extremely pleasant fashion. She creatively solved a difficult problem and maintained a delightfully cheerful attitude throughout. She is a credit to U of I and deserves recognition. Richard Vaughan Williams, Professor | Chemistry

Suzanne Aaron, Sponsored Program Administrator | Office of Research and Economic Development

August 2016

Suzanne is the new Sponsored Programs Administrator assigned to work with the College of Natural Resources. Our college submits a high volume of proposals and some of the agencies we work with do not follow the normal grant processes so many times each proposal, agency, set of rules, etc. are unique. Suzanne has done a great job of getting up to speed on the nuances of CNR proposals and our high volume. She has been wonderful working with our faculty members and me personally. She's been a great addition to the OSP/CNR grant team and I am glad to get to work with her. Cathryn Knock, Associate Director Admin Services | College of Natural Resources

Michael Salmon, Transfer Specialist | Registrar's Office

August 2016

Michael consistently goes above and beyond to make sure that he can help students. His customer service is such that I will receive calls specifically to tell me how much a student appreciates the time and effort that he puts in to make sure that he does everything he can to make sure that information for a student is accurate and complete. For a relatively new employee he is a pleasure to work with and shows genuine care and concern for our students. Rebecca Frost, Assistant Registrar | Registrar's Office

Rachel Otto and Joe Roberts, Career Development Liaisons | Career Services

August 2016

Rachel Otto and Joe Roberts have been absolutely amazing in their roles as Career Development Liaisons since starting in March. They both hit the ground running and have been actively involved with their respective colleges. Both Joe and Rachel have accomplished more in 6 months than I thought would take over a year to accomplish with our new liaison program. We are so lucky to have them!

Lysa Salsbury, Director | Women's Center

Barb Beatty, Ombuds | Ombuds Office

Jesse Martinez, Directory | Office of Multicultural Affairs

Emilie McLarnan, Violence Prevention Program Coordinator | Dean of Students Office

Cheri Cole, Management Assistant | College of Graduate Studies

Dr. Sharon Fritz, Psychologist | Counseling and Testing Center

August 2016

Thank you to our presenters! TA/RA Institute The College of Graduate Studies hosted its bi-annual TA/RA Institute on August 19, 2016. We had over 140 new Teaching Assistants and Research Assistants attend this event, many of whom were brand new graduate students as well. We would like to thank all of the individuals involved in our Fall 2016 TA/RA Institute.

Thank you to our presenters: Lysa Salsbury, Jesse Martinez, Cheri Cole, Barb Beatty, Emilie McLarnan, and Dr. Sharon Fritz. Thank you for your amazing presentations and involvement. Sam Koester, Management Assistant | College of Graduate Studies

Jordan Kizer | ITS Help Desk

August 2016

Just before the semester began I noticed I wasn't receiving emails through our department address. Even though the Help Desk in ITS is swamped this time of year, Jordan quickly diagnosed the problem and took the time to help me with a complicated issue. Great Job, Jordan! Sarah Morra, Fiscal Admin Specialist | Statistical Science

Julie Moon, Administrative Assistant | University Outreach - Idaho Falls Center

August 2016

Julie Moon took an afternoon and decorated the faculty bulletin boards in the TAB (Tingey Administration Building). Nicely done

Bill Loftus, Public Information Officer | CALS Communications

July 2016

A plate glass door was broken at Ag Science on Tuesday, July 19, just after the end of the shift for the crew who cleans the building. I would like to extend a big thank you to everyone who assisted with the aftermath of this incident. Bill Loftus (CALS Communications), who, after reporting the incident to Facilities, stayed on-scene to help steer foot traffic away from the area, and even volunteered to assist me with the initial cleanup; Kelvin Daniels, Megan Grennille, and Elaina Perry (EHS Response Team), who cleaned up the blood from the person who was injured; Patrick Richardson and Jessica Lambert (Building Services Section A), who took over the final cleanup; Bart Schumacker (Interiors Shop), who got the new glass installed by the end of the day. Once again, thank you all. Your quick response was greatly appreciated. Peter Haworth, Custodial Foreman | Building Services - Section C

Graham Driskell, Custodial Foreperson | Facilities

July 2016

Graham, a huge thank you for always being so helpful and responsive to all of the Women's Center's cleaning and maintenance needs. We truly appreciate you and your timely, efficient, and expert assistance. It's wonderful to have colleagues like you! Lysa Salisbury, Director, Women's Center

Jeremy Kermott, Technology Support Specialist | ITS

July 2016

Contracts and Purchasing's new employee was in the VandalCard Office to get her new card. Jeremy Kermott divides his time between ITS and the VandalCard Office, and he happened to be the person that helped us that day. Jeremy saved us a trip to the Help Desk and did everything that we needed right then to get our new employee set up on the U of I network. He was pleasant, friendly, and went above and beyond to help someone new to the university. Thank you Jeremy, for volunteering to do more than what was required! Cynthia Adams, Assistant Buyer, Purchasing Services