Recognition & Awards Ceremony 2021
Staff Member of the Year Award

Hall of Famer
Consistently exemplifies the University’s mission of integrity, collaboration, respect & high-level customer service and has been with the University at least 5 years.

Perfect Addition
Consistently exemplifies the University’s mission of integrity, collaboration, respect & high-level customer service and has been with the University less than 2 years.
Staff Member of the Year – Hall of Famer Award

Melissa Hobgood

Academic Coordinator
Gillings School of Public Health, Student Affairs

Award Amount: $100.00
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Staff Member of the Year – Hall of Famer Award

Joyce Loftin
Accounting Technician

History

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Staff Member of the Year –
Perfect Addition Award

Mandy Melton
Administrative Support Associate
Chemistry

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Staff Member of the Year – Perfect Addition Award

Calvin Grant
Supervisor of Undergraduate Teaching Labs & Instructor
Chemistry

Award Amount: $100.00
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This award recognizes four deserving staff members for exceptional execution above and beyond assigned duties; supportive interactions within their department; supportive interactions between campus departments; and/or exemplary interaction with the outside community.
Professional Excellence Award

Megan Brockett
Transport Coordinator
Comparative Medicine

Award Amount: $100.00
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Professional Excellence Award

Timothy Blackmon
Grants Specialist
School of Nursing

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Professional Excellence Award

Megan Whitaker
Artist Services Manager
Executive Director for the Arts

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Professional Excellence Award

Jessica Wilkinson
Economic Development Manager
External Affairs --- Kenan Institute of Private Enterprise

Award Amount: $100.00

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This award honors the memory of Jackie E. Overton, a beloved and dynamic leader who fiercely advocated for Staff while strengthening existing and forging new relationships with numerous campus partners and the Administration. The purpose of the award is to recognize and reward individuals who have provided outstanding leadership to their office/department/unit and the university through involvement in staff issues, committee work, teamwork, professional development of peers. Nominees should be individuals who demonstrate outstanding leadership qualities; inspire and involve others, and work to assure that the impact of their efforts in the community campus is lasting. Nominee does not have to be a supervisor to be awarded.
Overton Leadership Award

Katie Thornsvard
Associate Dean for Finance & Business
Gillings School of Public Health

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Overton Leadership Award

Dr. Shauna Harris
Assistant Dean of Student Affairs
School of Education

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Pinnacle Award

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Ebony Johnson
Events Planner
Institute for the Arts & Humanities

Award Amount: $100.00

Description: This is a prestigious award that recognizes an individual who has demonstrated leadership, vision and commitment to excellence. Nominees should be individuals who are on a path of continuous learning through professional development. Nominees should also have proposed a new idea and moved the idea toward implementation and is constantly creating a supportive and inclusive environment.
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Anna Engelke

Education Program Manager
Applied Physical Sciences

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Awarded to distinguished contributions by an individual who works to promote cooperation and collaboration among faculty, staff and students. Nominees should be individuals who inspire creativity; promote harmony and partnerships within the University community; inspire teamwork, cooperation and participation; demonstrate new approaches to current processes; encourage, mentor and build bridges; form alliances to work collectively; or demonstrate any other significant community building activities.
3-Legged Stool Award – Community Service Award

Jeffrey Fuchs
Director of University Bands
Music

Award Amount: $100.00 and a miniature wooden stool—engraved with recipient’s name and the following statement, “Awards that people receive are not just for them. It’s for all the people who made them look good”

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Special Thanks

Thank you to the UNC Employee Forum delegates who took the time to review 208 nominations received for the 2021 UNC Employee Forum Peer Recognition Awards. It is because of the dedication, time, effort and commitment of award committee members, thirteen UNC employees will be recognized and feel appreciated by their colleagues and peers.

2021 Committee Members: Natiaya Neal (Committee Chair), Randall Borror, Tiffany Carver, Adrianne Gibilisco, Quin Jernigan, Arlene Medder, Le'Quisha Person, Kelly Scurlock-Cross, Matt Banks (non-voting member)