

Staff Recognition
Staff Member of the Month Nominations
December 2012

The Staff Member of the Month for December 2012 is Laurie Lonicki, Executive Administrative Assistant, Office of the Dean, CMS...even though Laurie has only been with the university a couple of months, it feels like she has been here for years. Laurie has been a welcomed addition to the Dean's office with her great sense of humor. Laurie has proven time and time again in these short months of employment a strong sense of dedication and drive to get the job done! Laurie is a loyal individual who places herself in our university with great pride. Laurie deserves to be recognized for jumping in feet first to organize the office and become a stable home base for all of us in the Dean's Office.

Laurie Lonicki, Executive Administrative Assistant, Office of the Dean, CM... is a breath of fresh air to the CMS Deans office! Over the small amount of time at the University she has acclimated to the culture seamlessly. Her work ethic is top notch and has transformed our office into a warm environment. She welcomes challenges and offers new ideas to provide a better work environment. She truly cares about her coworkers and her laughter and smile is contagious. I know she would be thrilled to receive this honor. I hope you will consider her.

The following staff members also received nominations in the month of November:

Gordon Blanchard, Director, Campus Security... has been especially helpful and compassionate in arranging special needs parking. He has also been front and center in regards to informing the campus community about the parking and access issues as they relate to the new construction project.

Dennis Blount, Security Officer, Campus Security...on the cold, rainy afternoon of Nov. 16th, the keys to the Community Care Connection mobile coach were stuck in the coach door. We couldn't leave them there and went back in the building. We encountered Dennis and explained the situation. He went out in that nasty weather and not only retrieved the keys but also went to get some graphite and sprayed the lock to prevent this happening again! He was very pleasant and appeared happy to be able to assist us!

Karen Butterworth-Van Treeck, Administrative Assistant, CLEAR...has fit right in as an Administrative Assistant at CLEAR. She always has a big smile and is very prompt. She goes out of her way to make sure everything is picture perfect.

Robin Coleman, Security Office, Campus Security... has always remembered me and said hello when I entered for lecture over my three years at CMS. Her friendly smile and caring nature have always brightened my day. I miss the days of the security desk near Rhoades because she was always there.

Maryann DeCaire, Associate Vice President, Student Financial Services...I have been having extraordinarily difficulty getting approved for a student loan... The minute I met MaryAnn, she made me instantly feel reassured that student financial services has my best interests at heart. She told me to focus on studying and she will investigate what the problem could be. Even though this is still in progress, it has taken such a huge burden off my shoulders, and I am so glad I chose to come to RFUMS instead of some other school that doesn't care about its students as much. Thanks for providing the opportunity to recognize Ms. DeCaire.

Keisha Ferguson, Buyer, Purchasing has played a significant role in a recent audit of the University's PCard Program, and subsequent updating of our associated policy. She has devoted a great amount of resources to the

FF&E planning efforts of the Rothstein Warden Centennial Learning Center. We sincerely appreciate the ongoing Datatel and PCard training she facilitates for new users of these programs.

Steve Florent, Sr. Administrative Assistant, Pathology...goes out of his way to help students with the Pathology course, such as lecture recordings, test viewing, and responding to students via email in a timely fashion. I think he rightfully deserves a Staff Member of the Month award.

Jenny Gillespie, Alumni Relations Officer, Alumni Affairs... performed admirably this past month in executing the planning and coordination of the CMS Alumni Association Board of Governors' meeting and the alumni reception that was held in conjunction with the AAMC Annual Meeting. She assumed responsibility for a myriad of tasks and carried them out with great aplomb!

Linda Hinthorne, Sr. Administrative Assistant, Neuroscience...who really keeps the Dept. of Neuroscience humming. She takes on a lot, but shows great attention to detail and always gets the job done, often early!

Dan Hooper, Distribution Services Manager, Operations...in addition to his normal responsibilities, Dan facilitated a student-oriented survey on behalf of the Mail Center. Some of the responses received will be used to either improve current available services or create new services which will benefit the University's student community.

Medardo Jurado, Production Coordinator, Marketing and Communications for his commitment to serving the university and can-do attitude. There isn't a challenge that he's not willing and able to meet. Medardo is incredibly creative, continually finds ways to improve how we do things, and is always willing to help. And to top it off, he's humble - never looks for credit though credit is certainly due.

Genelle Justin, Executive Secretary, Operations...she went above and beyond to help rectify some budget discrepancies. She located past PO's and helped to close them out, freeing encumbered money. She was patient and diligent to help with the resolve. She is always kind and if she doesn't have an immediate answer - she investigates and gets one very quickly. She is truly an asset to the University and displays wonderful "customer service" skills.

Jim Ogden, Network Engineer, ITS...is a relatively new ITS member, but in his short time here he has played an instrumental role in many significant behind-the-scenes projects which help to improve the way our IT network performs. Most notably Jim quickly identified and remedied a network configuration issue during the implementation of the new HelixNet_Wireless system which, had it not been corrected, would have resulted in extended outages/lack of connectivity for customers.

Christina Overstreet, Administrative Assistant, Pathologists' Assistant Department... she is always at the ready to fix anything for multiple departments and communicates effectively within her program department. She is the go to person for any question and always has an answer. She's a lifesaver!

Karen Reid, Administrative Coordinator, College of Pharmacy...for her constant attention to detail, perseverance and work ethic. She is a joy to work with and is also a kind shoulder to cry on if or when needed. We are truly blessed to have her in our presence. I enjoy coming to work because of her. Thank you Karen!

Karen Reid, Administrative Coordinator, College of Pharmacy... does the work of 20, always with a smile on her face, and makes it look easy! The faculty, staff and students of the College of Pharmacy are very fortunate to have such a caring, kind, hard working individual on their side. It is my pleasure to nominate her.