Outstanding Manager 2022



Sarah Powers, Office of the University Registrar

The Office of the University Registrar has welcomed in 10 new staff in less than a year. Sarah has been responsible for onboarding each of these staff members. Her exceptional leadership is evident in the way she communicates with the team, supports participation in targeted trainings, has an open-door policy, and schedules one on one meetings with each staff member. She does this work while simultaneously supporting updates to processes that impact students and while partnering across campus with colleagues in both academic affairs and student affairs. In these partnerships, Sarah is responsive, solution oriented, and represents the OUR and Student Affairs in a positive manner. Her ability to understand how vital positive relationships are to the work we do for our students is invaluable.





Susy Valdez, Student Affairs Information Technology

Susy Valdez has exceptional leadership for our team and never shying away from a challenge. She advocates constant support for her team and for the students to be successful. She supports the decision made by her team and helps in any way she can. She not only supports her team by actions, but also emotionally with her kind words. She is always looking at ways to elevate her staff and challenges them to go above the call of duty in their roles. She always puts the success of her team and the students as her #1 priority. She cares deeply about her team and always shows a positive attitude in the face of adversity. She has compassion to put herself in other's shoes to be empathetic toward the needs and wants of the Division and her team. She is a true star among the rest and shows that every day.

Outstanding Manager Award Nominees

- Mateo Avila, Admissions & Outreach
- Nicki Croly, Student Organizations & Leadership
- Jill Farrell, The WELL
- Erik Ramirez, Strategic Student Support Programs