

August Star Awards



Shannon Ainger, Student Affairs Business Resources

Shannon serves as the Senior Budget Analyst for the division. In her role she has been instrumental in streamlining the budgeting process and communicating changes to the departments. She is an Excel master and whiz and has created budget projection spreadsheets that are innovative and thorough. She created, co-hosted (with Karina Garcia-Solorio) and recorded four training presentations for new budget analysts in the division. The training has proven to be a helpful resource to new and existing staff. She answers my millions of questions with patience and ease, and never makes me feel inferior. She is hardworking and genuinely cares about the work she does. Shannon is truly a STAR of our division, and I highly recommend her for this honor.

August Nominees

Enrique Becerra, Student Health & Wellness

Enrique consistently puts in the extra effort in the profession. As an athletic trainer for football and tennis, his days are already very busy. Rather than letting that be a reason to look for easier alternatives when working, he takes it upon himself to ensure that his athletes receive the best possible care. Not only does he get his work done efficiently, but he is also always willing to help any of his coworkers, and he's been a great source of information for any new hires. When new interns were brought on to help with football, Enrique was the one to step up and make sure that they knew their roles and responsibilities as well as give them the important educational pieces that they could take and apply as young professionals. Enrique is well liked and respected by all those who work with him, and the athlete's eagerness to come in and get their rehab done with him only speaks to his professionalism and inclusivity.

Sarah Whitford, Financial Aid & Scholarships

Sarah THANK YOU for your ongoing creativity by engaging the team in fun activities that contribute to fostering an inclusive, collaborative, open communication, and fun environment.

Sarah introduced a range of games from guessing artists from different genres of music, Unscramble, Trivia and the list goes on. Sarah is welcoming to all and open to support the team by answering their questions with processes and taking the time to demonstrate steps involved. Sarah, I admire your thoughtfulness in every situation and value your dedication to our students and the Team!