



# STAFF SPOTLIGHTS

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OCTOBER ADMIN FORUM





# **NASYA AL-SAIDY, HUMANITIES INSTITUTE**

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- “Nasya Al-Saidy efficiently and effectively completed the grant report for our recent award from the Andrew Mellon Foundation. This is Nasya’s second grant project, completed after the success of reconciling our \$6 million grant from the Templeton Foundation last April.”

- Jo-Ann Waide-Wunschel, Humanities Institute

# NICK BOSTON, ECOLOGY AND EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGY

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- “Nick Boston who, by his own initiative, mastered Adobe Illustrator to improve EEB announcements - seminar, student events, etc.”
  - Pat Anderson, EEB
- “Nick Boston has helped train numerous students and staff in HuskyBuy since its roll-out”
  - Ciara Hanlon, MCB



# JEANNETTE BURKE, ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING

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- “Jeannette started out in the ECE department as the Chase Administrative Assistant. She helped me and my staff with developing fillable forms for student information, travel, etc. She is so proficient in Microsoft Office that we call her our Guru! She also developed a table in Access to help with budget hearings and assists with proposal budgets if we get stuck. Jeannette is a valuable asset to us and the university.”
  - Mary P. McCarthy, Electrical and Computer Engineering
- “Jeanette is always supportive, shares her knowledge, and helping by creating fillable forms, excel, etc.”
  - Celine Goorahoo, Electrical and Computer Engineering

# JAMIE CARUSO AND KELLY BARTLETT, WATERBURY CAMPUS

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- “Jamie Caruso & Kelly Bartlett initiated and researched the development of an Allied Health major as the Waterbury Campus’ focus, which was overwhelmingly approved.”
  - Eileen Lemay, Waterbury Campus



# MELISSA CASAGRANDE, CLAS SHARED SERVICES

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- “Melissa is always working so hard and is there for all of the CLAS admins when we need her. I truly cannot express my gratitude towards her.”

- Anthony Luis, Statistics

# RACHEL CHASSE-TEREBO, KINESIOLOGY

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- “Rachel has recently taken on the student clinical compliance for the MS in Athletic Training in addition to the BS in AT and the DPT Program. She also very graciously agreed to assist PNB’s new INOM program to train their admin and get their students compliant for clinical education. These students would not be able to navigate the COMPLIO system and participate in their clinical experiences at various sites if Rachel had not agreed to assist. She is very diligent and responsible to assure that our students meet the qualifications to participate in these required and additional learning experiences. A huge thanks to Rachel!”

- Katrease Sharavolli, Kinesiology



# CAROLINE CICHOCKI, PHYSICS

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- “I’d like to recognize Caroline Cichocki from Physics for her work in creating a distributing a new alumni-focused e-newsletter for our department”

- Alessandra Introvigne, Physics



# MELISSA FRANK, PROCUREMENT SERVICES

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- “This past year has been a challenging year for supporting insurance matters for clinical and experiential affiliation agreements. Melissa has always been incredibly responsive and proactive in helping navigate these matters and she went above and beyond in exploring options to help us keep students in sites that are critical to their educational needs. She has always been a great resource for those of us working to support student learning through clinical experiences and she takes the time to educate us about insurance issues so that we are better prepared to think strategically when negotiating agreements. She is a prime example of excellence in stewardship for UConn.”



# JUDY FRANKEL AND KIM HOPKINS, SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

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- “I would like to give a shout out to two staff members in the School of Pharmacy – Judy Frankel and Kim Hopkins. They have really stepped up to create a positive culture with staff in the School of Pharmacy. They have scheduled group meetings, organized events and informational sessions, and really made the staff feel all inclusive. Great job!”

- Mary Ann Phaneuf, School of Pharmacy

# BARBARA GILBLAIR, ADMISSIONS

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- “A shout-out to Barbara Gilblair for her positive ‘can-do’ attitude and sense of humor. Her ability to adjust calendars is at the ‘expert’ level.”
  - Ellen Mayo, Honors and Enrichment Programs



# CINDY HALL, ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

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- “I'd like to recognize Cindy for her exceptional handling of a confrontational and stressful encounter with a grad student in the office one day. Arriving unannounced, the student was demanding to meet with a staff member that he had been interacting with on an issue that had escalated. Although when Cindy approached him, he acted in an aggressive manner, she did not miss a beat. She was very even tempered, poised and professional. She was able de-escalate the situation and calmly redirect the student on how to appropriately solve his problem all while keeping order within the department. Cindy's handling of this situation was a true test of character of which she surpassed and I'd like to thank her with this recognition.

- Dawn Kemp, Public Safety

# LORRAINE HALL, OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER

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- “Lorraine is the main resource for multiple departments, is a master problem solver, and behind-the-scenes subject matter expert for just about everything you throw at her. Lorraine, despite her chaotic schedule, has reached out on many occasions to see if there is anything I needed as a new employee and grown into a fantastic mentor and work friend over the past two years. I would love to recognize her dedicated spirit and superhero workplace abilities!”

- Jennifer Newman, ODI



## **LOIS LIMBURGER, CAHNR BUSINESS OFFICE**

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- “Lois is always willing to answer questions or help find the answer if she doesn’t know! She is also incredibly supportive of department-level staff, lending a hand to correct occasional mistakes and always being encouraging. She makes HR/Payroll functions way less of a chore and has made things more efficient for everyone!”
  - Bambi Mroz, Allied Health Sciences

# SUSAN LOCKE, OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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- “I would like to recognize Susan Locke for her hard work and dedication to the office and to the Board of Trustees. Her sense of humor and general knowledge of not only her areas of expertise, but the entire university is an invaluable resource and makes coming to work and enjoyable experience”  
- Julie Coia, Office of the President



# JUDY LOPEZ, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

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- “I would like to congratulate Judy Lopez for her work supporting the Concur project, which is about to go into pilot!”
  - Brandy Ciraldo, ITS



# MEG MALMBORG, LODEWICK VISITOR'S CENTER

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- “Meg provided students to the Dodd Center to assist with ongoing programs on a last-minute basis. Her assistance was a reminder that from department-to-department, we are all part of the same UConn family.”
  - Nana Amos, Dodd Center



# KIM MASSON, OFFICE OF TREASURY SERVICES

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- “Kim Masson, for completing the Bondlink website for UCONN2000/21<sup>st</sup> Century bond investors”
  - John D. Sullivan, Office of Treasury Services

# CASSANDRA MOORE, SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

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- “Shout out to Cassandra Moore in the School of Business Accounting Department for helping new staff to get acclimated and feel welcomed!”
  - Erin Leigh, Accounting



# JENNIFER NEWMAN, OFFICE OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

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- “She always goes above and beyond to help others out. She loves to see others succeed! She does not have a selfish bone in her body.”
  - Kayla Postler, University Communications

# JENNIFER PERSON, PAYROLL

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- “for coordinating the FIT Training program”
  - Bruce Parkhurst, School of Social Work



# AMANDA PITTS, OFFICE OF THE PROVOST

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- “I would like to shout out Amanda Pitts for being a pleasure to work with. She has a great attitude and is also an amazing admin who seems to handle a heavy workload with ease and grace. She is an inspiration.”
  - Berkeley Nowosad, Institute for Student Success

# JOANNA SMITH, HUMAN RESOURCES

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- “She has been amazing in the past couple of months dealing with more complex hiring/benefits situations”
  - Nicholas Boston, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology



# BARBARA SOUSA, NEAG SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

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- “Barbara has been a major player in our Business Services Center in the Neag School of Education. She is very hard-working and handles whatever comes to her in a very friendly and professional way. She is willing and able to take on whatever new processes that come her way and will train the necessary folks in order to succeed.”
  - Lisa Rasicot, Educational Psychology



# CECILE STANZIONE, SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS

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- “She is incredibly supportive of the Arts departments whose budgets and business problems she has got to manage and deal with. She works incredibly hard, is always gracious, and always has a smile on.”

- Karen Sommer, Benton Museum of Art



## **ERIN SZELA, CLAS BUSINESS SERVICES CENTER**

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- “Erin Szela is fantastic. Very supportive and helpful to me and the Department of Public Policy – all with a good sense of humor and kindness.”
  - Wade Gibbs, Department of Public Policy

# MEG TARTSINIS, SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

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- “Shout out to Meg Tartsinis, for her wealth of knowledge of the PTR process. She is always there to offer guidance, research a question, or lend a helping hand. I couldn’t do it without her!”

- Kim Hopkins, Pharmacy Practice



# REBECCALEE VICKI, SCHOOL OF BUSINESS DEAN'S OFFICE

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- “I’d like to recognize Rebeckalee Vicki for her efforts with the PhD/CCEI office integration project.”

- Tina Pierce, School of Business

# GINNY WHITE, CAHNR DEAN'S OFFICE

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- “Ginny is still relatively new in her position as Dean’s Assistant, but has made significant changes that have positively impacted CAHNR as a whole. She has made a real effort to understand the needs of various departments and has made it a point to keep admins in the loop on upcoming deadlines and events. Thank you for your refreshing approach, Ginny!”

- Jessica Marsalisi, Allied Health Sciences



# HR/IT STAFF: **SHANNON PAGE, BRANDI MORRELL, AND BEN DANIELS**

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- “HR/IT staff who are in the process of replacing the current recruitment/hiring system RSA with PageUp. Shannon Page, Brandi Morrell, and Ben Daniels have been doing a tremendous job working with the PageUp Readiness Council to ensure our input is included and keeping us apprised of any and all changes that will occur with the new system.”

- Lorraine Hall, Office of the Comptroller

# INTERNATIONAL AND STUDENT SCHOLAR SERVICES STAFF

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- “ISSS in general provide excellent support and guidance. I really appreciate them.”
  - Camilla Crossgrove, Nutritional Sciences