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Calling all Superstars!

It's time to start thinking about the super stars in your office and consider nominating an employee or colleague for an Outstanding Achievement Award! We will be accepting nominations for the Outstanding Achievement Award, Exceptional Support Award, Mason Quill Award and Martha J. Reiner Quality Customer Service Award throughout the summer! The nominations are due in Human Resources by Friday, August 24th. The presentation ceremony is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 11th. For a detailed list of these awards, please go to <http://hr.gmu.edu/awards/>

Nomination forms are found on the HR webpage (hr.gmu.edu) under Forms and Materials. Completed nominations should be sent to Lucy Cummings-3C3. For more information, please contact Lucy at 3-2739.



Goodness Gracious, Great Balls of Fire 1/2 Day Off Leave!

Jerry Lee Lewis isn't the only one singing about "Great Balls of Fire." Please let your faculty and staff who supervise others know that starting Friday June 1, they can give their employees a morning or afternoon off with a ½ day off "Great Balls of Fire" bonus award! Employees who have a solid achiever performance evaluation or above and have received no more than 5 days of recognition leave are eligible! The department head authorizes the "Great Balls of Fire" leave by emailing, faxing, or mailing a list of recipients and their G numbers, along with his/her signature to Lucy Cummings at awards@gmu.edu. Please visit hr.gmu.edu/awards to see the latest in recognition.

Reward the stars in your office with these awards!

- ❑ You're a "Bloomin" Star Award- \$20.00 gift certificate to Outback Steakhouse
- ❑ You're "Greeeeeat" Award- \$20.00 gift certificate to Great American restaurants
- ❑ You Hit the "Bullseye" Award- \$ 20.00 gift certificate to Target
- ❑ You "Did It" Award- \$20.00 gift certificate to Home Depot
- ❑ You're "Simply the Best" Award- \$20.00 gift certificate to Best Buy
- ❑ Thanks for going the Extra Mile Award- \$20.00 Gas Card
- ❑ You're a "Reel" Mason Star- Two movie tickets & \$10.00 gift certificate to concessions or to put toward an additional ticket
- ❑ You "Knocked our Socks off" Award- a pair of Mason athletic socks
- ❑ "Thank you Beary Much" Award- A teddy bear
- ❑ It's Raining Recognition at Mason- A Mason umbrella
- ❑ We Can't Spell Success Without You- Chocolate bars





Thank You Notes Available

As part of HR's commitment to employee recognition, we have developed thank you cards for supervisors, colleagues, employees and faculty to use to say thank you to someone who pitched in on a project or went beyond the call of duty to be helpful. We are delighted to share them with you so you can make them available to the faculty and employees in your department.

There are two varieties -- both are on heavy stock and measure 8 1/2" by 5 1/2". The first card reads, "Thanks -- for Making a Difference at Mason" and features a head shot of George Mason. The second card is white with a color cartoon showing two sets of people -- one group holds a plug, the other holds an outlet and it reads, "Thanks ... for partnering with us!" Both have the new GMU logo printed on them.

If you're interested in receiving some of these cards to share within your department or to send across departments, please contact at lcumming@gmu.edu.

Relocation Packets Available

Do you have new faculty or staff moving to the Metropolitan area? Take advantage of Human Resources & Payroll's free relocation packet. The relocation packet introduces new Mason faculty and staff to the richness and diversity of the Mason campus and the communities of the Metropolitan area. Included in the packet is valuable information about housing, on campus activities, available resources and much more.

Employee of the Month Award



The Employee of the Month award is available to Administrative faculty, classified and wage employees who have been with the University for one year and who are in good standing. The nomination remains active indefinitely in the pool of candidates.

The nomination form must be signed by the supervisor and department head of the unit in which the nominee works. Three or more support letters for the nomination are suggested. The criteria used in the nomination, is up to the discretion of the department and could include such qualities as professionalism, customer service, integrity, enthusiasm, etc. A selection committee composed of members of various University departments reviews the nominations and selects the winner.

The winner is presented the award and various gifts at a presentation ceremony with the University's President.

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If you would like to reward or recognize your staff, please contact:

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Award Winners



Human Resources & Payroll Awards Ceremony- March 8th

Twenty-three university employees were honored with Outstanding Achievement Awards, Exceptional Support Awards, Mason Quill Awards, Team Excellence Awards, and the Margaret C. Howell Award at the March 8th awards program presented by Human Resources & Payroll. A Presidential Citation was awarded as well as a Good Citizenship Award. In addition, the Staff Senate presented the Outstanding Supervisor Award.

Outstanding Achievement Awards

Outstanding Achievement Awards are presented for accomplishments that improve processes, save time or money or improve customer service and thus result in significant benefits.

Award recipients are Pam Allen, School of Management; Heather Hare, Center for Service and Leadership; Bruce Jackson, University Police; Richard Jackson, Enterprise Servers & Messaging; Michelle Lim, Human Resources & Payroll; James Goodlett McDaniel, College of Health and Human Services; Amy Moffitt, Office of International Programs and Services; Joyce Rose, Volgenau School of Information Technology and Engineering; and Maureen Strauch, Fiscal Services.

Exceptional Support Awards

Exceptional Support Awards recognize Mason's "worker bees," those upon whom departments rely on for the smooth running of daily operations. These employees demonstrate exceptional customer service, initiative, enthusiasm, commitment and energy.

Recipients are Lisa Andion, Dolt; Willow Bodman, Counseling Center; Marcy Glover, Office of the Provost; Elliott (Sa'ad) Laws, Johnson Center Library; Annaliesa Lundblad, Environmental Science and Policy; Elizabeth Rooney, College of Education & Human Development; and Mathilde Speier, College of Visual & Performing Arts.

The Quill award

This award, open to all administrative and professional faculty, is granted for working on projects or initiatives outside the realm of normal work duties that result in the advancement of the university's mission. The recipient(s) will have shared his or her expertise on projects that have contributed to the stature of the department and/or the entire university. The award also recognizes that the recipient displayed leadership while involved in this work.

The recipients are:

- ❑ Judy Costello, Business Alliance of George Mason
- ❑ Brian Walther, University Counsel

The Team Excellence Award

This award is given annually, and selection is based upon outstanding performance as a result of a group achievement.

This year's winners are:

- ❑ Career Services, University Life
- ❑ Office of Academic & Career Services, School of Management



The Margaret C. Howell Award

This award is presented to individuals whose efforts carry on the work and demonstrate the character of the late Margaret C. Howell, who retired from George Mason University in 2002 after 20 years of outstanding, committed service. Her work focused on the development of respect, diversity and individual dignity throughout the university and the community.

The recipient is:

- Dolores Gomez-Moran, Student Academic Affairs



Presidential Citation Award

The Presidential Citation is a noncompetitive award intended to recognize individuals who perform an exceptional deed that may or may not be related to their normal duties. The recipient of the award must have rendered a service or performed a deed at either personal or potential sacrifice that was motivated by a sense of public responsibility.

The recipient is:

- Emily Ross in University Police



Good Citizenship Award

The Good Citizenship Award is a non-competitive award intended to recognize the individuals who perform an exceptional deed that may or may not be related to their normal duties. The recipient(s) of the award must have performed a task that directly affects a fellow employee/student in a positive manner. Demonstrating a specific behavior or actions which put others first, including exceptional examples of activities of exemplary acts in coming to the assistance of those in need, and/or overcoming odds, moving beyond significant social, physical, or other hardships to enhance the quality of life for others.

The recipient is:

- Nolando Santos of Facilities Management



Outstanding Supervisor Award

This award is given twice annually by the Staff Senate.

The recipient is:

- Marcelle Heerschap, Dean of Academic Affairs and Advising

