

**DSA GREEN LIGHT TO GREATNESS AWARD WINNERS  
August 2013**

**Carolyn Blevins**

Auxiliary Services

*Carolyn works very hard setting up the summer conferences. She makes sure the summer conference groups rooms are assigned, and has all the responsibilities that go with the summer conference groups covered.*

**Dennis Hall**

Dean of Students

*I joined the DOS staff as Dennis's supervisor in mid-June. Each time when asked a question he was patient and thorough in his response. Without question, he exudes the spirit of this award each and every day.*

**Tiffany Bonner**

Undergraduate Admissions

*Tiffany strives to make herself available for the prospective students that visit our office. Her school spirit and extremely competent work ethic make my job much more enjoyable. She always keeps a smile on her face!*

**Jay Henson**

Recreational Sports

*Jay did a great job installing conduits and electric for a very large digital media project at the Rec Center. His skill and hard work ethic made a tedious job go by very quickly. He always had a great attitude and kept a pleasant demeanor.*

**Michelle Bradley**

Student Affairs Administration

*Michelle just returned from her first conference with a student delegation. Spending time traveling with students in close proximity was something new for her. I'm proud of her for doing such a remarkable job at inspiring her students.*

**Lanea Ishman-Schwarz**

University Union

*Lanea constantly goes above and beyond and I know she'll go on to do great things. She constantly inspires me to get more involved in my local community and also helps develop my awareness of international politics and relations.*

**Christa Coffey**

Student Activities

*Christa has been an amazing mentor and supervisor in the three short weeks I have worked in Student Activities. She is always available to answer my questions...no matter how silly I think they may be.*

**Arthur Lumzy**

Career Center

*Arthur is a wonderful supervisor who really works to make sure us Career Advisors are taken care of. He truly is one of the hardest workers I have ever met and am so glad he is in my department!*

**Michael Cotter**

SFAS

*Michael did an outstanding job on a recent financial aid verification project. This project needed to be completed within a certain amount of time and he was able to get it completed in just two weeks.*

**Desiree Padron**

TRiO

*Desiree regularly invests her creativity in activities and tasks that positively boost staff morale, and most recently she organized a "Sip and See" with English tea and biscuits. The staff regaled each other with hilarious fictional royal titles.*

**Ashlea Coulter**

Orientation and Transition Programs

*Recently, Ashlea was assigned to chair the New Student Convocation committee and did a remarkable job with limited resources and time. Her hard work, determination and positive attitude were in all that she accomplished.*

**Melissa Parks**

Housing & Residence Life

*Every time I needed someone to do something, Melissa was there. She consistently volunteered to do things above and beyond her call of duty—and her duties were rigid. Melissa deserves recognition.*

### **Cheryl Elliott**

Housing & Residence Life

*Plainly put, Cheryl loves our students. She keeps our hall running, and she keeps us happy, and that is why I believe Cheryl is one of the many reasons this university is a green light to greatness.*

### **Jason Peacock**

Undergraduate Admissions

*Jason is very enthusiastic about anything UNT. He is loyally devoted - some might say to a fault - to giving a potential student his undivided attention and assistance. He will work through his lunch hour in efforts to help a student.*

### **James Fairchild**

Housing & Residence Life

*I sent James an email on a Saturday regarding a student having trouble paying their Housing fines thus enrolling for the fall semester. He responded within 30 minutes with an answer. Thanks James for helping a student in need!*

### **Max Rodriguez**

Undergraduate Admissions

*Whether it's assisting with my training or helping a student looking to attend UNT, Max is the kind of employee that makes us all look good. His level of commitment to his job is something we could all take a lesson from*

### **Mike Flores**

University Union

*Mike treats every student assistant with respect and is always eager to listen to student input. He consistently arrives to work with a "can do" attitude and sets the tone for all those who work with him.*

### **Billy Rousel**

Housing & Residence Life

*Billy is a mover and shaker! He leads his team in getting not only the many residence halls looking good for our students, but he also tends to many staff members' needs as we move in the halls as well and get settled.*

### **Cheryl Garst**

Career Center

*Besides her own "service with a smile" and upbeat demeanor, Cheryl teaches this work ethic to her student assistants. Cheryl's positive outlook inspires all of us to be our best so the Career Center's Green Light is always on!*

### **Lauren Stephan**

Housing & Residence Life

*Lauren has done a fantastic job bringing the ladies of Housing together and making sure we stay connected. She always manages to put a smile on her face and is just simply wonderful!*

### **Derek Gates**

Housing

*Derek has been an absolute ROCK STAR. He is extremely proactive when it comes to asking me how I'm doing in my new role as hall director. He gives great tips and has been an invaluable mentor as I adjust to new duties.*

### **Anne Strong**

Upward Bound Math & Science

*On Anne's day off, she assisted an at-risk student move from one parent's house to another. While her program tracks at-risk students over several years, for Anne tracking is to defined as caring.*

### **Dena Guzman-Torres**

SFAS

*Dena organized and assisted in implementing a special verification project during the busiest processing time in our office. When approached with the project, she was positive and tackled it with a "can do" attitude.*

### **Bonita Vinson**

Career Center

*As the new Director of the Career Center, Bonita has been tirelessly been trying to learn the ins and outs of a very large department as well as making time to visit with several constituents outside the center.*

## **Myra Hafer**

Admissions

*Myra should be recognized for being an excellent supervisor. She also teaches courses here and directs the Collin Higher Education Center. She wears many important hats and she is always smiling and positive. She bleeds green!*

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**Aundrea Caraway**

Housing & Residence Life

*Working with Aundrea for the past year has been a true blessing. Aundrea's compassion is so inspiring! She strongly supports her staff, our department, and the university with her selfless dedication.*

**Caitlin Niemann**

Career Center

*Caitlin and our entire Employer Service Team organized an outstanding Employer Meet and Greet event held September 11<sup>th</sup>. The response from employers was amazing with 90 employers attending!*

**Lori Duvall**

Recreational Sports

*Lori did a fantastic job handling the daily reconciliation, purchase orders, errands, staff supervision and everything else that was given to her. She does all of this with the best personality and a huge smile on her face.*

**Shari Ruhberg**

SHWC

*Shari gives her whole hearted effort to any task that is requested of her. Always going the extra mile to achieve results. Her ability to inspire team spirit for her student employees is a true representation of her Mean Green pride.*

**Amy Ferman**

Career Center

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**Dana Sachs**

SHWC

*Dana is forever cheering on the students to reach their goals here at UNT. She works very hard to keep the lines of communication open amongst our staff to ensure the best health care for every student that enters our door.*

**Ashly Henson**

Recreational Sports

*Ashly readily takes on increased workload with a smile and "what else can I do to help?" attitude. Even when tackling her duties, Ashly provides outstanding customer service to every student who walks into our office.*

**Rachel Smith**

Career Center

*Rachel, who has served the Career Center and the UNT campus for over 14 years, has been a constant source of information and support for our new staff. With her energy and passion she is the "mentor that mentors go to."*

**Kerry Herndon**

Gateway Center

*Kerry kindly helped set up a computer in a classroom in the Gateway Center quickly for a DSA Professional Development webinar. His over-the-top customer service made the webinar a success!*

**Kerry Stanhope**

SHWC

*Kerry works hard to ensure the health and safety of our students through the many programs hosted by his office. His ability to work with everyone shows others how to be a "Green Light to Greatness!"*

**Karen Knotts**

SHWC

*Karen is always there to listen to the students and answer questions for them. She wants students to succeed in reaching their goals, whether they are life goals or health goals. She is an inspiring "Green Light to Greatness."*

**Mara Washington**

Student Activities

*In just a short amount of time at UNT, Mara has made an impact on our students and our programs. Planning any campus-wide is a challenge, but Mara makes it seem like she had been planning large scale events for years.*

### **Melissa Larabee**

Career Center

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### **Velma White**

Student Money Management Center

*I truly appreciate Velma's initiative of thinking "outside the box" on a process that has long been a challenge to our loan and coaching teams. Her idea of "what if" will expedite the scheduling of coaching sessions with students.*

### **Kathryn McCauley**

Student Legal Services

*Kathryn is an incredible resource to our students! She truly reflects a green light to greatness through her service to students, many facing financial challenges due to making poor decisions with far reaching legal consequences.*

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**Nancy Eanes**

Career Center

*"Gracefulness" and "get it done" are words that describe Nancy. Her abilities to tend to employer needs and encourage her team are qualities that propel Nancy to the top. I'm proud to have Nancy on my leadership team.*

**Arthur Lumzy**

Career Center

*"Total Awesomeness!" describes Arthur in two words. He has been the go-to person for our team. One time he gave his tie to a student who didn't have one to wear to an interview. His Green Light never dims.*

**Kathy Fischer**

Union

*Kathy was a rock star during our move to Stovall. She went out of her way to help ease our transition to the new office. She was very patient and seemed to remain remarkably calm during a stressful time.*

**Courtney Newsome**

Student Activities

*In just a short time in Student Activities, Courtney has made positive changes for students. She has taken existing programs and enhanced them, making them her own.*

**Amanda Gates**

Housing

*Amanda is always going out of her way to help students and parents. She makes herself available to help the Housing Ambassadors and is always willing to take on extra assignments in our department or help out.*

**Britton Sherry**

Recreational Sports

*Britton served as the chair of the 2013 SECC Golf Tournament committee and helped to raise over \$16,000 for the SECC. His leadership, attention to detail, and oversight for the tournament were the reasons why the event was so successful.*

**Paul F Goebel**

Student Money Management Center

*Paul was a guest speaker in my UGST class. He challenged the students to consider what "money" means to them. Through an engaging, thought-provoking discussion Paul helped these freshmen on a path to choosing appropriate college majors.*

**Lauren Stephan**

Housing

*Lauren is probably one of the most genuine and caring people I have ever had the pleasure of meeting. She goes above and beyond her job description and truly cares about the residents who live in her building. Lauren always has a smile on her face.*

**Paulette Hoover**

Housing

*If Paulette was a light to greatness, she would be a beacon. Her kindness, patience, and firmness with students are contagious. Paulette is a great example of someone who is working to be a light in the lives of others.*

**Beverly Wilks**

Career Center

*Beverly took it upon herself to speak to a few departments regarding a student facing challenges with his background check. The student was hired! This a perfect example of how Beverly consistently has her "Green Light" on when it comes to taking care of student employees.*

**Brenda Hoyt-Stenovitch**

Housing

*Brenda sets the bar high as a new employee. She is always willing to guide and help me when I am confused or in need of guidance. She never hesitates to be of service to others!*

**TJ Zambrano**

Housing

*TJ is the head hall director at Maple Hall and has been an invaluable resource for me as a new advisor to an organization. He truly embodies what it means to be a great Hall Director and Housing staff member.*

