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# Nominees

**Division of Student Success and Well-Being**

# NOMINEES

## ABOVE, BEYOND & CONSISTENT AWARD

**Vivian Ortiz**

Program Manager  
Center of Higher Education Innovation

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Senior Academic Success Coach  
College of Sciences

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Custodial Specialist  
Recreation and Wellness Center

**Brandon Emerick**

Assistant Director  
Housing & Residence Life

**Grace Gonzalez**

Academic Advocate  
Office of Academic Advocacy

**Jennifer Oppen**

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Undergraduate Admissions

**Lynda Toussaint**

Coordinator  
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College of Business

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Assistant Director  
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Specialist Student Counseling  
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**Brian Creel**

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**Jessica Johnson**

Academic Support Coordinator  
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Associate Director  
Student Financial Assistance

**Emilee Howard**

Coordinator IM Sports & RWC Park  
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Coordinator, Resident Life and Education  
Housing and Residence Life

**Sean Pinto**

Assistant Director, University  
Financial Aid  
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**Vivian Ortiz**

Program Manager  
Center of Higher Education Innovation

**BEAMing SPIRIT AWARD****Daria Krainova**

Graduate Coordinator  
Housing and Residence Life

**Eddie Ganzy**

Student Admissions Counselor  
Undergraduate Admissions

**Dawn Graziano**

Assistant Director  
Undergraduate Admissions

**Dominique Joseph**

Early Learning Specialist  
Creative School for Children

**Lance Penny**

Academic Success Coach  
College of Community  
Innovation and Education

**Katrina Cerla**

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College of Engineering and  
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Office of Academic Advocacy

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Academic Success Coach  
College of Business Administration

**Gordon Adams**

Associate Director, Conference and  
Marketing  
Housing and Residence Life

**Ric Colón**

Financial Aid Coordinator  
Student Financial Assistance

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Assistant Director  
Student Academic Resource  
Center

**Naomi Chance**

Coordinator, Residence Life and  
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Housing and Residence Life

**Jess Camacho**

Financial Aid Coordinator  
Student Financial Assistance

## CHARGE ON AWARD

**Mirtha Bailey**

Assistant Director  
Dixon Career Development Center

**Erica Hutton**

Program Manager  
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**Jasmine Carter**

Academic Success Coach  
CBA

**Julie Kephart**

Assistant Director  
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## COLLABORATION OF THE YEAR

**Lucas Noboa**

Senior Director  
Academic Advocacy

**Maryann Orawczyk**

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**Stacey Malaret**

Director  
LEAD Scholars Academy

**Debra Reynolds**

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**Jennifer Fazal**

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**Quynh Dang**

Director, Experiential Learning  
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## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AWARD

### **Stacey Malaret**

Director  
LEAD Scholars Academy

### **Mindy Mozena**

Director of Enrollment Services  
SSWB Downtown

### **Karemah Manselle**

Director  
Student Financial Assistance

### **Amy Childs**

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## EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARD

### **Esteban Ramirez Mejia**

PeerKnight  
Academic Advocacy

### **Vivian Ortiz**

Program Manager  
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### **Esther Mandelbaum**

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### **Thuong (Ben) Tran-Thuong**

Senior Academic Success Coach  
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### **Jammal Cooks**

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### **Samantha Redlund**

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### **Sarah Hunt**

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### **Julie Kephart**

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### **Isha Shah**

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### **Angela 'Angle' Leary**

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### **Michael Bell**

Financial Aid Controller  
Student Financial Assistance

### **Brian Creel**

Associate Director, Career Services  
Dixon Career Development Center

### **Irlneu Lopes Machado Neto**

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Student Union

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Housing and Residence Life

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Graduate Assistant, Fitness  
Recreation and Wellness Center

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Senior Academic Success Coach  
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Housing and Residence Life

**Lindsey Lombardi**

Coordinator, Admissions and Records  
Undergraduate Admissions

**Karen Minor-Steven**

Administrative Coordinator,  
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## INNOVATOR AWARD

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Graduate Coordinator  
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Senior Academic Success Coach  
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Coordinator, Student Programs  
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Center for Higher Education  
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**Tiffany Dodge**

Assistant Director, Residence Life  
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Housing and Residence Life

## LEADERSHIP & EMPOWERMENT AWARD

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University Registrar  
Registrar's Office

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Dixon Career Development Center

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Undergraduate Admissions

**Jennifer Sumner**

Assistant Vice President  
Academic Success Coaching

**Tyler Walsh**

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Center for Higher Education  
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**Stacey Malaret**

Director  
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**Arian Bryant**

Director  
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## OUTSTANDING EARLY CAREER

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Registrar's Office

**Erik Ransom**

Academic Success Coach  
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Dixon Career Development Center

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Student Programs Coordinator  
New Student and Family Programs

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Academic Advocacy

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College of Health Professions and  
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Financial Aid Coordinator  
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Program Manager, Career Services  
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**Brittany Carroll**

Campus Tour Coordinator  
Undergraduate Admissions

**Sydney Shaw**

Coordinator, Residence Life and  
Education  
Housing and Residence Life

**Joseph Rymer**

Financial Aid Specialist  
Student Financial Assistance

## **TEAM ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

**Academic Success Coaching**

**Undergraduate Admissions**

**Academic Advocacy**

**Student Financial Assistance**

**Student Care Services**

**Career Services**

**Dixon Career Development Center**

**Housing and Residence Life**