Governor’s Awards Winners

This year there was a strong response from the campus community as many great nominations were submitted for the State Governors Awards. This award is considered the highest honor that a state employee can receive. The 2014 Governor’s Award Selection Committee had a tough job as agencies statewide submitted members of their staff to receive the award. This year they will be awarding 14 Governor’s Awards and for the third year in a row - UNC Charlotte staff finds itself among the winners.

Please join in congratulating:

David Landrum

and

James Williams

David, who works in the Department of Communication Studies, will be receiving the Governor’s Award for Public Service. David is known by his coworkers as being supportive, having a great attention to detail and a kind demeanor. What many do not know is that he sets aside time each week to mentor a local youth.

When the mentorship first began, David’s mentee was struggling and had several challenges. David went above the expectations of a mentor by fully dedicating himself to improving this child’s life. Each Friday he takes time to eat lunch with his mentee at school. He spends time in his mentee’s classes and encourages him in a variety of subjects. Additionally, he has met with his mentee’s legal guardians so that he can continue mentoring this child beyond school hours. With their support he joins in family activities, helps with homework, ensures his mentee has school supplies, clothing, and has even assisted with field trip costs. With David’s help, this challenged child has grown into a teenager with a bright future ahead.

James is the Facilities Operations’ Renovations Supervisor and will be receiving the Governors Award for Efficiency & Innovation. After the Renovations Shop was disbanded several years ago, James developed a business case for re-instituting the group and presented it to Facilities Management’s leadership. He demonstrated how the shop could perform small renovation projects less expensively and faster than outside contractors.

As supervisor of the reengineered Renovation Shop, James got to work building partnerships and trust through timely, quality work. This timely and quality work is consistently earning accolades from campus customers. Additionally, last fiscal year the shop reported completing all projects on time and with less money than outside contractors would have cost.

According to his colleagues, James’ supervisory style is noted as being outstanding and he is a good example for others. He takes pride in a job well done and inspires his team to exceed customer expectations. Under James’ leadership, the shop has proven its worth many times over.

David and James will be honored in a ceremony at the NC Museum of History on Tuesday, November 18th.