



Westfield State University

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Employee Recognition

Congratulations to the following faculty and staff who have been recognized by a member of our campus community for strengthening our institutional culture and modeling WSU values.

Kaitlin Karetka

Center for Student Success and Engagement



We would like to recognize our coworker Kaitlin Karetka, our Access Advisor for Disability Services (DS) under the Banacos Academic Center. With over 600 students registered with DS, the number of accommodation notices she has sent out has doubled since she has started at WSU in 2020. Kaitlin started during the pandemic when we were mostly remote and seamlessly transitioned to this very challenging role. Kaitlin manages her large caseload with grace, a sense of calm, and ease. She has helped hundreds of students in her short time here at the University. She is always willing to help coworkers, serve on important committees, and be involved in important conversations to make sure that the students she serves are well-represented and advocated for. We have witnessed the compassion and patience she has when working with students. Kaitlin has only been at the University for a few years, but you would think that she has been part of the Banacos team for decades. Her dedication and commitment do not go unnoticed. We feel very fortunate to have her with us.

Averie Bye-Dickerson

Grad Assistant – Institutional Advancement



Averie has been an instrumental member of our team in Institutional Advancement. From her welcoming personality (if you have not yet met her, you need to!) and can-do attitude, she has taken on projects and transformed them through her creative spirit and passion for helping others. Averie is always there to lend a hand and share a laugh. Thank you for making our team a better one, Averie!

Nicholas Wojtowicz, Sergey Kononchuk, and Scott Clark

Information Technology Services



Now that the semester is over, we would like to recognize Nicholas Wojtowicz, Sergey Kononchuk, and Scott Clark from Technology Support Services for their excellent support this semester. They kept our computers running smoothly, responded quickly to any emergent issues, and provided professional support whenever we needed it. This helped us to provide a high-quality academic experience to our students - thanks!



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Katie Carrier
Environmental Services



We would like to recognize our M3 Katie Carrier for the Employee Peer Recognition. Katie is an amazing supervisor and without a doubt we believe Katie deserves to be recognized for all the hard work and everything she does for us. Anytime any of us has any issue or needs help Katie is always there with a helping hand. Her communication skills are amazing. We go into work looking forward to seeing her every day which says a lot about the type of person she is. If you need help whether you're working in Science or any other building especially during the summer she is always there willing to go the extra mile to make sure everyone's needs are met. If you need something she is always willing to give out what she has no matter what it is. She makes you want to do better, just watching the amount of work she puts in on a regular basis is an inspiration to others.