Congratulations to the 2018 Nominees:

Eli Dammeyer
Eli is a positive and proud member of the Facilities Management Services. He’s a bright light in a very grey Rochester! He’s excited about what he’s doing to help solve it as soon as possible. He is a best practice and provided colleagues across the University with an opportunity to improve their skills so that we, ultimately, can have a greater impact on campus. He has a positive work ethic and sets a very high standard for himself. He has always assumed the responsibility for success in his work area and accountability to get the job done.

James Griffin
James is so supportive and encouraging to his staff. He has instilled in his staff the value of hard work. He helps cultivate an environment that is supportive to the students that serve. He has a positive work ethic and sets a very high standard for himself. He has always assumed the responsibility for success in his work area and accountability to get the job done.

JoAnne Buschang
JoAnne is the jack of all trades for our department. She thrives on improving processes and making a positive change. She is one of the most cooperative colleagues I have engaged with in my years in higher education. She keeps detailed notes on every event she has engaged with and really tries to improve them every year to make the student, family and staff experience the best they can be.

Rebecca Nally
Rebecca is an absolutely critical participant in the establishment and success of GCCIS. She is an incredible value. Seriously, one of the most helpful and beneficial events I’ve attended at RIT in my time as a student.”

Julie Brown
Julie is a very dedicated employee who supports many, many events on campus by working hours of overtime. She is always eager to help her coworkers, the students, their parents of move in and move out times, and the facilities staff. She even willingly went to work another crew when that team was very short staffed. She is kind and friendly to everyone she interacts with.

John Tコーヒs
John took a look at the hands-on preparation they receive under one of these courses, is in large part due to the lab courses. The success of our students, especially in their first co-ops which occur just after one of these courses, is in large part due to the lab courses. He is also an amazing co-instructor for two development experiences to us. They have created an excellent example of how challenging the situation or project!
Bill Landers
Chief Engineer, CAO, Facilities Management Services
Bill has an absolute concord of his job. He not only keeps current on what equipment the facility needs to do their best but he understands that the students may not know what they need, so he works to meet their needs. He is looking out for everyone and supporting faculty and students alike.

Sherry Lupa
Senior Procurement Specialist, Procurement Services
Sherry is "1-800-Procurement" She is the go-to person for everything. From questions about Oracle, to training new employees, to inquiries about university processes or even who to contact about anything across campus. She is the driver behind new projects and growth. She thrives when tasked with a new initiative.

Stephanie Mackowski
15 Public Safety Officer, I Public Safety
Stephanie Mackowski is a rare gem. She doesn’t excel at RIT because of awards and recognition, she excels because she cares about people, service, and safety—before self. Service—connecting with students (while being cheerful), will always win the respect of the faculty in any college public safety organization. Stephanie is a terrific role model and the epitome of superior community service.

Rhonda Million
Sr. Director, KGCOE Biomedical Engineering
Rhonda is a true leader, not to mention she is a highly skilled in multitasking and is quick to predict and solve unforeseen obstacles. Thanks also flourish when tested with a new initiative. Often times, she is the driver behind new projects within the department. She is always looking to grow and develop new skills.

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and wants to help them. In typical Lori fashion, she sees students in need, training and oversight of in-house co-op students. She shares her experiences for our students; and she takes on the intricacies to both students and faculty. Lori serves as an example to our students of how persistence have become a best practice model for staff at RIT and other universities alike. The collegiality and professionalism of all members make this team exemplary. Each team member embodies the desire to help RIT attain new levels of quality in online courses and programs. They each dedicate their professional lives to providing a personalized experience and high-level service. The high number of ex-students that go on to become ambassadors of the program speaks volumes about this extremely student-centered approach to advising and fostering student-advisor relationships.

Teaching & Learning Services - Computing Security Online Course Development Team

Megan Tompkins '17 Senior Staff Assistant, Multicultural Center for Academic Success

Megan is the heart of the Multicultural Center for Academic Success; she is important to MCAST’s success; she is a strong reason students feel close to the center. When they return from the summer or as alumni she is on their short list to visit. She is passionate and love for students is visible and greatly appreciated.

Teaching & Learning Services - Online Course Training Support Team

Nils VanMaldeghem Building Services Supervisor, Facilities Management Services

Chuck is constantly looking for ways to better serve the university. He is constantly researching more efficient and economical ways to support the school while maintaining the environmentally friendly awareness we all desire. Ultimately, Chuck has helped make not only the custodial department, but all of RIT, a better place for everyone to learn, work and grow.

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Academic Advisor, CLA-Dean’s Office

Tamara Wilson

Tannara’s level of dedication to our students is extraordinary. She facilitates a tremendous amount of communication between students, faculty, department chairs, and program directors so that the web of support that is possible to our students is coherent, consistent, and welcoming. She knows every aspect of the curriculum and is able to easily describe its intricacies to both students and faculty.

Assistant Provost for Assessment and Accreditation, Office of the Provost/SVP Academic Affairs

Anna Wahl

The accreditation project was a mighty undertaking, spanning several years and involving hundreds of people across the university. Anna provided expert leadership from day one. She helped create a structure and process that was built around and driven by the needs of our M.ARCH program. She was so crucial that the visiting NAAB team made sure to mention her by name in their accreditation report; and of all the people the team met, which included department chairs, faculty, provost and president of RIT, Donna was the only one to be mentioned by name in the 140+ page document.

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Donna Padowczak ‘11 Senior Staff Assistant, GIS Architecture

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Adam Pfister ’01, ’02

Senior Director Development/EGGDE, University Development and Engagement

Adam has a relationship with Austin McChord over many years that inspired trust and connection to university excellence and donor-centricity, serving Austin’s needs at every stage of his growing business. Adam’s humble approach to his work and focus on teamwork and partnership have become a best practice model for staff at RIT and other universities alike.