

# October 2021

## Staff Appreciation Nominations

### Hospitality

*One of Bellarmine's symbols is the Pineapple which represents hospitality and cura personalis - concern for each person. Please select a staff member that characterizes learning and life at Bellarmine, as well as truly valuing the faculty, staff and students in our community.*

- **Cheryl Love:** If you stop by the Chief Financial Officers office you will be greeted by Cheryl Love his outstanding and very friendly Administrative Assistant. Cheryl has a wonderful spirit and makes everyone feel welcome. She is helpful in helping staff find a place to keep their lunch refrigerated and find a microwave (this was very important during the pandemic). She always had extra space at her table for others to join her for lunch and am sure once the pandemic is completely over she will offer to do that again. Her pleasant smile makes one feel at ease, and I am so glad to be back on campus with her.

### Solidarity

*The Ursula Laurel Tree represents the merger between Ursuline College and Bellarmine University in 1968. Please select a staff member that is truly collaborative with others, one who seeks to compromise and improve the environment in the best interest of Bellarmine, and one who demonstrates teamwork and empathy.*

- **Chris Ekstrom:** Chris is a dang rockstar. She routinely (and joyously) collaborates with staff members and faculty within the College of Health Professions, Lansing School of Nursing and Clinical Sciences, and the School of Movement and Rehabilitation Sciences. Chris always volunteers to assist with projects big and small to ensure the success of students and programs at the university. Beyond CHP work, she also assists other faculty across campus with various programs and initiatives, always going the extra mile to help others, even if that means a longer day to get the work accomplished. She continuously puts the best interests of Bellarmine and departments first and foremost, and we are grateful for all she does to help others.

### Intrinsic Values

- **No Nominations this cycle**

### Light of Truth

- **Julie Anderson:** Julie exemplifies the Light of Truth. She goes above and beyond her role as our Nursing Clinical Coordinator and always with a smile and positive attitude. She is level headed, compassionate, and fair in her dealings with faculty, staff, and students. She is a true problem-solver and sees the bigger picture in everything she does. Added to her burden this year are the

covid issues with clinicals. She not only overcame the issues associated with them, she was motivated in her own "Julie Way" to do it better. She sacrificed her own downtime during all the holiday breaks to keep things running smoothly for our department. Never complains, always a shining example of the can-do attitude we want to emulate at Bellarmine. Julie is the most adaptable and compassionate person around. She is the clinical coordinator for the Lansing School of Nursing. Since the pandemic she has been tracking our students and the on campus exposures finding ways to help them make up their clinical hours. She also has been in charge of making sure our students meet the variety of requirements of our community partners so they can utilize the clinical sites. Those requirements may change from week to week as the CDC changes. Sometimes on as short notice of a couple of hours has had to find clinical instructors to substitute in this pandemic. She does it all with a smile on her face and a gentleness in her voice that makes you feel that it is not a problem at all. Julie strives to make sure that the new clinical instructors she hires are ones who will share that light of truth with our students to treat all people fairly that they encounter in the community. Julie is definitely a bright light helping our student nurses and their clinical instructors.