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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.

- **Sara Keiper:** As Sara prepares to depart from Bellarmine and head toward her European adventure, I would be remiss if I did not nominate her for the Hospitality award. As we have searched to find a replacement – which isn't quite possible – it is clear that Sara is a safe harbor for many colleagues across and external to the Division of Student Affairs. For instance, a new staff member recently reached out to her with a routine procedural question. She could have easily walked them through it over Teams or email, but instead she went to their office, sat down with them and explained the how and why of the process. That is Sara, taking the extra time for her colleagues and students to be seen, listened to, and helped. This type of story could be told over and over. Sara is the person who thinks of the littlest detail while seeing the bigger picture. She is a treasure and epitomizes concern for each person. She is the Bellarmine Difference.

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.

- **Ken Lundgren:** Ken Lundgren is one of the most authentic and friendly individuals at Bellarmine. He has supported untold numbers of faculty and staff, and always goes above and beyond to ensure that the person's issues aren't just resolved, but that the person is helped in the way they need or expect, never being anything but kind and professional. He is the face of tech support that a person wants to have in a time of need. Ken cares about this campus and its community, and it shows in his demeanor, responsiveness, and work ethic. He's one of the reasons Bellarmine is such a great place to work.

Intrinsic Values

- **Mona Psiones:** Mona is the student success coordinator for the second degree BSN students, although she gladly helps all that come to her. She welcomes students with open arms and makes them feel like a part of the Bellarmine family. She truly values each student as a whole person with many talents and gifts, going above and beyond to help realize their potential as they learn to care for patients, families, and the communities in which they live.

Light of Truth

- **Tina Kauffmann:** Tina is the personification of grace. Nothing throws her, and she is genuine every time! I find her amazing to watch in action if there is anything Tina cannot fix, I've not witnessed it!