

February 2021 Recognitions

Hospitality – Emily Dixon

Emily Dixon has just completed her 1-year anniversary at Bellarmine, and in that time she already made a profound impact on our students. Sometimes in OII you will hear students refer to her as the "Mom" because of the level of dedication and service she gives them. Students are often consulting with her on resumes, asking for letters of recommendation and advice, or just hanging out in her office in general. She's even featured in their weekly Tik Tok videos, keeping up the students spirits through this trying year. As the Assistant Director in OII, Emily has been a blessing. She started in the fall of 2019, with her first week being the same week as early move-in for our Early Knights bridge program. Despite this she was able to hit the ground running. I reflected deeply on Emily's time here during our employee evaluations and realized how Emily started at one of the busiest times of the year for Student Affairs professionals. Not only that, but the next semester, (her first spring semester, marked the beginning of Covid and its impact on BU. Emily has not had a normal year at Bellarmine, or a peaceful transition into our community, by any means. Despite this, she has done amazing work, and if it wasn't for Covid robbing her of the many social opportunities on campus, I believe she would have more recognition across Bellarmine Faculty and Staff.

Solidarity

Janice Polston: Throughout the pandemic, Janice has provided nonstop support to faculty in the efforts to move to and maintain remote instruction. She responds to inquiries and calls for assistance at all times of the day and week and provides a wealth of knowledge regarding Bellarmine's learning platforms. Her support of faculty using Moodle, in particular, has been instrumental over this time. Janice is such a diligent and hard worker, and always seeks the good of the institution and her team. She is a kind and empathic person at heart, and throughout the past year she has sought to be as collaborative and supportive as possible, even at a distance.

Light of Truth

Sean McGreevey: For the past year Sean has worked tirelessly and relentlessly on COVID-19 policy and execution to keep our students safe. He has learned more than he ever wanted to know (I'm sure) about the disease itself, contact tracing, quarantine and isolation protocols, safe food service practices, and so much more I can't even begin to imagine. He makes personal phone calls every single day to students experiencing symptoms, testing positive, or going into quarantine or isolation due to contact tracing. He supervises dining services which did a complete re-haul of their operations in order to serve students safely. He supervises Health Services which has had their world turned upside down. He supervises Residence Life which has hired 3 additional COVID care managers just to handle the workload of caring for students, following up with them, moving them into and out of quarantine spaces, and delivering three meals a day to students in quarantine or isolation. And he's also been involved with the coordination with BlueWater labs with community and gateway testing and communicating to BU IT on how to get our systems to talk to each other and create a user friendly technology experience. I honestly don't know how he is still standing. He's also done all of this in the face of best practices and protocols changing on a regular basis, all while getting staff and faculty members on board with our plans and building confidence that the COVID rapid response team is doing what they need to do and it is working. The Covid rapid response team meets EVERY DAY to discuss our students and how we can best serve them.

Intrinsic Values

Robin Webb: Robin, as our administrative assistant to the undergraduate BSN Program, is known for managing all of the undergraduate nursing students. But not so well known is her involvement in shepherding the Pre-Nursing students, who are freshmen, into the BSN Application process. She consistently shares how their attention to the process and completion of each part is a representation of their value of each part. She reminds students who have not completed their confidentiality module for HIPAA that this is an essential component of what it takes to become a nursing student and then a nurse. The student who submits the incorrect type of CPR verification is coached into the value of being prepared for that emergency where the right CPR training will be critical. The same is true for health history, Bloodborne and Airborne Pathogen Updates, the list goes on. In this time of COVID-19 we have all come to value health care providers, as the most trusted profession- Robin starts them off on this path at the very beginning. She responds to each email and student who stops by with grace and her own example of the value of each piece of the process of learning. Her planning and follow-up enable all of our students to try out their own values in clinical and lab opportunities because of her support. She develops and supports others to the fullest!