

# March 2021 Staff Appreciation Nominations

## Hospitality

- **Lindsey Gilmore:** Lindsey has worked tirelessly to ensure that the team in Residence Life has what they need in order to best serve students in the halls. Particularly during this year, she sat on several planning committees and worked to ensure that our policies and practices were consistent to provide safety with COVID19. For the past several weeks, several professional staff members have been out of the office which has meant that Lindsey has taken on the bulk of the work making certain that both operations were running smoothly, students in quarantine were cared for, and that staff had what they needed in order to continue to be successful. She has also stepped in to assist with contact tracing and on-call demands. She has done so with a willingness and the heart of a servant leader.

## Solidarity

- **Lilly Massa McKinley:** Lilly is an amazing connector across campus, bringing faculty, staff, and students together for collaborations that seek to improve students' understanding of and pathways to meaningful work. She has spearheaded several collaborative programs to develop faculty advisors as facilitators of students' search for meaning and purpose in life, created reflective components for internship and experiential learning opportunities for students through work with faculty and the SSC, and created networks for career mentoring with alumni and more. Her career development team is one of the most cohesive units on campus, thanks to her leadership and vision, and she still finds time to reach out across campus and the larger community to build partnerships and cultivate relationships.

## Intrinsic Values

- **Allyse Stokes:** Ms. Allyse Stokes is an Academic Advisor in the Student Success Center, and I would like to nominate her for the Intrinsic Values award. She goes above and beyond to see the intrinsic value in each and every student whom she serves. She uses a very reflective, holistic and strengths -based approach to academic advising and walks alongside each student on their educational journeys. Ms. Stokes also challenges students to create solutions to the issues they face, while simultaneously offering her support. Furthermore, she is able to help students see their own value and realize their strengths and how to capitalize on them. Often students will come back and offer their appreciation for the ways that she has supported them along the way. She is the embodiment of this Intrinsic Values award, and would be very deserving of receiving it. If you need anything else from me, I am happy to discuss this further.

## Light of Truth

- **Natasha Begin:** Natasha works selflessly with students facing very difficult situations. In particular, her leadership in creating Knights Pantry and the Student Emergency Fund have provided significant intervention for our students in real need of assistance. Natasha has seen these projects through from inception to their current functioning, and the timing could not have been more important in this time of national economic crisis. She does this in addition to her other duties with grace, compassion, and love.