Civil Service Celebration
Student Testimonials

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Christine Wang
May 2017 Graduate

“No matter what issue or situation a student was going through, Peggy could be trusted to talk them through it and make them see the silver lining.”
Lexie Williams
August 2017 Graduate
B.S. in Public Health-Health Administration

“Aware of the seemingly small actions operating staff members take for both their fellow staff members and for the students. THANK YOU ALL for your countless efforts and kind words and please know that you never go unnoticed!”
Soroosh Azizi
Doctoral Student - Economics

“Frances; she helped me a lot even before coming to the USA, while applying for NIU, and then for the next three years and half. She always has been very nice to me and all of my classmates. She also makes very delicious cookies.”
Liz Heckenast
Recent Graduate
Completed Law Degree at NIU

“I have gotten to know several of our regular operating staff members. They always went over and above if we ever needed anything. I love them all!”
Masud Alam

Doctoral Student: 3rd Year
Pursuing Degree in Economics

“...unique combination of vision, cooperation and fairness.”
Tamara Boston
Graduate Student
Pursuing degree in CAHE/Student Affairs

“At the close of the winter break, the next day, instead of taking her usual lunch, Amy spent it with me at the clinic. I know many members of the operating staff who do go above and beyond to help students.”
Amanda Insalaco
Doctoral Student
Pursuing Degree in Community Leadership Civic Engagement (NGO Studies)

“Julie Ann and Jennifer; They show respect and hospitality to all visitors. They always treated me as an equal.”
Taylor Spooner

Undergraduate: Senior
Pursuing Degree in HDFS – Emphasis in Family Social Services

“Beth stepped in to fill our office. She loves interacting with students and other individuals on campus. Numerous people have walked into our office raving about how helpful she's been for them on our campus.”
Rachel Shapland
Undergraduate: Senior
Pursuing Degree in Nursing

“Marcy made me feel welcome the moment I stepped into the office. Marcy goes above and beyond for students every single day. She truly understands what it means to be part of the NIU Huskie family.”
Ryan R. Lee
Recent Graduate
Completed Law Degree at NIU

“The operating staff in Swen Parson Hall always brightened my day with their friendliness. The operating staff has been one of the many highlights of spending time in Swen Parson Hall.”
"My very first official job, and from the very beginning, Kelli was always thoughtful and patient. She saw that she could trust me and give me more responsibility than what I thought I was capable of."
Maleah Morrow

Undergraduate: Senior
Pursuing degree in Sociology with a minor in Spanish

“These staff members and civil service employees not only do their job, they go above and beyond really as a part of our community and growing bonds with students like me helping and caring. We could not work without you guys!”
Danielle Hoske
Alumna - Completed Graduate Degree at NIU

“Everyone in the department is so motivating and encouraging, it made working for NGOLD not only enjoyable but inspired me to further my education and attend grad school.”
Riss Carter
Undergraduate: Junior
Pursuing degree in Sociology with a minor in Women and Gender Studies & LBGT Studies

“There have been times when I stayed longer at the CSWGS office just to hang out with Kadie, and we always share a good laugh! Kadie is also very inclusive, and is always mindful of my pronouns and respectful of my gender identity.”
Daniel Tamayo
Undergraduate: Senior
Pursuing degree in Physical Education

“I have had the privilege to interact with many operating staff members, and they have always been very supportive and genuine with their support and help. I feel the operating staff members and the interactions they have with every student, help students feel NIU is their home away from home.”
Johnisha Sterling
Law Student

“I have had many great experiences with the operating staff here at NIU College of Law. In fact, I have had so many great experiences that it would be too much to write about all of my experiences with each individual. I, along with many other students, consider them to be more than just the operating staff, but instead we consider them to be a part of the law school family.”
Danielle Brehm
Undergraduate: Junior
Pursuing degree in Business Management

“I had an encounter with an operating staff employee who simply heard what I had to say and helped me based on my personal needs. It's this type of treatment between the staff and students that makes NIU such a great place!”
Keith Cameron
Law Student

“Nancy has helped me feel comfortable in a situation that has been difficult to adapt to. A special thanks to her.”