



## **"Spirit of BG" Award Classified Staff Nomination Form**



Any member of the university community (faculty, staff, or student) may nominate a permanent full-time or part-time classified employee for "The Spirit of BG" Award. Following the established guidelines, nominations must be received by the last business day of each month.

Nominations may be submitted by completing this form, then carry, mail, email or fax to:

Deborah Carden (dcarden@bgsu.edu or fax: 419-433-9696)  
Chair, "Spirit of BG" Award Committee Clasen Welcome Center  
102 Foundation Hall  
BGSU Firelands  
One University Drive  
Huron, OH 44839

Nominee: Lori Firsdon\_\_\_\_\_

Office: Office of the Dean, College of Health & Human Services\_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_419-372-8243\_ Email: lorifir@bgsu.edu\_\_\_\_\_

**In 1,000 words or less, describe why this person deserves recognition for the "Spirit of BG" Award:**  
(see attached)

Nominator: \_Tom Gorman\_ Phone Number: \_\_419-372-7768\_\_

Email: \_\_tgorman@bgsu.edu\_ Date: \_\_September 16, 2019\_\_

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TO: Classified Staff Council Awards committee  
FROM: Tom Gorman, Assistant Dean for Undergraduate Education and Student Services  
RE: Spirit of BG Award



Lori Firsdon exemplifies the Best of BG. Lori is someone who shines every day and seeks out opportunities to go above and beyond. Her impact is felt in our college and beyond.

Since moving to the Dean's office in the College of Health and Human Services in September of 2018, Lori has provided steady leadership and has taken initiative to organize Dean's office activities and events. These include our annual student scholarship receptions, college meetings, our Leadership Council meetings, and homecoming.

As a prime example, fall 2019 BGSU Homecoming was a smashing success for our college's homecoming tent, and it was due to Lori's initiative, hard work, and positive attitude. Lori was responsible for a donation of Shirley's popcorn. Lori reached out to the company and communicated with their representatives every step of the way. Shirley's donated 2000 bags of popcorn – a "Homecoming Blend" of orange and brown popcorn, custom made for BGSU. To say this give-a-way was a huge hit among Falcon students, staff, friends, and alumni is an understatement. In addition, HHS gave away custom tote bags.

Logistically, Lori was there to load a truck to take the 50 large boxes of popcorn and 10 large boxes of HHS tote bags from the HHS building to our homecoming tent. She brought two hand carts of her own to assist. Loading and unloading the truck and setting up the HHS tent was certainly above and beyond, but in addition to this, Lori stood for over three hours distributing the items and interacting with hundreds of visitors, all on behalf of the college. Lori represented the university well to the Shirley's staff that came to assist with the distribution. And after loading and staffing the tent, she helped load the remaining boxes of popcorn and boxes back in the truck, which was parked at some distance to the tent. All of this was done with a smile.

Lori gave up a beautiful Saturday to help the college make a good impression and serve students, alumni, and visitors. On the Monday after homecoming she distributed the remaining "Homecoming Blend" popcorn to HHS students and campus offices, including Marketing and Communication. Rumors are that a "Falcon Blend" of Shirley's is now being discussed, so if and when you enjoy Shirley's orange and brown popcorn in the future, you will have one person to thank: Lori Firsdon. Who knows where a successful corporate partnership will lead? When we partner, it's not just a snack that BGSU gains – but potential future interactions that will benefit students in the form of guest speakers, internships, further support, etc.

Homecoming was just one example of how Lori Firsdon's work ethic and attitude benefit the College of Health and Human Services and exemplify the Best of BG. She performs her duties, regularly going above and beyond, with humility, professionalism, good humor, and a positive attitude. I believe she is deserving of the recognition that she would not seek on her own by being awarded a Spirit of BG award.