



"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
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Nominee: Kelsey Meyer

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In 1,000 words or less, describe why this person deserves recognition for the "Spirit of BG"

Award:

* See attached

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Nominee: Kelsey Meyer

Primary Nominator: Andy Alt ();

Secondary Nominators: David Denison, Danielle Dimoff, Gabe Dunbar, Katrina Heilmeier

It is a pleasure to nominate **Kelsey Meyer** as a nominee for the Spirit of BG Classified Staff Award. On behalf of several colleagues that work directly with Kelsey, we believe she clearly meets the award criteria and has truly gone the “extra mile” in providing exceptional support for a variety of projects, initiatives, and tasks over the past semester.

While Kelsey has performed all aspects of her position with positivity, professionalism, and adaptability, there are a few specific examples that stand out most. Her most notable contributions include her deep commitment and enthusiasm for supporting the growth of the life design program this past year, her help and leadership to coordinate a complex and large search process for hiring multiple Life Design Coaches, and always being willing to step-in to help provide administrative short-term support for other units in the Office of Student Success and Life Design.

First, as we prepared to launch the life design initiative toward the end of summer and fall 2020, Kelsey played a critical role in helping to coordinate and track so many key aspects of the programming. She provided support for the delivery of content through two technologies, ensured that all student participants were enrolled in the new BGSU 1910 course, helped with the Canvas shells for over 50 sections, and enthusiastically helped the team to prototype a variety of other initiatives and mini-pilot programs over the past 8 months.

Second, with an incredibly large candidate pool, restricted timeline, and remote interview restrictions, Kelsey helped to coordinate an engaging and seamless interview process despite the complexities presented above. Many candidates expressed their appreciation for the very organized, timely, and thoughtful interview experience. Much of the credit goes to Kelsey for providing support to the committee and candidates along the way.

As a final example, Kelsey demonstrates daily her team-first values and commitment. Though not her daily or direct responsibilities, Kelsey is always willing to help provide temporary support by pitching-in wherever and whenever needed. Recently, she gladly accepted the invitation to code nearly 150 students in People Soft while another colleague was out on leave. There was no hesitation when asked, and she completed the task earlier than even anticipated.

Other colleagues who have worked closely with Kelsey this semester have expressed supporting sentiments, including: *“Our team is better because of Kelsey’s unique contributions to the work”* and *“Above all else, Kelsey always has a positive attitude and a collaborative spirit. She is willing to ask the tough questions and also willing to support decisions once they are made. She is a crucial member of our team.”* Another close colleague stated that, *“Overall, Kelsey is thoughtful, collaborative, organized and hardworking and shows tremendous time management skills.”* Kelsey’s flexibility in helping on short notice was recognized in this way by another staff member in this way: *“She was able to complete the task in the same day and she also agreed to continue supporting this task when we received more new students.”*

In closing, I will restate our strong support and endorsement of **Kelsey Meyer** as a recipient for the Spirit of BG Classified Staff Award. It has been a privilege to work with Kelsey, and her contributions to our goals and efforts truly reflect the mission and core values of our university.