

The Nancy Patterson Klekas Outstanding Service Award

Nancy Patterson Klekas was beloved a member of the Psychology Department community for nearly 30 years. Her official role was that of accounting supervisor and she excelled in that position. She was a superb problem solver and helped keep the department moving forward in good times and bad. In 2009, in recognition of her contributions to the department and the university, Nancy received the University of Utah Staff Excellence Award, demonstrating excellence in service and commitment to the University of Utah.

Nancy's contributions, however, went far beyond her accounting expertise. She also played a central role in building a strong sense of community within the department. Her smile was infectious and her laughter would echo down the fifth floor hallway, raising everyone's spirits. Nancy's position ensured that she worked closely with faculty, staff and graduate students, and she treated everyone with respect and compassion. She had a particular fondness for graduate students, however, and it was common to see students conferring with Nancy in her office. She enjoyed helping them resolve problems, providing needed moral support and assisting their development as productive members of the community.

We remember Nancy for her warmth and humor, her unfailingly positive outlook on life, her integrity, and her willingness to go the extra mile to help others. **Nominating letters for this award, in Nancy's honor, should highlight how the nominated graduate student has demonstrated the values central to Nancy's life: integrity, a strong sense of community, and a commitment to service.** Just as Nancy went above and beyond her official role, this award is intended to acknowledge a student who has gone beyond his or her usual role, by assisting others and enhancing the community. Service to the department or community may be reflected in committee activities, volunteered services, mentoring, or efforts to build partnerships or strengthen the community.

The selection committee for this \$1000 award will be made up of a faculty member, a staff member and a graduate student. Graduate students at any level (including those going on internship or graduating this spring) are eligible, but must be in good standing in the department. **Letters of nomination may come from faculty, staff or other students; multiple supporting letters for a nominee are encouraged.**

Please send nominating letters to Nancy Seegmiller by Monday, April 8, 2024.