



Honoring government workers.

Each year since 1985, the U.S. Congress designates the first week of May as [Public Service Recognition Week](#) – time set aside to honor public employees and to educate the public about the many ways government workers make life better for all Americans. It provides an excellent opportunity to recognize state employees and express appreciation for one another in our commitment to serve the people of Colorado.

To celebrate the important contributions of our State employees, the Governor's Office and the Department of Personnel & Administration (DPA) asked each State agency to select one employee who most exemplifies the significant and invaluable contributions public servants make to the quality of life in our State. These honorees were selected for regularly demonstrating efficient, effective and elegant service to the people of Colorado.

Congratulations and thank you to the following 2013 Public Service Recognition Week honorees:

Arapahoe Community College – Shecobie Richardson, General Labor I

Shecobie spearheaded the development of a new scholarship for students to fund text book purchases. The scholarship idea is a direct contribution to student success and his passion for the scholarship showed excellent leadership skills as well as an ability to negotiate and follow-through. Shecobie contributes more indirectly to both students and the community through his dedication to his job in facilities. He always has a smile and a willingness to help in any way to make events successful. Shecobie sets an example of dedication, persistence and friendliness with a standard of excellence that is a model for his co-workers in facilities and anyone who works with him. He goes above and beyond the scope of his job.

Auraria Higher Education Center – Robert Burnett, Officer, Auraria Police Department

The Auraria Higher Education Center nominates Police Officer Robert Burnett from the Auraria Police Department to be honored for heroic action, at the cost of serious personal injury, in service to the people of the State of Colorado and the Auraria Campus community.

Officer Burnett, while on routine patrol of the campus, was dispatched to a call of a disturbed man with a sword threatening students who were preparing for a Veteran's Day event on campus. When he arrived on the scene, he was immediately attacked by the suspect. Officer Burnett showed great restraint and attempted to reason with the suspect, despite his serious injuries. Officer Burnett's actions prevented injury to the public at large.

Officer Burnett has made a full recovery and is back to work, protecting the students, faculty, and staff of the Auraria Campus.

Colorado Community College System – Sandy Wallace, Finance, Accounting Tech III

Sandy has a great work ethic and her team-work approach with all of her coworkers and staff showcases her terrific customer service focus. She is thoughtful, kind, and goes well beyond what most people do to assist.

She never refuses to help, even when her workload is overwhelming, and she is recognized even outside her department for her talent and helpfulness. She is a shining example of a State classified employee.

Colorado Energy Office – Paul Scharfenberger, Finance Manager

Paul Scharfenberger has been the driving force behind the Colorado Energy Office's finance programs, continually seeking opportunities to improve the State's Revolving Loan Fund and Green Credit Reserve programs. In addition, his leadership in managing the State's Qualified Energy Conservation Bond allocation resulted in Colorado having one of the highest issuance rates in the nation and allowed tens of millions of dollars of cost-effective energy projects to be implemented.

Paul has worked tirelessly to build consensus among a variety of non-traditional allies in support of the successful passage of "Commercial PACE" legislation, (a mechanism for increasing the availability of funding for clean energy investments), all while frequently volunteering to take on additional responsibilities to support the office. Most notably, he increased his work with early stage energy companies and took the initiative to maintain the State's Greening Government activities during a colleague's maternity leave.

Colorado Judicial Department - Jenni Turnidge, Managing Court Interpreter

Jenni is responsible for hiring and managing language access staff and contracting with 50-60 free-lance interpreters per month, ensuring coverage of approximate 1,300 hearings a month.

For the past thirteen years, Jenni has transformed the 18th Judicial District Court Language Access program into a model of efficiency, accuracy and reliability. It has been used as a model for other courts. She is always available and responsive to the needs of Judges, court participants and colleagues throughout the state Judicial Department. She has taken the initiative to not only increase the accuracy and efficiency of the language interpretation in our District, but has imported those policies and procedures state-wide.

Jenni was nominated as Court Employee of the Year because she exemplifies the dedication and devotion to the Judicial Branch to which all Judicial Department employees should aspire.

The nomination was submitted by 18th Judicial District Court Judge John L. Wheeler

Colorado Mesa University –Lee Schmalz, General Professional II, Department of Human Resources

Lee began her career at Colorado Mesa University in Human Resources as an Administrative Assistant I in 2001. During her time at CMU, she accepted and succeeded at many professional challenges, and was promoted to Technician II, and ultimately to her current position of General Professional II. This year she successfully completed the Selection portion of the Personnel Certification Program.

Lee achieved this despite serious personal challenges. In 2005, Lee was diagnosed with breast cancer. Following treatment we celebrated her "cancer-free" diagnosis, but the celebration was relatively short-lived.

In September 2011, the cancer had returned and metastasized to her brain. Lee had brain surgery, followed by a month of whole-brain radiation. She is again cancer free. She has found that throughout diagnoses and treatments, it is most important to keep a "sense of humor!"

For her continued contributions to Colorado Mesa University, Lee Schmalz deserves our admiration and appreciation.

Community College of Aurora – Jamme Gonzales, Pipe/Mechanical Trades II, Facilities Department

Jamme is recognized by his peers as one that gets the job done! His positive, can-do attitude and high work ethic have not gone unnoticed. As a result, Jamme was awarded the 2012 Classified Employee of the Year Award. See what one employee had to say about Jamme:

What would we do without Jamme? HVAC problems – call Jamme; plumbing issues – it’s Jamme. Need bulbs replaced? Pictures hung? Jamme will coordinate that too! This man is probably one of the most under-appreciated, over-worked people I know! He does a good job, not just for the pay check, but because he has an outstanding work ethic. We need more team players like Jamme. He’s on the ball and gets things done in a professional way. I’m astounded at his wealth of knowledge!

Jamme is multi-talented. He’s definitely one of the key players in making this campus flow. He’s wonderful to work with.

Community College of Denver – Jackie Barton, Administrative Assistant III, Center for Languages, Arts and Behavioral Science (LABS)

Jackie is a model of dedication, good humor and care. LABS is a complex center which has been living through a difficult transition lately. The loss of the previous office manager and a Dean left a gaping hole in a complex and fast moving center. While the college worked to respond to these losses, Jackie did a remarkable job of stepping up and taking on far more responsibility than was technically required of her. She solved problems, made sure things were done properly and accurately, and helped the center immensely - all of the time not complaining but simply get the job done. Jackie does good work beyond the center as well, where she has served on multiple committees, especially taking the role of head of Classified Council as well as working to plan CCD’s employee celebrations. She richly deserves this recognition.

Department of Agriculture – Jenifer Gurr, Chief Administrative Officer

Jenifer Gurr has taken on the responsibilities of the day to day operations of the Department of Agriculture as Chief Administrative Officer. She also assumed additional responsibilities due to staff shortages within the Commissioner’s office. At all times she continues to perform at the highest levels demonstrating selfless dedication and exceptional leadership to the Department and the State of Colorado. Her performance over and above the call of duty on a constant basis, and helping reorganize the Commissioner’s office into a more efficient operation allows us to deliver superior service to our customers in a more effective manner. Jenifer has served the Department and the State with honor and distinction and it is with the greatest of enthusiasm that we recommend Jenifer Gurr for recognition during Public Service Week.

Department of Corrections – Naeemah Yarber, Administrative Assistant III

Naeemah Yarber can be depended upon to act professionally and appropriately in any situation.

She embodies the values outlined in our Staff Code of Conduct. Ny demonstrates reliability and honesty in her relationships and is always willing to help others. She is a very versatile, flexible and capable worker who is highly respected by her peers. Naeemah became known throughout the Division and Department as the "go to" person for Interstate Compact matters and information, and therefore has been given the responsibility of training new staff. She is highly dependable and responsible and her actions convey the highest standards. Naeemah is referred to as "Queen Ny" by many of her peers. Although this is all in fun, it does reflect the esteem she is held in by everyone she works with.

Department of Education – Dana Scott, State Coordinator for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth

This has been a banner year for Dana. She has made an impact by bringing national recognition to Colorado for her effectiveness and leadership on matters that impact students experiencing homelessness.

Dana was one of three people selected to present on the “Framework to End Youth Homelessness” to the US Interagency Council on Homelessness. At this event in Washington, D.C., she represented Colorado in a dialogue with members of the Obama administration, including Education Secretary Arne Duncan, HUD Secretary Sean Donovan, and Secretary Sebelius.

Dana has a proven track record of superior public service to students, families and communities. This was most evident when the wildfires hit Colorado last summer. She was quick to communicate with all district homeless liaisons in the impacted areas. She provided resource information and accessed assistance from the National Center for Homeless Education to respond to questions and resolve emergency situations.

Department of Health Care Policy & Financing – Marc Williams, Communications Specialist

Marc has been a huge asset to the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing. His experience in multiple communications roles has allowed him to provide invaluable counsel and assistance. For example, Marc pitched in and stayed late to help prepare for a large press event when the Department and Governor Hickenlooper were announcing the expansion of Medicaid. Marc provides critical support to HCPF team members. His background in television news allows him to provide important feedback to staff when they are practicing their interview skills. Marc is willing to jump in to any project and handles every assignment with professionalism. His focus on internal department communication will ensure the success of our ongoing and future efforts to improve the engagement of our employees.

Department of Higher Education – Beth Bean, Ph.D., Assistant Deputy Director for Research and Information

Dr. Bean has directed the Department of Higher Education’s research and information management division for three years. During this time she implemented some of the state’s most important data initiatives, including matching the state’s higher education records with those from the K-12 system and the Department of Labor. In part, as a result of her efforts (and ever-increasing responsibilities), Colorado is one of very few states with the capacity to analyze education systems from the time students enter the system to the time they graduate and enter the workforce.

During her tenure, Dr. Bean’s division tripled in size, largely because of the Department of Higher Education’s success in attracting major grants from national foundations. Most important, Dr. Bean is an exceedingly cheerful and selfless team member. Her perpetually sunny outlook and “can-do” attitude are examples of competent confidence that all Department staff appreciate and emulate.

Department of Human Services – Katie Griego - Policy and Regulations Coordinator for the Office of Economic Security - Colorado Works Program

The Department of Human Services is pleased to announce Katie Griego as its 2013 honoree.

After extensive research and interviews with county staff, Katie identified a major obstacle preventing the Department and our county partners from achieving maximum efficiency - Monthly Status Reports (MSR’s). Katie formed a workgroup to address the issues, advocated tirelessly for change and ultimately helped lead the Department to the elimination of these burdensome reports. This change will positively affect county staff, and Coloradans who utilize these services.

Katie not only exemplifies an outstanding public servant, but she regularly demonstrates many of the Department’s values in her daily work. The Department is proud to have such a dedicated and talented employee and congratulates Katie on her outstanding efforts over the past year.

Department of Labor & Employment – Daniel Wolfe, Labor & Employment Specialist II

Daniel is a Labor & Employment Specialist II in our Unemployment Insurance Division. He was recognized for not one, but *two* Employee of the Quarter nominations. Daniel made a significant process improvement contribution to the Unemployment Insurance Division by conceptualizing, creating, testing, implementing and enhancing the Timely Workflow Issue Notification System, known as TWINS. This system has had a tremendous impact on many UI employees because it evenly assigns work and serves as the main reporting tool to monitor workload, attendance and productivity. His contribution also eliminated countless hours of work and reduced paper, printing and supply costs. This new paperless system has not only been a process improvement but has also helped boost the morale for many of our employees.

Daniel's efforts and contributions support our department’s strategic initiatives and his dedication and commitment are exemplary of our values and vision - *Quality and Excellence in all we do.*

Department of Law – Cindy Widdowson, IT Professional II

Cindy has worked with the DOL for 34 years and has been a dedicated and reliable employee. As you can imagine, over a 34 year period, Cindy has held many roles in various units within the department in both line staff and supervisory positions. Her dedication and work ethic have contributed to the advancement, effectiveness and efficiency of the department through her decades of service and institutional knowledge. Cindy has been involved and instrumental in many important projects including working with her eLaw team on some very high profile cases that DOL has managed. Additionally, she has trained many of the staff at DOL, both IT staff and legal staff, in software applications and eLaw processes and procedures. Cindy exemplifies the quality of public servants that have the honor of serving the people of Colorado.

Department of Local Affairs – Don Merrion, Financial Analyst, Division of Local Government

Don has worked for the Division of Local Government for 20 years and prior to his position here worked for the Colorado Tourism Commission for another 6 years. Don has worked in local government financial analysis over this time and has been integral to the analysis and work in developing the financial compendium, budget comparison reports, designing surveys to solicit valuable input from both internal and local government clients, and providing information for any request that comes his way.

Don is always armed with a cup of coffee, a smile and a positive attitude. He always has time to help a colleague, lend an ear, have a chat, or tell a joke (sometimes all at once). Don is always willing to share his suggestions and ideas freely with anyone who comes to him, and gives critical and thoughtful advice to members throughout the Division and the Department.

Department of Military & Veterans Affairs – John Masson - General Professional IV, Combat Arms Training & Maintenance Supervisor

Mr. Masson was assigned the monumental task of scheduling, conducting, and tracking the weapons qualifications for nearly three hundred 140th Wing personnel deploying. This task included numerous remedial qualifications which entail a class and a re-fire of the qualification course that involves new, advanced weapons qualification standards that had a historical failure rate of 60-70% in the past year.

Despite these obstacles, Mr. Masson delivered a failure/requalification rate well below the previous year's 10-15% failure rate - with an overall 99.8% requalification rate. This success resulted in a savings in ammunition costs of approximately \$8,500. Mr. Masson accomplished this while keeping impeccable records.

This responsibility has never before been undertaken by a single individual, ahead of schedule, and above the Air Force standard, while cutting costs. This required significant personal time and exhibits his dedication, creativity, innovation, effective stewardship, agility, public responsibility and citizenship, and fiscal awareness.

Department of Natural Resources – Larry Butterfield, Park Manager at Lory State Park

Last summer the High Park fire coursed over Lory State Park creating the challenge of immediately protecting the remaining resources; With few resources to work with he coordinated with Northern Water Conservancy and the Natural Resources Conservation Service an immediate plan to fund and implement stabilization and reclamation efforts to protect the remainder of the park and waterways. He didn't wait to be told - he just acted.

He similarly acted this past spring when another fire ignited in the Park. As the first to respond Larry acted as the Incident Commander until more qualified personnel responded. He found many park visitors isolated by the fire, gathered them and escorted them out one by one through the fire. He is directly responsible for protecting the park and its visitors from serious peril. Were it not for Larry's actions, the State and its visitors may have seen a completely different scenario.

Department of Personnel & Administration – Theresa Stephens, Central Collections, Accountant I

Theresa exceeds all expectations with her work and her contributions in the Central Collections team. She has taken on administrative responsibility for the Treasury offset program, State offset program and all in-house payments. Due to program changes her workload quadrupled in volume during the Offset season. February 2013 payments alone neared \$8,000,000. This exceeded the prior monthly record by a staggering \$6,000,000. Theresa does whatever it takes to process the additional volume with a wonderful attitude.

When it was vacated Theresa stepped into the Legal Liaison position without being asked and took over those responsibilities. She also was the driving force behind the Checks Ten system allowing next day clearing of checks received in-house.

The State of Colorado should be proud to have employees as dedicated as Theresa. Even with her increased workload she still takes the time to patiently assist other agencies as well as taxpayers.

Department of Public Health & Environment – Alyson Shupe, PhD, MSW; Chief, Health Statistics Section Center for Health & Environmental Information and Statistics

Alyson Shupe is well-known for her scientific decision-making, integrity, insight, engaging speaking style, and effective data collection and analysis. She has been influential in planning and implementing many projects of the 2008 Public Health Act. She is dedicated to the process of ensuring all Coloradans have equal access to achieve their health potential and equal access to health and environmental decision-making processes.

She helped facilitate stakeholder meetings across the State to develop the 2009 Public Health Improvement Plan. Alyson has a significant role in developing CDPHE's strategic plan and strategic map, and led the efforts on Winnable Battles. She helped with community members

surveys for the Fiscal Standardization Project, and led focus groups for the Employee Engagement Survey that helped generate ideas to improve retention. Alyson's facilitation skills, expertise in collecting and using data to inform decision-making have been vitally important and far-reaching, moving critical initiatives forward for Colorado.

Department of Public Safety – Tony Tilger, Victim Compensation Administrator, Office for Victims Programs, Division of Criminal Justice

On July 20, 2012 the Aurora community was shocked by the shooting at the Century 21 Theater. In that tragedy twelve people died, over 60 people were injured and the community was in crisis.

Tony worked with the Aurora community to initiate a federal grant on behalf of the agencies that responded to the shooting. Through his efforts, in collaboration with other agencies, the grant was submitted to the U.S. Department of Justice to help address the extensive costs that were involved, and to help the victims of that tragedy. Through his tireless efforts Colorado received \$1.3 million in grant funding to help the Aurora victims, and the Aurora community, heal. Work continues as he helps administer the grant and collaborates with the numerous agencies involved in the healing process, including the City of Aurora, Colorado Organization for Victim Assistance (COVA), Aurora Mental Health, and the District Attorney's Office.

Department of Regulatory Affairs – Cliff Hinson, Criminal Investigator III, Public Utilities Commission

Cliff has led the effort to bring about real change and improvement to the PUC's Transportation section. In a relatively short period of time he established a formal training program for new investigators, re-established performance standards and consulted with PUC counsel to develop a more formal and consistent approach to case preparation and settlement negotiation. Cliff provides staff with exceptional training and creates a positive environment. Performance of his unit as a whole has skyrocketed. Team members are conducting more inspections and investigations, appropriate actions are being taken, and the cases are being closed more efficiently.

Cliff proactively reaches out to public service institutions such as Better Business Bureaus and law enforcement agencies around the state developing new, positive working relations. These combined efforts have resulted in the successful prosecution of criminals conducting illegal activity under the guise of a PUC permit, which never has been done before.

Department of Revenue – Michelle Bauman, Office Manager, Enforcement, Medical Marijuana Division

Michelle is the Office Manager for the Medical Marijuana Division of the Department of Revenue. Since 2010 she has efficiently and effectively managed a heavy workload with limited resources since the inception of the medical marijuana division. Michelle supervised the unit that processed over 5,000 occupational licenses and worked extra hours to manage the high level of work and the associated staff, to ensure services were delivered as timely as possible.

Michelle is a professional and approachable resource for internal staff and members of the marijuana industry relative to licensing requirements. She played a critical role in the development and implementation of the “My License Office” records management system, and continues to monitor the effective use of the system. She displays a positive attitude and places a high priority on an elegant experience for staff, peers, and industry stakeholders.

Department of Transportation – Jeff Mondragon, Transportation Maintenance Worker 1 (temporary)

Jeff Mondragon is a temporary CDOT employee stationed on LaManga Pass who went above and beyond the call of duty when he saved a woman's life. A 53-year old woman drove off the side of the road and down a steep embankment on La Manga Pass (SH 17) during a snowstorm back in February. Instead of ignoring something unusual, Jeff stopped when he noticed what looked like a car down the steep embankment. The woman he found in the vehicle was in critical condition, unresponsive, and suffering from hypothermia. Jeff and two other public employees - off-duty trooper Brent Gilleland and technician Garth Crowther, assisted in her rescue. They got blankets and started the car and stayed with the driver. The driver eventually was transported by air to a Denver Metro hospital and fully recovered. This truly is an example of public employees taking heroic actions beyond regular job duties.

Governor's Office - Karla Maraccini - Director of Community Partnerships

As Director of Community Partnerships, Karla Maraccini personifies the three E's: Efficiency, Effectiveness, and Elegance. Over the last year, Colorado has suffered immense tragedy. During this time, she exemplified unparalleled character through her gentle management style and commitment to both serving tirelessly and compassionately. Her elegant handling of inelegant circumstances is demonstrated by her selfless contributions to others in their times of need.

Karla's work serving others cannot be quantified nor qualified; however, it can be seen in her countless hours serving as an advocate for victims where she matched Coloradans with services, helped to create and manage victim relief funds, and provided a comforting word and an eager ear to those in need.

Jamie Van Leeuwen, Deputy Chief of Staff says, "Colorado is fortunate to have a public servant who exhibits the compassion and commitment that Karla demonstrates every day in making this a great state."

Governor's Office of Information Technology – Randy Mitchell, Support Maintenance Supervisor - DTR Tech Support

At OIT, employees were asked to nominate their peers to the Executive Leadership team for final selection. This is what one peer had to say:

Randy is probably the hardest working guy in the state. He handles all of our Digital Trunked Radio System site issues. This includes building structural issues, backup generators, air conditioners, grounding and towers. He works with contracting on new and replacement towers and oversees the construction of new towers. He also oversees the repair and maintenance of our SnoCat fleet and handles major repairs of them. In his spare time, he even drags out old broken computer monitors and fixes them. Randy is always there to help out anyone with any problem at any time. I have even seen Randy climb towers in the dark in a rain storm to get something back in operation. Without Randy, the state would be in big trouble.

Morgan Community College – Annette Lebsock, Accounting Technician II, Morgan Community College Accounting

Annette Lebsock, Accounting Technician, has been announced as Morgan Community College's (MCC) Classified Employee of the year. According to her colleagues, "Annette takes a lot of pride in her job and the College. She is always willing to speak up to ask questions or offer ideas that may benefit the College." Lebsock has been at MCC for three years. "Annette has become very self-sufficient in her Accounts Payable duties at the College. She has streamlined processes, is always very accurate, and she ensures that staff follows correct procedures in order to keep the College in compliance," says Controller Tracy Schneider. "She will do whatever she can to help others out and is a real team player," adds Assistant Controller Michelle Uhrick.

Northeastern Junior College - Jessica Buckmaster, Administrative Assistant II, Extended Studies Department

In addition to her duties as an administrative assistant, Jessica also oversees facilities-use scheduling for the entire campus. Jessica began her employment as a work study student in 2007 and was hired full time in 2008. She earned her associates at NJC and went on to earn a bachelor's degree from Colorado Christian University through its onsite program. A great team player, Jessica oversees her areas meticulously, even finding time to occasionally teach a class as an adjunct instructor. A bright and cheerful personality puts her internal and external customers immediately at ease. Her ability to juggle multiple tasks with her positive and inspiring attitude makes her a favorite on campus.

Office of the State Auditor – Reed Larsen - Legislative Audit Independent Contributor

Reed has been a great asset to the IT audit team and the OSA. During his time with the OSA, he has demonstrated strong analytical, technical, quantitative, interpersonal, and auditing skills. Reed is always willing to go the extra mile with his IT team, or anyone else in the office. In his current role as Legislative Audit Independent Contributor, Reed has been able to work independently, use professional skepticism, and make good decisions during his audit-related engagements. Prior to this, in his role as IT Support Specialist, Reed was instrumental in acting as the liaison between the OSA and LIS in coordinating IT support and services. We are proud of Reed and his contributions to OSA.

Pikes Peak Community College - Linda Bolling, Library Technician II, Library Department

Linda is a Library Tech II at Pikes Peak Community College. She has been at PPCC for over 15 years, starting as a student staff. Linda is a great employee but above all she is a phenomenal advocate for PPCC students and staff. Her first priority is always making everyone feel welcome. Linda has served on various committees throughout the years. She is a diligent worker who is always dependable, kind, and above all smiling. She loves her job at PPCC because she is able to connect with a variety of people. She is the epitome of what PPCC strives to accomplish, and that is to connect with everyone who walks through the door. Linda deserves this award because of her smiling disposition and open heart to help all those in need. She is a true ‘people person’.

Pueblo Community College – Dr. Lana Carter, Executive Dean/Dean of Arts & Sciences

Dr. Lana Carter is the steady unifying force holding together the academic needs of PCC. Serving as Chief Academic Officer providing academic oversight for instructional affairs, Dr. Carter also oversees the Arts & Sciences Division (including the Learning Center, Library, and Virtual Campus), and actively participates on the CCCS Vice Presidents Council. Valuing people, she instituted a part-time instructor of the month recognition, ensuring faculty receives acclaim for their excellent teaching and each year organizes an event to celebrate outstanding students in Arts & Sciences. Dr. Carter enthusiastically serves as a mentor to new Deans, department chairs, and faculty across the College’s divisions and campuses. She continues to lead creative and energetic college-wide initiatives, such as *i-Grad* basic skills redesign and *ArtWorks*, PCC Year of the Arts designation. Always open to creative and new proposals, Dr. Carter is also an inspired speaker, presenting at education and community venues around Colorado.

University of Northern Colorado - Vicky Stromberger, Licensure Officer, School of Teacher Education, College of Education & Behavioral Sciences

Vicky’s primary duties are critical to ensuring that teacher candidates receive their licensure through the Colorado Department of Education (CDE), an obviously vital effort to help our graduates get jobs! She is the primary liaison between UNC, the Colorado Department of Education, and countless school districts throughout the nation. Her dedication to our students is

second to none; she advises students, reviews transcripts, and provides guidance for students about their progress and what still needs to be done prior to graduation. She even identifies job prospects through participation with UNC's annual Teacher Fair. Taking her knowledge "on the road," Vicky travels to help the University recruit students into our programs. She processes student requests very quickly – she is fully aware of the importance of her accuracy and speed in her work and she certainly meets the highest standards in those areas.

Secretary of State - Vicky Stecklein, Statewide Voter Registration Manager

Vicky brings dedication, hard work, and unparalleled expertise to her position as Statewide Voter Registration Manager. Colorado elections are complex, and technological solutions have created the need for robust technical support for county clerks and their staff. Vicky manages the program that provides this support. She relies on her experience having worked in a county clerk's office and seven years experience in the Secretary of State's office to provide top-notch, round-the-clock support for clerks and staff. She heads a team that exemplifies public service in their dedication to the integrity of elections in Colorado. Vicky sets a tone for her team with customer service that would be exemplary in any industry.

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