BEAR Day
Brown Employee Appreciation and Recognition Day
A celebration of excellence and service at Brown University!
February 22, 2016 | Salomon Center
Program

Welcome
Barbara Chernow

Bear Day Video Presentation

President’s Remarks
Christina Paxson

Service Award Recognition

Excellence Award Presentations

Advancement Chorus
Dorcey Baker
Rebecca Bliss
David Coon
Ashley Goethals
Lisa Griffin
Jan Hatfield
Carole Johnston
Melissa Kimmell
Greg Ladas
Myra Liwanag
Michelle Lough
Maren Nelson
Matt Rizzo
Tammie Ruda
Rachel Spaulding
Laura Sullivan

Reception immediately following in Sayles Hall
Kris Cambra
Director, BioMedical Communications
Bio Med - Medical Affairs

Kris Cambra spearheaded an effort to create rotating art exhibits in the Alpert Medical School. When medical students expressed a desire for artwork in their “intellectual home,” Kris sought artists whose work was relevant to medical education or related to the doctor/patient experience. The first exhibit, *Only in a Woman*, displayed images created by an ob/gyn from clinical slides. *Beyond the Diagnosis* attracted media attention for focusing on local people with rare diseases. And, stunning photos of toxic plants were displayed in the *Beauty in the Garden* exhibit. The medical students opened their own exhibit last May featuring their work and the works of others in the medical community. Kris coordinated logistics with the artists, publicized the exhibits at Brown and to the larger community, and played the role of curator in deciding which pieces to hang and where. More importantly, she brought inspiration and beauty to the Alpert Medical School building, opened the school to the community, and gave artists a platform to share their work. The exhibitions are a creative outlet for the student body as well as the staff and faculty who work in the building every day. And, by building relationships with local and national artists, Kris is communicating the mission and values of both the Alpert Medical School and Brown University in new and exciting ways.

Allyson Brathwaite Gardner
Psychotherapist
Counseling & Psychological Services

Allyson Brathwaite Gardner is a leader on Brown’s campus and in the New England area in promoting cultural competency in the mental health field. On campus, she designed a culturally competent care training series for Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) staff on diversity issues that impact the mental health of the students they serve. Currently working with other University partners, there are plans to share this robust series with the larger University audience. Off campus, she provides various workshops and trainings in the community and teaches at the University of Rhode Island. As a supportive and understanding colleague, Allyson’s knowledge of diversity issues coupled with her calm, open, and empathic delivery have helped CAPS staff become aware of their own biases. She not only performs her psychotherapy duties with professionalism and compassion, but she goes above and beyond in her efforts to assist students, staff, and the University community as they grapple with complex diversity issues. She is often called on to provide leadership in promoting an inclusive environment on campus. The focused University support and Allyson’s consciousness raising and skill building series have demonstrated that units within Brown do have the capacity for transformative work that results in greater support toward efforts of diversity and inclusion.
Kisa Takesue ‘88
Director, Leadership Programs
School of Professional Studies

Throughout her career at Brown, Kisa Takesue ‘88 has integrated diversity in all her work. As an undergraduate, she protested for racial justice and divestment. As an alumnus, she helped establish the Asian/Asian American Alumni Alliance. As a dean, she expanded support programs for students of color, international students, and first-generation college students. And, as a community member, she served on the Board of Directors for Youth In Action. In her current role as Director of Leadership Programs in the School of Professional Studies, Kisa continues to put social justice at the forefront with the significant improvements she made in the Summer Leadership Institute. She redesigned her diversity training session to incorporate identity development and intersectionality. Always mindful of class dynamics, she noticed disparities between middle-class/wealthy students and low-income students and responded by expanding co-curricular workshops to include dialogues on socio-economic status and first-generation college experiences. Finally, when recruiting teachers and leader fellows, she actively sought scholars and students of various backgrounds, disciplines, and lived experiences. Rather than being color-blind, she is color-conscious and, in many ways, Kisa epitomizes *Ever True*.

Student & Employee Accessibility Services Team
Jonathan Corey, Assistant Director
Stephanie Davies, Associate Director
Karol Gaitan, Coordinator
Erin Karalekas, Administrative Coordinator

Growing numbers of students and expanding School of Professional Studies (SPS) programs have brought in record enrollments to Brown University. Despite these burgeoning numbers and their associated challenges, the Student & Employee Accessibility Services (SEAS) staff rose to the occasion, providing support and services in a thorough, effective, and timely way. The SEAS Team made a positive impact on student accessibility with four major accomplishments this past year: 1) working collaboratively with SPS to improve communication and streamline systems to meet student needs; 2) researching and presenting *The History of Disability at Brown* as part of the 250th celebration; 3) starting an SEAS mentoring program to fill a gap in student support; and 4) managing a major technological shift to better coordinate academic accommodations through database modules. The team’s effective management has increased student access for support and faculty access to information. The staff also embraced a change in the front area staffing and a greater reliance on graduate student support requiring an increased level of student worker supervision. The team took on these new roles and training responsibilities willingly, even though the initial steps required more time. With little to no downtime, this team planned and made needed changes happen effectively. The Office of Student Life thanks the SEAS Team for their dedication and commitment to increasing awareness and accessibility for Brown students and employees.
EXCELLENCE AWARD FOR EFFICIENCY

Linda Sutherland  
Fellowship Program Coordinator  
Dean of the College

Linda Sutherland helped transform the prestigious fellowships program, a program that affords Brown a national and international reputation. By streamlining many administrative tasks central to its efficient running, she saved money, time, and staff resources in the Dean of the College (DOC). Linda created an online application system for fellowship applicants that allowed students to apply for fellowships more easily and for faculty reviewers to access their applications online. She also taught herself to design and produce DOC marketing materials in-house, saving the department hundreds of dollars. In addition to these contributions, Linda continues to make the fellowship program more effective and efficient every day. Whether it is surveying a large number of faculty committee members about their availability, sending reminder messages to student applicants for the Fulbright fellowship, or planning and executing impressive events flawlessly and within budget, Linda carefully thinks through the best way to approach the job at hand. When presented with a vague idea for a new program, Linda embraces the challenge, chews it in her mind, and comes up with an efficient, workable approach to getting it done. Linda’s contributions to the program are invaluable and have positively impacted advising for students and faculty advisors alike. The results of her immense service are reflected in the success of the fellowship program overall.

EXCELLENCE AWARD FOR INNOVATION

Margaret Manning ’96  
Research Development Program Manager  
Office of the VP-Research

As the Research Development Program Manager, Margaret Manning ’96 manages Internal Opportunities (Seed and Salomon Grants) as well as Limited Opportunities from external sponsors within the Office of the Vice President for Research (OVPR). In prior years, these tasks were handled off-line, meaning everything was tracked manually using spreadsheets and to-do lists, and it was managed with good old fashioned grit and determination to get it done. Last year, Margaret had a brainstorm...why, she casually mentioned at a team meeting, couldn’t she use an already existing application - UFUNDS - to better and more efficiently manage these internal opportunities? And so, with the support of the Director of Research Development, Margaret launched UFUNDS for OVPR Internal Opportunities to much acclaim and support from Brown University faculty. This online internal submission process has made it easier for faculty to submit their applications and for reviewers to review these applications. Passionate about the University, Margaret is committed to getting the most relevant information in the timeliest manner to the faculty, enabling them to focus more on their students and research. Margaret epitomizes the quintessential Brown employee - she is loyal, hard-working, innovative, and, perhaps most importantly, practices her love for Brown each and every day!
Since starting in the newly created men’s health coordinator position in Health Services in the fall of 2014, Marc Peters has had a widespread impact on our campus community. Presenting to groups ranging from the Frisbee team to the Brown Daily Herald, participation doubled in the Sexual Assault Peer Education program under his leadership. Through effective relationship building, Marc established and maintained ongoing outreach and education with Greek letter organizations and athletic teams. For example, Marc developed and presented an awareness program on healthy masculinity for the Brown football team that included bimonthly workshops for the entire roster and biweekly meetings for peer leaders. He also developed tailored presentations for Men’s Lacrosse, Men’s Crew and two fraternities. His work contributed greatly to enhancing a positive team and group culture. In addition, this year Marc launched two new initiatives to reach male-identified students: 1) the Men’s Story Project, which addressed issues of masculinity; and 2) weekly meetings of Men Talking, a support group for men at Brown, and a group he founded and co-facilitates with a counselor from Counseling and Psychological Services. It is challenging to be the first person in a new position, but through Marc’s collaboration and outreach, he has become a well-respected and admired member of the Brown community.

EXCELLENCE AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP

The 2014-15 year was an extraordinary one for the Office of Financial Aid (OFA). And, thanks to the leadership of Susan Farnum, the department achieved its designated goals and completed incoming and returning student processing despite being short staffed. After the sudden death of a staff member who played a key service role, Sue assisted OFA colleagues through the grieving process and kept them motivated to complete their work. In addition, when two assistant directors left Brown, OFA was short staffed for the first time in over eight years. As a result, the staff was required to work overtime to complete the necessary file reading by mid-June. Sue led by example and was the first to sign up for weekend hours and her staff followed willingly. An exceptional and collaborative manager, Sue knew just how much to push the staff and understood the importance of cultivating an environment where they were encouraged to find the correct work/life balance. Sue also led OFA in implementing changes made to Brown’s financial aid program based on President Paxson’s new initiatives for aided international students and aided undergraduates who come from divorced or separated families. Sue created new procedures and worked diligently with her staff to implement the changes. And, those changes will have a lasting impact on Brown University students.
Africana Studies Team
Karen Baxter, Managing Director
Deborah Bowen, Academic
Department Manager
Diagneris Garcia, Administrative Coordinator
Alonzo Jones, Technical Director

Over the last two years, the Africana Studies Team has contributed immeasurably to raising the level of outreach, improving the quality of communication, and enhancing the department profile within and outside Brown. Together, they've provided stellar leadership by any definition. Karen Baxter contributed to strengthening the outreach of Africana through new plays and curated exhibitions including Heart to Heart, Reframing Haiti, and The Art of Mali Olatunji. All programming was oriented toward portraying and critically exploring the social, medical, and political histories of African Americans and Africans in the Diaspora. Deb Bowen effectively managed the department in a period of rapid staff transitions, led the efficient conversion to new reporting systems, administered four successful tenure cases, and contributed toward transforming the culture of communication in Africana. Neri Garcia used her undoubted skills in social media to enhance communication within the department and magnify outreach to its various communities. Alonzo Jones acquired/borrowed scarce equipment from across the University so Rites and Reason productions would not be severely hampered. He voluntarily gave his time to work with Theatre Arts & Performance Studies on many of their productions, helping to foster an excellent working relationship between these two theater entities at Brown. These are not only individual successes, but evidence of an effective team, which has worked together with an unprecedented degree of collegiality.

EXCELLENCE AWARD FOR RISING STAR

Darcy Pinkerton
Development Associate
Advancement-Corporate & Foundation Relations

In her first 1½ years at Brown University, Darcy Pinkerton made an immediate and significant impact on School of Public Health (SPH) fundraising and engagement efforts. Beyond the administrative functions she performs so expertly, Darcy is now the team lead for efforts related to both the Annual Fund and stewardship activities, requiring little to no supervision as she works effectively with Advancement and SPH colleagues. Some of her accomplishments include leading the effort to create an annual solicitation schedule for SPH Annual Fund activities; creating a system for her stewardship colleagues to have readily available key information for stewarding the School's top donors; and taking on a leadership role with the Public Health Advisory Council. Beyond her notable contributions to the School of Public Health, Darcy also lends her talents to Foundation Relations activities. In addition to proposal drafting, she helps review and edit a comprehensive giving summary presented by President Paxson to Brown’s top donors. Darcy is pro-active, thoughtful, detail oriented, and a true team player. She consistently delivers the highest quality work, and she is poised to achieve even more in the coming years. Congratulations from your SPH and Advancement colleagues for all you do for Brown University!
Kyle Sloane demonstrated a strong commitment to CIS’ cross-roles approach to service delivery since he joined Brown just two years ago. While he is responsible for systems, he also contributes to the delivery of services across the campus in whatever way is needed. Without hesitation, he will hold a camera, lead an assessment, consult with faculty, or support classroom technology. Kyle has the unique ability to communicate with clarity, confidence, and enthusiasm to both highly technical IT colleagues and those who are intimidated by technology. But, his greatest asset is his commitment to service. An accomplishment that most clearly illustrates this was the flawless delivery of the first year reading for the 2018 incoming class, a documentary film delivered online. In the past, the software solution used to deliver films had been unreliable. Kyle played a key role in the quick migration to a new solution, and the documentary was viewed by 1,597 students without a single glitch! Kyle is also a huge asset to faculty and staff who depend on lecture capture for teaching and event recordings; moreover, he consults with those who wish to incorporate this capability, but are not aware of the full potential of the service. Kyle has quickly gained the trust of colleagues across the campus and has made Brown University shine in his short time here!

Rachel Lopes-Almeida was instrumental in keeping the administrative engine going forward throughout these processes and changes. With continual initiative, she handled the many complex administrative responsibilities assigned to her and did her work with professionalism, efficiency, and a sense of calmness critical to the collective spirits of the office. She is a strong advocate for students at all levels and introduces viewpoints in meetings that allow faculty to consider issues including diversity and student support. When a staff vacancy occurred, Rachel stepped up and assumed all the responsibilities and worked alongside the new associate dean for academic affairs to resolve issues needing immediate attention. She learned the job while doing the job! Meanwhile, Rachel continued to handle her own responsibilities as administrative coordinator, facing additional challenges with a new payroll process and the implementation of a new website with comprehensive information on faculty administrative processes in SPH. Throughout this stressful time, Rachel remained upbeat and the quality of her work continued to be exceptional. She’s a team player and a highly valued member of the dean’s office in the School of Public Health.
Sidalia Piriquito
Custodian II
Facilities Management

Both the Math and Judaic Studies departments shine brighter because of Sidalia Piriquito’s work ethic, attention to detail, and overall exceptional service. With Sidalia, it’s not enough that the plants are watered, the floors shine, and the carpets are stain free. It’s more about the pride she takes in her work to ensure that a clean department is a productive department. Sidalia goes beyond her responsibilities as a custodian because she knows that those little extras – like sharing the bounty of her garden or notifying department staff of a planned day off – make her customers feel special. Nothing escapes her notice, and no detail is too small for her attention. She is always dedicated to her job and starts every shift with a smile on her face and a friendly greeting for faculty, staff, and students. The staff in Math, Judaic Studies, and Facilities Management thank you, Sidalia, for setting such a high standard for cleanliness and organization in her work at Brown.

Thomas Shelton, Jr.
Security Officer
Public Safety

Officer Thomas Shelton is Public Safety’s “micro-level” crime prevention officer who focuses on the direct service and outreach efforts to faculty, staff, and students that promote crime prevention at Brown. His passion is connecting with constituents, and property theft prevention and community service are his two major activities. But, customer service is Tom’s greatest asset, and his efforts have contributed to a significant reduction in laptop thefts over the last year. He also conducts community policing and serves as a liaison to several special interest student groups. Here’s what one student had to say:

Most of my interactions with Officer Shelton have been extraordinarily memorable. Officer Shelton has always been someone that I know genuinely cares about how I am doing and never hesitates to take time out of his day to check on me. I’ve really appreciated his efforts to bridge the gap between the black male student population and DPS…by making an effort to come to anything that I’ve invited him to, and he even encourages his coworkers to come along. As a senior looking back on his college experience, I can honestly say that it has definitely been enhanced through the encouragement of Officer Shelton and, in my eyes, that is what service is all about.

Steve Tompkins
CIS
15 years of service

At Brown we say we are family, but on September 11, 2001, I found out how true that was. During my two year military activation, the University provided critical support to my wife, our 4-year old daughter, and me. The stress during that time was more than many can imagine. The reservist and his/her family do not live on bases where support is available. Knowing that Brown was behind us allowed me to focus on our mission and the safety of others. Sounds like “family” to me.

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Winter 2015. It was hard for most of us to imagine ever seeing green grass again. Thirty snow/ice storms, 84 inches of snow, 147 tons of salt, and 24 acres of parking lots and sidewalks that needed shoveling and/or plowing during the barrage of blizzards throughout January and February. When Rhode Island averages one blizzard every seven years, these numbers were even more compelling for the Grounds Team in Facilities Management. They faced extreme temperatures contributing to extraordinary ice buildup; numerous nights plowing, shoveling and removing snow for 12-14 hours at a time; and, just when they were finished with one blizzard, they started all over again with more storms and fierce weather conditions. But, throughout the winter, the team worked together closely to ensure Brown’s campus was safe for faculty, staff, and students. When spring arrived, they had little time to prepare the fields used for spring sports because those fields were buried under large quantities of snow. But every baseball and softball game was played on schedule, thanks to the extraordinary efforts of this crew. Through it all, they went about their work in a professional and efficient manner. They came in at all hours of the day and night and worked tirelessly to make the campus safe for us during that long, cold winter; and they ensured the grounds were scenic and well maintained during the long-awaited spring season. What they should be most proud of, however, is their commitment and dedication to the 240-acre landscape of Brown University.
Thank You,
BROWN GIVES Site Coordinators

The BROWN GIVES workplace campaign depends on volunteer site coordinators across campus to underscore the importance of giving to Brown’s charity partners, United Way of Rhode Island and The Fund for Community Progress. The funds they’ve raised have helped improve the quality of life for countless individuals and families throughout Rhode Island. Here are four ways BROWN GIVES donations have made a difference in 2015:

1. The Providence Corps offered a summer food program that provided 9,004 free, nutritious lunches to children in July and August 2015.

2. United Way’s Building Futures loan program allowed Rhode Islanders to apply for small loans to tackle overwhelming payments, get back on their feet, and improve their credit score.

3. The Samaritans of Rhode Island, a Fund for Community Progress member agency, partnered with Brown to raise awareness about suicide prevention. The club, Students for Samaritans, was formed with 32 student members who volunteer on a Crisis Hotline and 49 volunteers who organize SOS mental health awareness events on campus.

4. The Southern RI Volunteers (SRIV) delivered 4 bags of groceries each month to 40 senior homes throughout 2015. SRIV delivers food, helps the seniors put it away, and visits with them to ensure they are living safely in their own homes.

Programs like these would not have happened without the generosity of the Brown community and our 50 BROWN GIVES Site Coordinators. An essential component of Brown’s workplace campaign, this group worked tirelessly throughout the summer and fall to devise “fun-raising” strategies to increase awareness about the importance of giving.

You may have heard about Office Olympics, Trivia, Costume Cornhole, and Water Pong contests that pitted department staff against each other, in a spirit of competition and fun. Our site coordinators also appealed to their constituents’ taste buds by coordinating barbecues, pancake breakfasts, pizza parties, chili cook offs, soup lunches, candy sales, and bake sales that satisfied all those who were longing to eat and willing to donate! These events have done way more than just raise over $11,000 in the past two years. They’ve strengthened department relationships, built community spirit, and enhanced the importance of giving campus-wide.

A sincere thank you goes out to all Site Coordinators for volunteering their time, spreading the giving word, and making a difference in the lives of those Rhode Islanders who need Brown’s help the most.

Angel Hilliard & Kim Koper
BROWN GIVES Coordinators
In 1998, Brown’s senior administration approved creating a staff committee aimed at facilitating active and direct communication between University staff and then-President Gordon Gee. Hence, the Staff Advisory Committee (SAC) was born, and it included a group of Brown employees representing departments across the University. Now in its 18th year and renamed the Staff Advisory Council, hundreds of staff members have served in order to share their concerns, ideas, and insights about relevant work issues with the President and senior administration.

But that’s not all they do.

In an effort to encourage involvement and engagement at Brown, they promote campus-wide discussions through open meetings and forums, plan networking activities such as their popular Meet & Mingle series and Staff Holiday Party, and they collaborate with Brown departments to design professional development programming and initiatives for staff. Their work extends far beyond the Van Wickle Gates, however.

SAC often partners with non-profit organizations to sponsor charitable drives and volunteer opportunities to benefit the Rhode Island community. And, the Council will continue to identify new ways for staff to demonstrate Brown’s pledge to serving the Providence and Rhode Island communities. Through ongoing communication, robust programming, and thoughtful partnerships, SAC is committed to enhancing the working life for all staff at Brown University.

Thank you to our current SAC members for all you do for Brown staff.
Shannon Benjamin  
Biological Safety Officer  
Environmental Health & Safety

Emily Bruce  
Academic Department Manager  
Theatre Arts & Performance Studies

Michele Calnan  
Events Manager  
University Events & Conference Services

Tracey Cronin  
Manager, Bio Med Graduate Studies  
Bio Med Graduate Postdoc Affairs

Eric Ferrara  
Seminar & Programming Coordinator  
Chemistry

Gilbert Fontes  
Print Plant Manager  
Graphic Services

Donna Frazier  
Accounts Payable Specialist  
Controller

Jessica Garcia  
Finance/Billing Coordinator  
Computing & Information Services

Benjamin Garvin  
Grant/Contract Accountant II  
Office of Sponsored Projects

Janice Hebert  
Executive Assistant  
Facilities Management

Alexandra Karppinen  
Manager, Athletic Parents & Stewardship Advancement

Carol Leone  
Assistant to the VP-Research  
Office of the VP-Research

Liz Malone  
Entrepreneurship Coordinator  
Swearer Center

Anthony Mam  
Coordinator, First Year & Sophomore Programs  
Brown Center for Students of Color

Tracie Mederos  
Director, Finance & Enrollment Services  
School of Professional Studies

Michelle Monti  
Digital Media Specialist  
Web Communications

Chris Moore  
Lead Developer  
Computing & Information Services

Stephen Nelle, 2016 Co-Chair  
IACUC Manager  
Office of Research Integrity

Rebecca Palmer  
Administrative Coordinator  
Watson Institute

Stephanie Romano  
Senior Absence Specialist  
University Human Resources

Elizabeth Sandberg  
Executive Assistant  
Facilities Management

Joie Steele, 2016 Co-Chair  
Assistant Director, Robert Campus Center  
Student Activities
I worked in the Brown Bookstore from 1974-1975 and left to work at an orthopedic group in Wayland Square. When the Blizzard of ’78 hit I was let out early, but I couldn’t even make it up Angell Street. I walked to Store 24 to call my parents to let them know I couldn’t get home. Luckily, the Bookstore director saw me and convinced me to stay at the Bookstore. I got some essentials from the Campus Shop like soap and shampoo; since I already knew what needed to be done on the floor, I worked for my dinners, which the director provided for all of us. I slept on a cot in the women’s restroom and, three days later, my father sent a snowmobile to pick me up. After that Blizzard, I decided I wanted to come back to work at Brown: I can’t believe that was 38 years ago.

Patricia Squadrito
Cognitive, Linguistic & Psychological Sciences
38 years of service
30-Plus Years of Service

Nancy Adams
Chandra Alassah
Kevin Andrews
David Araujo
John Bazik
Gisela Belton
Lionel Bercovitch
Kathleen Billings
Andrew Bourgeois
Joan Boyles
Christopher Bull
Raymond Butti
Alan Cabral
Patricia Capece
Cynthia Capra
Kathleen Carlino
James Chapin
John Colarusso
William Collins
Paul Cormier
Ann D’Abrosca
Henrique DeBarros
Manuel DeMacedo
Linda Depalma
Peter DiCamillo
Sharon Dillon
Patricia Dumin
Timothy Empkie
John Eng-Wong

Leonard Erickson
Joseph Ferreira
Geneva Ferrell
Russell Fiore
Alan Flam
Mary-Ellen Flinn
Suzanne Flynn
Ronald Flynn
Thomas Forsberg
Jeffrey Fugere
John Geleney
Thierry Gentis
Linda Gesualdi
Diane Gregoire
Peter Harrington
Kenneth Harris
Carol Healey
Jeanne Hebert
Angela Hilliard
Jeffrey Hiris
Sheila Hogg
Arpiar Kaloustian
Linda Laliberte-Cote
Dennis Landis
Steven Lavoie
Linda Leal
John Lea
Beverly Ledbetter
Oke Lundin

Ronald Margolin
Richard Marshall
April Martin
Maria Martins
Lorraine Mazza
Gregory McCaughey
Gary McDole
Peggy Mercurio
Norma Messier
Samuel Mizer
Steven Monast
Patrick Mooney
Richard Morin
Norman Morse
James Moul
John Murphy
Susan Newbury
Carol Oliveira
John O’Shea
Eileen Palenchar
Katherine Patenaude
Andrew Pereira
Mark Perry
Deborah Peterson
Philias Pincince
Sue Prendergast
Patricia Putney
Jean Radican
Paul Rondina
30-Plus Years of Service continued

Robin Rose
Elaine Saklad
Maxim Salvas
Donald Schanck
Lisa Sheehan
Eric Shuman
Karen Sibley
Armanda Silva
Beverly Skillings
Debra Souza
Robert Sowah
Ebenezer Sowah
John Spadaro
Patricia Squadrito
Stephen St Jean
Matthew Troy
Virginia Twomey
Steven Vallot
Janice Viticone
Edward Wheeler
Gretchen Willis
Denise Wynne
Gretchen Yealy

30 Years of Service

Ronald Alves
Dorcas Baker
Karen Bouchard
Karen Chamberland
Diane Chouinard
Carol Cohen
Jean Couto
Donna Fanion
Philip Fernandes
James Harper
Julianne Ip
John Jennings
Yolanda Lamboy
Steven Lavallee
Barbara LePage
Jane McIlmail
Ellen Moreau
Jean Rainwater
Paul Shields
Kathryn Spicer
John Sullivan
Joanne Tandy
Olivier Varela
I was staffing an event recently and moving some cumbersome materials around, when I noticed a student helping out. I asked if he was a volunteer, and he responded, “Not really... I just saw that you guys needed help and so I jumped in.” After years of working off-campus, away from the students, I suddenly realized that it meant more to me than I knew to be at Brown - supporting a school that was helping such superb and promising examples of humanity achieve their full potential.

Todd Brault
Advancement
10 years of service
I met my husband, “The FedEx Guy”, on my first day of work at Brown 20 years ago. That is my most memorable experience, though all my days at Brown have been pretty good!

Jill Stewart
Center for Language Studies
20 years of service
2013 Excellence Award Winner
My first day at Brown (July 19, 2000), CareerLAB held a welcome breakfast for me. Having already worked in higher ed for a number years, I was wearing a tie. Two minutes into my first day, while eating my first CareerLAB bagel, my colleague, Bev Ehrich, pulled me aside and whispered in my ear, “Lose the tie, that’s not Brown.” She was trying to help me fit in, and I have always appreciated that!

Ron Foreman
CareerLAB
15 years of service
I feel so blessed to work for a place that feels like more than just a job. It’s a place I come to see friends who are like family to me.
In the same month I was hired by Brown, March 1995, my wife became pregnant with our first child. Our daughter has grown so much during all those years of my employment; she is now a sophomore concentrating in biology here at Brown. It’s no wonder she has such a deep connection with this University.

Taki Hiroi
Earth, Environmental & Planetary Science
20 years of service
5 Years of Service

Arman Adzhinyan
Florence Agyemang
Cesar Alarcon
James Amspacher
Pedro Andrade
Linda Angela
Paul Armas
Renee Arrowood
Denise Arver
Viveka Ayala-Heredia
Youssef Barhomi
Rose Barreira
Berta Barrientos
Judith Bentkover
Christina Bernier
Clifford Bonalewicz
Mathew Borton
Julie Braza
Joan Brazier
Joshua Burnett
Amy Cardone
Diane Carlin
Amy Carroll
Keith Catone
Bethany Cherms
Kelly Cleveland
Ryan Conlin
Tiffany Cordeiro
Jesse Coutu
Eric Crockett
Justina Cruz
Patrick Cusick
Erik DeAngelis
Delia Demers
Jacqueleen DeSisto
Jennifer DiTusa
Francisco Dos Santos
Kimberly Duguay
Hans Edwardsen
Elisio Evora
Sharon Ferreira
Aaron Fitzsenry
Michael Gallino
Jessica Garcia
Heather Giannillo
Nathaniel Gill
Kelleye Gilley
Philip Gloudemans
Melinda Golde
Andrea Goldstein
Randy Goulet
Patrick Greene
Sheila Haggerty
William Halacy
Jennifer Harris
Janice Hatfield
Charles Heaney
Frederick Holloway
Prima Hower
Mark Howison
Laura Kavanagh
Michele Khoury
Thomas Kiefer
William Lang
Jason Lawrence
Michael Leitao
Carol Leone
Jeanne Loewenstein
Patricia Lonardo
Jessica Mack
Jeffrey Magill
Rajesh Makineni
Matthew Margetta
Marco Martins
John Mazza
Michael McDade
Adam McGover
Kathryn McPhail
Melissa Medeiros
Joseph Meisel
Matthew Michaud
Meghan Miller
Magany Monteiro
Saara Moskowitz
Eileen Murphy
Fred Obeng-Ampofo
Barbara Oberkoetter
Robert Odoardi
David Orenstein
Thomas Padula
Jeanne Peck
Elly Peimer
Eric Pena
Gregory Picard
Devon Poeta
Erin Powrie
Gianluca Rendina
Barbara Reo
Stephanie Romano
Kayla Rosati
Angely Saldana
Raymond Sanchez
Joanne Schwendner
Margarita Shabashevich
Susan Silveira
Michele Smith
Samantha Smith
Steven Souza
Tim Springfield
Jane Squittiere
Pamela Swiatek
Allen Sylvia
Tatiana Taubin
Beatriz Tiburcio
Anne Turgeon
Quinton Turner
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Leslie Uhnak
Cogut Center for Humanities
10 years of service

Leslie Anne Uhnak, former academic programs coordinator at the Cogut Center, succumbed to cancer on October 8, 2015, surrounded by family and friends.

Over the years, Leslie shepherded more than 160 fellows—undergraduate, graduate, postdoc, and faculty—through their time at the Cogut Center: providing course support for our teaching faculty; holding the hands (sometimes literally) of nervous grad students about to present their dissertation chapters for group critique; making sure in ways big and small that everyone felt taken care of.

She had a famously sunny and generous disposition, always giving people a second (and third) chance to prove themselves worthy of the trust and faith she put in them. She loved nothing more than helping people, was unstinting with her time and talent, and happiest when she was problem solving.

If you were ever lucky enough to engage Leslie about her non-work interests, you quickly found out that her curiosity knew no bounds. Like me, Leslie was an extreme-weather geek, and we could talk endlessly about spaghetti model projections, millibars, and wind-speed. Our lunchtime conversations could (and did) range widely from discussing the etiology of rabies to exchanging recipes, from wildlife sightings to word origins to zombies and back again.

She is survived by her husband Ken, son John, daughter Kelsey, and cat Alexander. The best way to honor Leslie would be to channel her compassion and enthusiasm: adopt a shelter animal, take a class on something you think is beyond you, save an earthworm from getting squished, find the good in everyone, embrace whimsy on a daily basis.

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