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To: Economic Development Commission, Town of Coventry

From: Pamela Rochette, UConn Graduate Intern to the Town Manager

Subject: Employee Recognition Nomination Results

The Employee Recognition Program is an initiative to recognize the exceptional employees working in the Town of Coventry. The nomination period began on January 1, 2022 and ran through the end of February 2022. Both paper surveys and a google survey were made available to the public to nominate employees.

Attached to this memo are the nomination results with the three highlighted winners. Heather (Last name unknown) from Dunkin Donuts received first place and Kristina Russo from Courtside Nutrition and Nicole Irvine from M&J Bus Inc. tied for second place.

During the Economic Development Commission meeting on March 24, 2022, I would like to discuss how and when these three outstanding employees will be recognized by the town.

Thank you,

Pamela Rochette

Your contact information:		First Name	Last Name	Open-Ended Response	Open-Ended Responses
Name	Email Address				
Alyson Sintera	asintera57@gmail.com	Kristina	Russo	Courtside Nutrition	Kristina is all about bringing the community together over teas, shakes, book clubs, fit clubs, zoomba, and paint nights. She goes above and beyond and always has a smile on her face. Her passion for her business and this community knows no bounds.
Anne Burke	anneburke@msh.com	Erin	Kuczynski	Key Bank	Friendly & caring service on a regular basis. Erin always makes it a pleasure to do banking @ Key Bank.
Brian Murray	BrianMurray29@gmail.com	Todd	Penny	Town of Coventry	Todd was very helpful with us getting our foundation replaced and helping us ensure we had the proper drainage. He was very responsive and he even came over to our house during the process to check on the progress of the work.
Kelley M Barber	Barber_Kelley@yahoo.com	Todd	Penny	Town of Coventry	We had to have our foundation replaced. During the entire project, Todd was always very factual, fair, and responsive which was so helpful during the whole process. I am nominating my mother because I have first hand seen all the hard work she has put in over the past two years of Covid (and all the years before as well) as the school nurse at George Hersey Robertson Elementary School. She has put in countless extra hours to ensure the safety of the children and families and advise the other nurses in the district. She has gone above and beyond the call of her originally hired position, writing policy for the district and working on her time off on the weekends and long evening nights. She cares for the health of the children in her school and the district while making sure that they receive the quality education they deserve.
Hailey McKeever	mckeeverhailey@gmail.com	Therese	McKeever	Coventry Public Schools	She has truly gone above and beyond in her new role running the buses in Coventry. She has called me numerous times to let me know about bus charges. She has helped me out whenever I have bus questions and even reached out to me he bus driver to find out where he was on his route because my son was having issues before school and I didn't want him missing his bus. She is ALWAYS SO FRIENDLY AND HAPPY and brings calmness when us parents need it too. She definitely should be recognized for caring enough about our kids to make sure they don't miss their bus. She DOESNT act like not my kid not me problem She is a breath of fresh air.
Sandra Grenier	Sandymai17@yahoo.com	Nicole		M&J Bus	Strength in difficult times. Fighting cancer and still making a difference to our small start up.
Jeff Daigneault	jeffreyp1511@gmail.com	Carrie	Moore	Nathan Hale Farm and Feed LLC	As I'm sure you are aware, Heather is the bright and friendly voice behind your favorite Dunkin drive-through employee. She is exceptionally friendly, but also efficient. When you place an order with Heather, it is fast, easy and you know it will be correct. Simply said, she is the GOAT when it comes to fast food service!
Jennifer Riedel	jennilove@yaho.com	Heather		Dunkin	Heather is always delightful and nice to drink and I think she makes everyone's day!
Holly Gaspar	cessnaholly@hotmail.com	Louis	Unknown	Ups	Josh was an employee and now is the owner of Coventry Auto Sales and Service. He always displays knowledge, professional, and friendliness. His wife also works in town. Let's show a great local business our business!
Carol Polsky	cpolsky@snet.net	Josh	I don't know her last name	Dunkin	As office manager/dispatcher Nikki has done an outstanding job of getting students to and from school for in person learning despite the driver shortage and frequent call-outs.
Emma Eaton	ratqueen@gmail.com	Nicole	Irvine	Coventry Auto Sales and Service, LLC	Nikki is not only friendly and approachable, she is absolutely committed to doing good in this community in any way she's able to. Her support of our school staffs through donations is remarkable, and she steps in to help in other ways too, as with the vaccine clinic at Water Wizards. Nikki doesn't look at her role in our little town as just a job, she is invested in Coventry's community and is always ready to support us.
				M & J Bus Inc	
				Dunkin Donuts	She goes above and beyond. Sonya makes home visits if needed. Does anything she can to fix a problem. In one year for our family, she replaced a lost pair of glasses, replaced a broken pair of glasses, replaced a damaged lens and replaced a defective frame. All at minimal cost, using her reputable vendors. This includes a home visit after I broke my glasses by falling one week before a total knee replacement. She also is member of Lions Club. Also participates in special program for 3rd world countries related to eyeglasses. And donated some of her profits to a special fund for local boy who needed medical equipment. Her daughter has just returned from serving in Afghanistan. She is committed to community by buying a house in Coventry this past year.
Susan Gagliardi	dansue101@yahoo.com	Sonya	Mayer	Eyetrade	Outstanding commitment and hard work as head lifeguard & Assistant Aquatics Director for smooth operations keeping patrons safe despite COVID-19 staff shortages. Cheerful and always gets order right.
Margaret Rutkowski	mrrutkowski764@gmail.com	Julia	Rutkowski	Lesley Munshower	
John Elsesser	jelsesser@coventryct.org	Heather		Dunkin doughnuts	
Rick Martin	rfmartin65@hotmail.com	Karl	Hernandez	Walgreens	Through Karl's efforts I have been able to save thousands of dollars on the cost of my insulin