

Spring 2023 Classified Staff Excellence Award



Congratulations to **Cheryl Davenport**, Library and Archives Paraprofessional

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Excerpts from Cheryl's nomination:

"Cheryl Davenport has worked at Clark for over 15 years and is the epitome of an excellent employee. As the only cataloger at Clark, Cheryl is responsible for maintaining our online catalog, including all of the Library's catalog records, while also maintaining and preserving the condition our print book collection."

"She values people more than tasks. Cheryl also provides a high level of service to students and patrons which takes precedence over phone and email, staff conversations, and meetings."

"Cheryl worked to find a more inclusive and unbiased set of subject headings for library books and materials. She did this by soliciting input from Library staff and faculty, attending online presentations on this topic, and conducting her own research. Cheryl found a solution, advocated for its implantation and got approval from everyone in the Library. Clark Library now uses *Homosaurus*, an international linked vocabulary of LGBTQIA+ terms in the Library's online catalog, which helps ensure the bibliographic records are using subject headings that represent the inclusive terminology used by the LGBTQIA+ community to describe themselves instead of using vocabulary created by the Librarians of Congress from many decades ago."

We would also like to acknowledge the contributions of the other nominees:

- **Brandi Roberts**, Communications Officer, Security & Safety Services
- **Carl Budrecki**, Custodian, Custodial Services
- **David Chase**, Custodian, Custodial Services
- **Eliezer Gonzalez-Roman**, Program Specialist, Veterans Resource Center

- **Jennifer Lea**, Program Specialist, Business Division
- **Jerrika Lightley**, Fiscal Specialist, Student Life
- **Jonni Hattershide**, Program Support Supervisor, Production Printing
- **Karmel Baldwin**, Program Specialist, Enrollment Services
- **Sandra Bush**, Program Coordinator, Enrollment Services
- **Tisha Pasquinelli**, Program Specialist, Financial Aid
- **Tracy Eyles**, Early Childhood Specialist, Child & Family Services

About the Classified Staff Awards

Established in 2005, the Classified Staff Excellence Award recognizes classified staff who have demonstrated exemplary work performance, a positive and cooperative spirit, special achievements or contributions to the college community, and supports individual and organizational diversity and inclusion. Through the support of the Clark College Foundation, the recipient will receive a \$400 cash award which will be presented at Opening Day before the start of fall quarter each year.

Nominees must be a current classified employee who has been in their current position for more than six months. Award recipients will not be eligible to receive another award for a period of three years.

Visit the Clark College Employee Recognition page to learn more about this award and other ways to acknowledge the value and dedication of our staff and faculty.