

# Collin County Going the Extra Mile (GEM) Recognition Form

Honoree's Name: Brandon Mestas  
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

Honoree's Job  
Title: SQL Database Analyst

Department: IT

Years of Service with the County: 6.5 Years

Why the Honoree is receiving a GEM Award including dates:

I am nominating Brandon Mestas for a GEM award for his work with our COVID-19 response.  
In mid-March 2020, CCHCS quickly realized that they could no longer manage all COVID-19  
cases by Excel spreadsheet. Brandon converted that spreadsheet to an enterprise database  
to that CCHCS could continue updating cases. Brandon was instrumental building our COVID-  
19 Case Management System (CMS) in late March 2020. His work led to the automation of  
the Collin County Judge Report and our COVID-19 Dashboard.

Brandon has demonstrated flexibility when the direction has changed in COVID-19 case  
management. When the State took over on June 1, 2020, Brandon worked with CCHCS staff  
to export data from the Texas Health Trace (THT) system. When the direction required us to  
match the DSHS Dashboard exactly in Aug 2020, Brandon worked with DSHS to setup a  
secure file transfer from DSHS to comply with the new directive. All COVID-19 reporting and  
the dashboard updates are largely successful due to Brandon's contribution.

Approved by elected official or department head on

16 day of Sep, 20 20

*Caren R. Skipworth*

Signature of Elected Official  
Or Department Head

*Caren Skipworth*

Printed Name