

Collin County Going the Extra Mile (GEM) Recognition Form

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

Honoree's Job Title: Database Analyst

Department: Information Technology

Years of Service with the County: 5 years

Why the Honoree is receiving a GEM Award including dates:

Brandon was instrumental in taking a SQL query written by a third party vendor and adapting on the fly as part of the access control project. Where it was clear that the vendor did not fully understand how to combine two distinct databases into a single multi-tenant based database, Brandon was able to view underlying table structures, identify the relevant elements, and re-build the time collection query in order to keep the access control project moving forward. Brandon's willingness to take initiative, apply common sense, and execute to achieve the desired goal makes him a joy to work with.

One word – reliability. I consider Brandon my “fire and forget” weapon. I never have to follow up to check on the status of work I have requested of him. I just make the request and know that as soon as he reaches it on his priority list it will get done. Brandon is an all-around good person, knowledgeable worker, and valuable asset to the Collin County IT Department. He works well with his peers, vendors, and County officials. Brandon arrives to work like clockwork between 6:00 and 6:15 every day and will stay until the work is done – further evidence of his reliability. Much of what he does is behind the scenes and may go unnoticed by some and why he deserves recognition.

Approved by elected official or department head on the 18 day of 9, 20 19

Caren Skipworth
Signature of Elected Official
Or Department Head

Caren Skipworth
Printed Name