

# UCONN SPIRIT AWARDS

UConn Alumni Center

Thursday, April 10, 2025

10:30am - 11:45am

## 2025 AWARD FINALISTS

### RISING STAR AWARD

**KARIMA JACKSON**, with Inclusive Excellence Citation  
ISS First Year Programs and Learning Communities

**MICHAEL J. MELNIK**, with University Citizen Citation  
Department of Communication

**HALIE SHEA**  
Department of Extension New Haven

### UNsung HERO AWARD

**MARY BOSTON**  
Student Health and Wellness

**LARA CHIAVERINI**, with Inclusive Excellence Citation  
Engineering Undergraduate Programs

**SHARON DAGGETT**  
Facilities Operations - Custodial Services

**KATIE HALBRUNER**, with Inclusive Excellence Citation  
Center for Students with Disabilities

**CHRISTINE SCOTT-DOUGAN**, with University Citizen Citation  
Waterbury Campus

**JAMES WALKER**, with Inclusive Excellence Citation  
Community Standards

**JOSUE ZAPATA**, with University Citizen Citation  
Facilities Operations - Custodial Services



All employees are invited to join  
Provost Anne D'Alleva  
at a campus-wide  
ceremony and reception.

### TEAM AWARD

**ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM OF SCHOOL OF MECHANICAL, AEROSPACE, AND MANUFACTURING ENGINEERING**, with University Citizen Citation - Tina Barry, Kelly Tyler, Victoria Neel, Jennifer Simmons, Tracy Brunette, Thomas Mealy

**CT TRANSPORTATION INSTITUTE'S TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (T2) TEAM** - Mary McCarthy, Regina Hackett, Bethany Greene, Jason Hughes, Shawn Barry, Shannon O'Loughlin, Vanessa Corrado, Lisa Knight

**THE OFFICE OF EARLY COLLEGE PROGRAMS TEAM** - Jessica Dunn, Melanie P. Banks, Nella Quasnitschka, Stefanie Malinoski, Carissa Rutkauskas, Todd Blodgett, Erin Blanchette, Christopher Todd

**GREENHOUSE STUDIOS TEAM** - Brooke Foti Gemmell, Wes Hamrick, Tom Scheinfeldt, Isabell Sluka, Sara Sikes, Thomas Lee, Clarissa Ceglie, Gregory Colati

**SHAW REGIONAL NURSE NAVIGATORS TEAM** - Troy Carlson, Beth LaFleche, Karina Giangos, Dax T. Sousa, Elena Tamayo Heitz

**CENTER FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES TEAM**, with Inclusive Excellence Citation - Christine Wenzel, Allison Knight, Tim Smagacz, Jennifer Lucia, Christopher Scott, Lara Smith, Bryanna Anderson, Benjamin Briskin

**WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE EVENT. FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED.**

**Come show your support for these outstanding finalists.**

For more information, or if you are an individual who requires an accommodation to participate please contact of Human Resources at [worklife@uconn.edu](mailto:worklife@uconn.edu).

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