

## **ERICA STRATTON NAMED KU EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH FOR MAY 2019**

Please join President Hawkinson and the HR Advisory Council in congratulating Erica Stratton, Clerk Typist 2 in the Assistant Vice President and Dean of Students Office, for being named the May 2019 Employee of the Month.

According to her nominator, Dr. Donavan McCargo, "In November 2017, the Dean of Students office was blessed to hire a missing piece to an already robust and thriving operation. We hired a woman who goes the extra mile each and every day (often not even noticing that she's doing more than expected). Ms. Erica Stratton, on multiple occasions has stepped in to cover for her colleagues in our division; and she does so not seeking reward or compliment, but does it because she knows what it means to be part of a team. Not once has Erica approached me about a raise or promotion. Yet she comes to work every day-early- setting up our office to welcome guests and students and making sure no calls go unanswered, and tries to find answers to every single question that comes her way. She monitors our office's social media, keeps our office organized, and supports me, the assistant dean, the Student Faculty Review Board, and the Student Government Board in an incredible way. Erica works behind the scenes to celebrate and recognize our staff members birthdays, organize staff events, and values making people feel special. Her significant contribution helping to coordinate commencement and so many other events is often behind the scenes and therefore unknown to the general public and community.

Erica has shattered all expectations of a Clerk Typist 2. Without the type of support she provides to me, I would be at best, half as effective in managing the many competing demands on my time and energy. She always finds ways to keep me more organized (including making sure I have my key so that I am not locked out the office, and makes sure I approve requisitions on a weekly basis). Erica intentionally attends and seeks professional development opportunities to further improve how she supports me, our office, and students. She's been my employee of the month all year. Thank you, Erica, for all you do for me, our office and KU. (Please note: Erica is not available for transfer to your department; she's ours to keep.)"

Nominations are collected from students, faculty and staff, and the Employee of the Month is selected by the Human Resources Advisory Council. A winner will be selected each month, and out of the 12 monthly winners one will be selected as Employee of the Year. The Employee of the Month will receive a plaque, reserved parking and a \$100 monetary gift sponsored by President Hawkinson.

For more information on the award or to nominate someone, please visit the KU Human Resources website.