

Teammates,

Throughout October, we celebrated [Teammate Recognition Month in Nebraska](#). We have an incredible team here at the State of Nebraska, with our teammates working hard to provide high-level customer service to the people of Nebraska. I’m very thankful that Administrative Services is responsible for administering the [State’s recognition program](#).

While I was sad to miss this year’s recognition events and programming, our Teammate Engagement and Recognition team traveled throughout Nebraska, honoring our state teammates for both their years of service to the State at various Excellence in State Service ceremonies, and for their leadership at our Excellence in Leadership Reception with Governor Ricketts.

This year, we honored over 2,100 teammates who celebrated over 31,500 combined years of service. I want to congratulate our DAS teammates who are celebrating career milestones this year including:

Alija Ibrahimasic – Central Finance – 5 years of service
Amara Block – Materiel Division – 5 years of service
Caleb Witt – Accounting Division – 5 years of service
Cassie Harre – Central Finance – 5 years of service
Catherine Habel – State Personnel Division – 5 years of service
Christy Osentowski – State Personnel Division – 5 years of service
Dawn Bowling – Human Resources – 5 years of service
Derick Schoenauer – State Personnel Division – 5 years of service
John Knoche – Building Division – 5 years of service
Kevin Workman – State Personnel Division – 5 years of service
Kevin Halvorson – Human Resources – 5 years of service

Kevin Le – Accounting Division – 5 years of service
Michael Hendrickson – Materiel Division – 5 years of service
Robert Taylor – Materiel Division – 5 years of service
Rocky Newman – Building Division – 5 years of service
Roger St. Aubyn Euter – Center of Operational Excellence – 5 years of service
Shannon Soriente – State Personnel Division – 5 years of service
Steven Fehringer – Building Division – 5 years of service
Vicki Collins – Materiel Division – 5 years of service
Benjamin Wilson – Accounting Division – 10 years of service
Bevan Flynn – Building Division – 10 years of service
Christopher Duncan – Building Division – 10 years of service
David Brown – Building Division – 10 years of service
James Bybee – Materiel Division – 10 years of service
Jennifer Sommars-Link – Materiel Division – 10 years of service
Michael Hightower – Building Division – 10 years of service
Steven Hurt – Building Division – 10 years of service
Dianna Gilliland – Materiel Division – 15 years of service
Inna Karpyuk – Center of Operational Excellence – 15 years of service
Jan Schoonover – Accounting Division – 15 years of service
Jim Fuchs – Building Division – 15 years of service
John Morrison – Materiel Division – 15 years of service
William Lux – Building Division – 15 years of service
Krista Davis – Accounting Division – 20 years of service
Todd Wirka – Transportation Services Bureau – 20 years of service
Angela Angel – Materiel Division – 25 years of service
Diane Peregoy – Building Division – 25 years of service
Karen Billings – Transportation Services Bureau – 25 years of service
Robert DePriest – Building Division – 25 years of service
Craig Podany – Building Division – 30 years of service
James Mika – Building Division – 30 years of service
Annette Wilson – Accounting Division – 35 years of service
Jeffrey McCain – Building Division – 35 years of service
Nyla Thomsen – Accounting Division – 35 years of service
Steve Whitmarsh – Materiel Division – 35 years of service
Todd Aksamit – Building Division – 35 years of service
John Barron – Materiel Division – 45 years of service

As part of the Excellence in Leadership Reception, we recognized our DAS teammates Leslie Durr, Amy Stephen, and Janelle Wickersham as incredible leaders within our Department.

This month, we will also be honoring over 150 military and veteran teammates as part of our Military Recognition Program. A special thank you to our DAS teammates below for their service to our country and the people of Nebraska!

- Bryan Falk
- Cindy Triplett
- Gabriel Meister
- John Lutzow
- Joseph Homan
- Mitchell Salomons
- Shaun Waterbury
- Yancey Cortner

I'd also like to officially welcome Carole Bates to the team at DAS. Carole will be leading our Engagement and Recognition efforts as DAS Special Programs and Marketing Manager. Welcome to the team Carole and thank you for your great work during Teammate Recognition Month!

Finally, thank you to our State Personnel team, including Kevin Workman, Christy Osentowski, and Carole, for their incredible leadership and planning of our teammate recognition programming. This year's programming took a lot of extra coordination, communication, and flexibility due to personnel changes, but the team came together to honor our teammates!

Regards,

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