



NATIONAL STUDENT EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION Virtual Tips on Appreciation

Eastern Kentucky University employs over 1,300 Student Employees and Graduate Assistants each year. The university would not be the same without their contribution. Recognizing our students for their hard work encourages them to continue to strive for excellence for the university and in the community. It is important to show student employees that their work is valued and appreciated. Please show your appreciation by using some tips below during National Student Employee Appreciation Week or any time throughout the year!

- **Thank You Email Chain** – Start an email chain within your department and have each staff/faculty member write their appreciation of your student(s). Forward the email chain to your student(s) at the end of their workweek.
- **Mail a Thank You Card** - Write a thank you card to show you value them and mail it to their home address.
- **Departmental Website** – Upon obtaining written consent, post pictures on your departmental website of your student employee(s) with a list of the great things they do for your department.
- **Fun Awards** – If you have several student employees create awards for various categories (i.e., Funniest Remote Worker, Most Creative, Best Customer Service). Present awards by email or in a Zoom meeting. Get creative with virtual award ideas and even with your Zoom meeting backgrounds.
- **Positive Performance Evaluation** – Have a one-on-one Zoom meeting or phone call with your student(s) to give positive feedback on their performance and let them know how much their work is valued and appreciated.
- **Social Media** – Upon consent, recognize your student(s) on your departmental social media accounts.
- **Department Meeting** – Honor your student(s) at a staff Zoom meeting with a round of applause or have each staff member say “thank you” to your student(s).
- **Virtual Work Party** – Who says Zoom is only for meetings? Organize a virtual work party. Meet up with your student(s) and department online with music, games, and fun!
- **Say Thank You!**