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Abilene State Supported Living Center

OUR MISSION:
To empower people to make choices
that result in a life of dignity and
increased independence.

AbSSLC News

Abilene SSLC

Week of September 19th, 2022

COVID19 Testing

Round 1 - Tuesday, September 20th

Round 2 - Thursday, September 22nd



Want a **free** day off?
Bring us your next
co-worker and
receive 8 hours
of time!

2022 HSCS Unsung Hero – Colin Dawsey

Colin received the 2022 HSCS Unsung Hero Award last week at a banquet held in Austin. There were many nominations from across the state that met the definition of the award: An employee who works in support services (such as someone in food services, maintenance or environmental services) who went above and beyond their normal job duties to improve operations and better serve our clients.

Please take a minute to congratulate Colin for this true honor and to read the nomination below:



We would like to nominate Colin Dawsey, Training & Development Spec I for the “Unsung Hero Award”.

Colin has been a vital team member of not only the AbSSLC CTD department but the entire campus of AbSSLC. He continues to show what it means to be an employee that cares about not only his direct co-workers but all the employees at AbSSLC as well as the People we serve. His work may not be seen by everyone, but it does impact everyone.

One of the things that Colin does is teach employees whether new employees or incumbent employees. His passion for teaching is evident in each class that he teaches. He understands the need for well trained employees to work with the People we serve. He wants to make sure that every single employee that sit in his classes knows what is expected of them as an employee of AbSSLC as well as HHSC. His ability to put people at ease and to build their confidence is amazing to observe. Colin wants to make learning fun and easy for the staff at AbSSLC. He will go out of his way to make sure that the staff are retaining the information and lets them know how the information he is relaying to them is incorporated into their everyday work environment.

Between January of 2021 and April of 2022, Colin has been formally commended 34 times by not only his department leadership but other departments such as Campus Maintenance, Behavioral Services, Residential and AbSSLC Leadership for his outstanding work.

AbSSLC recently developed and kicked off a collection of Leadership classes broken up into three different Tiers (I, II, and III). Tier I consist of classes that the Training and Development department teach to new supervisors as well as employees who desire to advance in the careers. Colin has assisted in teaching these classes and was asked to assist with teaching and developing a class in the Tier II section by the AbSSLC’s Settlement Agreement Coordinator. Colin has been commended not only on his teaching of these classes but takes it upon himself to mentor the participants after the classes end. In fact, there was a need to develop some “Bridge” classes the was discovered to prepare the employees who were not quite ready for Tier I which Colin assisted with the development on one of those classes with a fellow instructor.

Colin’s passion to build our employees up and offer them the tools to not only succeed but to excel is noted in every aspect of his daily work. He continues to go over and beyond to assist the employees of AbSSLC and strives to ensure that the employees receive the best training possible so that the People we serve receive the best care and assistance possible. This is demonstrated by the continuous commendations he receives.

We could go on and on about Colin’s actions and work ethics that qualify him as an Unsung Hero in our opinion, but this is an example of what a great asset he is to not only his department (FCT&D) but to AbSSLC and HHS.



Thank you
for helping
@ the Gate!

AbSSLC News Survey

This is the last week for the survey!
Please let us know **your** thoughts on
your newsletter!

<https://forms.office.com/r/tUGhui0w4m>

Shout Outs!

A Shout Out to the **HAB Services** team for their amazing efforts in helping with our staff shortages. They came up with the idea of helping with bathing at the medical homes – they have been going home-to-home each day to provide this much needed service to those that live here.

Shout Out to **Jeff Branch, Steven Roberts & Celeste Grascel** for their presentations at the HSCS Leadership Conference last week! They presented our Leadership Development program to a number of staff from other facilities. It was very well received – they did AbSSLC Proud!

Shout Out!

Have you seen someone do the above & beyond or just want to recognize great work?

It's easy to do a Shout Out!

- “Reply” to any of the update texts you receive through the AskAdmin Text Group
- Email Jeff Goza with their name and your comments
- Text their name and your comments to 325.370.4525

Let's **Shout Out** and recognize others!