

*Name: Grzegorz Skora*

*Nominated by: Latoya Clark*

It is with great pleasure that I nominate Grzegorz Skora for the Student Employee of the Year award. Greg is undeniably the glue that keeps our team together. Greg began working as a Facilities Project Crew member before he began classes at DePaul, which isn't something that typically happens. Due to his extensive work history in facilities type of work, Greg was the first and only Crew member to be hired before the start of his first quarter at DePaul. As the newbie on the team and the pressure of learning the job while entering Housing Services' busy season, Greg had to quickly make an adjustment. He accepted this challenge with ease and has progressed so much in his role that he was appointed to a Crew Lead position.

As Crew Lead, Greg has molded the team to what it is today. His mentorship and leadership has helped the team to develop and learn how to work in unison. When tension arises amongst the team, Greg steps in to deescalate the situation and get everyone back on the same accord. His thoughtfulness and ability to let everyone express themselves has helped the team to feel as if they have a voice. This has helped the team to bond better and grow together. I value Greg's ability to remain level headed and firm with his decisions.

Serving as the only Crew Lead during majority of summer 2017, which is our busy season, Greg had to not only lead his current team, but also lead the contracted workers Housing Services hires during the summer. This can be a stressful task as the lack of professionalism demonstrated by the contracted workers can make the job a little harder. As usual, Greg accepted the challenge and led both teams with ease. Other Crew members have expressed to me how Greg's work ethic motivates them to work hard and uphold a certain standard while on the job.

While Greg has made many contributions to the team, his greatest contribution was during a furniture delivery in summer 2017. During one of our many deliveries, we had a new semi-truck driver. This particular delivery was at Sanctuary Hall. When you factor in the parked cars, Kenmore Street is extremely narrow. At the conclusion of the delivery, the only way to get the truck onto a main road was to have the driver reverse onto Fullerton. As a new driver, she was extremely nervous to do this. She tried multiple times and panicked more and more after each failed attempt. She became frustrated, I became frustrated and the many drivers we kept blocking on Fullerton became extremely frustrated due to us holding up traffic. As everyone was ready to give up and create an alternate plan, Greg walked over to the truck, grabbed the side mirror and told the driver to follow his lead. He literally held onto the mirror as the driver reversed the truck. He guided her the entire way, helped her remain calm and did what no one else could do...which was get a semi-truck with little clearance due to parked cars out of a tight situation. When the driver made a full turn onto Fullerton everyone cheered and applauded for

Greg. This really was a moment I wish everyone witnessed. Greg's ability to remain calm, his patience and his determination saved the day as it always does.

From his "Grandpa" wittiness to his ability to help others remain calm (even if they are new semi-truck drivers) Greg has made his mark on this team and his efforts will never go unnoticed. He is the piece of the Crew puzzle that we will always long for after he graduates. For these reasons, I nominate Grzegorz Skora for the Student Employee of the Year Award.

Sincerely,

*Latoya Clark*