



New week; more opportunities to Shout Out great Y associates! Enjoy reading about the latest examples of Shout Out worthy teamwork.

Tyler Ward (Personal Trainer, The Hill Y in Westminster)

Tyler started as an intern, became a fitness coach, and earned his personal training certification. He recently earned his Strength and Conditioning Specialist Certification as well. He is now one of our top selling personal trainers and has impacted so many members' lives at the Y! (Submitted by Tina Antkowiak)

Linda Smith (Y Group Exercise Instructors/Fitness Coach, The Weinberg Y in Waverly and the Y in Druid Hill)

Linda has been the glue that holds our senior group exercise program together! She comes to Druid Hill every Monday and Wednesday with all kinds of supplies for the members to use. She also brings with her a wonderful, positive attitude that radiates to all who see her! This group started very small after an instructor moved away and Linda jumped in and has grown the tiny group to a healthy size class, so much so that they need to meet in the gym for more space. Special thanks to Linda for coming over each week and creating such a wonderful group for our senior members. During this crazy COVID time, Linda provides some happiness! (Submitted by Sarah Wies)

Jaime Kilgore (Customer Service Supervisor, Association Office)

Jaime Kilgore is a quiet hero and a large part of the backbone of the Y. She tirelessly handles an incredible amount of behind-the-scenes items, including hours (and hours and hours) of data entry for all Before/After, Preschool and Camp table files: questioning rates, enrollment numbers, times, locations, activities, registration questions/waivers and so much more and then wrapping them all up with a neat little bow so that our families may register online or in person.

She is constantly thinking and re-thinking process improvements for all product lines that make subtle but positive changes with the way we do things. Recently she has been working on innovative ways to handle 3rd Party payments for CCS.

She is always there with a smile and ready to lend a helping hand, no matter what, all while multi-tasking her way through the numerous things that come our way.

Jaime is my amazing work partner and I'm very thankful for all that she does. (Submitted by Michele Anderson)

Derrek Cole (Associate Executive Director, School Partnerships)

I want to take a moment to recognize Derrek for his relentless efforts in getting his OST programs up and running. This has not only included hiring and onboarding associates, but also being on-site at programs daily. Derrek was also a huge contributor to a successful grant that will support his new OST program at the Historic Samuel Coleridge Taylor Elementary School. THANK YOU Derrek for all that you do! (Submitted by Jessica Chiaramonte)

Swim Associates (Lifeguards and Swim Instructors, The Ward Y in Abingdon)

The Ward Y guards and swim instructors have been working in a much colder environment due to the air system not working properly. Thank you all for your dedication in less than ideal conditions. Our pool and programming would not be possible without all of you! (Submitted by Courtney McKearin)

If you have a colleague you'd like to "Shout Out," just fill out the nomination form linked here: [Y Associate Shout Out Nomination](#)

Thanks!

All the best,
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