

Leslie Gutierrez Castro (22c) was nominated by each of her LifeWorks supervisors for the Chief Moore Award. Leslie is a current Gate of Opportunity Scholar with four LifeWorks positions. Leslie's LifeWorks roles include Financial Services Manager in the Business Office, Student Supervisor for Student Accounts with Student Financial Services, Assistant to the Athletics Office Manager in the Athletic Department, and a Berry Ambassador at the Office of Admission.

Leslie's supervisors note the expertise she provides in all aspects of her jobs. "It is clear how much she has mastered her role and has taken on every challenge," said Alice Shiflett, one of Leslie's supervisors. Her leadership has proved invaluable to her LifeWorks teams. Leslie's supervisor in the Athletic Department, Ronda Hancock, said, "I have found that everyone who meets her responds positively to her personality and leadership qualities."

On top of expertise, Leslie's supervisors also touch on how she brings compassion and patience into her work. Noting the challenges the business office faces when working with families with unpaid tuition balances, Leslie's supervisor, Paul Shamblin, reflects on the empathetic attitude she brings to conversations. "Leslie goes the extra mile to treat these people with kindness and is always polite," Shamblin said. "She will calmly listen to what they have to say, make sure they know their concerns are valid and understood, and work with them closely to find a solution to the problem."

Shira Kerce, Leslie's supervisor in the Office of Admission, said, "Her dependability, positive attitude, and genuine nature has made her a wonderful tour guide and her knowledge of other areas of campus, along with her Spanish language proficiency, have made her an asset to our team." Reflecting on Leslie's time at Berry, Shamblin said, "She is truly a success story and someone this college should be proud to count among its (soon-to-be) graduates." Congratulations on being a 2022 Chief Moore Award recipient, Leslie!

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Garrett Kinsey (22c) was nominated for the Chief Moore Award for his work as General Manager at the Guest Cottages. As a Gate of Opportunity Scholar, Garrett has been active in all parts of Berry's Hospitality and Event Services department, including work in not only the Guest Cottages, but also the Welcome Center and special events.

Despite the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic on this hospitality-oriented role, Casee Gilbert, Garrett's supervisor, has praised how he took the opportunity to go above and beyond, helping with COVID-19 testing, vaccine clinics, and implementing mitigation strategies at the Guest Cottages.

"He is prepared and ready to handle any task and will often offer to assist in areas outside of his job description," Gilbert said. Above Garrett's expertise and can-do attitude, however, Gilbert describes Garrett as an exceptional leader and Berry student.

"Garrett is an outstanding leader and this is so evident in the way in which he motivates his team in order to accomplish tasks and to provide outstanding service at the Guest Cottages," Gilbert said. "Garrett's work has impacted Berry College in so many ways but his legacy will be how he treated people and his positive attitude." Congratulations on being a 2022 Chief Moore Award recipient, Garrett!

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