



Patrick F. Leahy

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Dear Members of the Wilkes Community:

I'm pleased to announce a staff recognition and awards program that was developed by USAC. Beginning today, April 1, the Caught Being Colonel initiative gives anyone supervising staff a way to reward their employees for extraordinary achievements above and beyond their normal duties. This initiative is a way to show our appreciation for those who implement innovative solutions, create operational efficiencies or make our campus a safer and more welcoming place to be.

As an administration, we are committed to searching for new means to develop and support our staff achievements. As I've said, Wilkes employees are the single most important asset in transforming the lives of our students. The Caught Being Colonel initiative complements our faculty recognition awards (TREC) and is in direct support of the University's goal to invest in our people as detailed in the Gateway to the Future Strategic Plan. It is part of our commitment to develop programs that recognize exemplary performance on an annual basis.

More specific details of the recognition program will be shared via Today@Wilkes in the coming days. Please review these details and find ways you can Be Colonel or catch others doing so.

I'd like to thank all of you for your commitment to Wilkes University and our students, and I commend USAC's dedication to developing an initiative to recognize your efforts.

Sincerely,

Patrick F. Leahy
President