

## UNC Charlotte's Office of Waste Reduction and Recycling merit three awards

At the annual Mecklenburg County Solid Waste and Recycling Business Recognition award luncheon, members of UNC Charlotte's Recycling Department received three awards that highlighted various programs throughout the year. They were given the Outstanding Waste Reduction & Recycling Employee/Customer Education Program Award, Recycling Advocate of the Year award, and teamed up with Facilities Management Maintenance and Operations to win the Green Demolition Project award.

The Green Demolition Award consisted of coordinating the clearing of an area that was used primarily for storage for several years. With the assistance of the Manager of Central Operations and the Renovations Supervisor, the C&D Recycling Coordinator was tasked with coordinating the extensive process of organizing the other departments on campus to clear the site while maximizing reuse and recycling, all without spending any money. A budget freeze was implemented immediately after the cleaning began, and the project required a number of creative measures that were employed to clear everything from the site. Most of these materials (fiber optic cable, conduit, furniture, concrete, etc.) were able to be reused or recycled even after these items had been abandoned and weathered for at least five years.

The Outstanding Waste Reduction & Recycling Employee/Customer Education Program was awarded to the Recycling Department for their promotion of Keep Charlotte Green, commitment to environmental sustainability, and overall education and awareness promotion to the UNC Charlotte community. The Department holds events throughout the year which include Earth Day, Campus Sustainability Day, and regular campus clean-ups.

The Recycling Advocate award was given to Dot Munson of the Recycling Department because of her involvement with local community recycling endeavors and her unwavering commitment and effect on the campus waste reduction and recycling program.

The annual Business Recognition Awards ceremony was hosted by Mecklenburg County Solid Waste and Recycling to recognize organizations for their commitment to recycling and innovative approaches to waste disposal and waste reduction. Over 100 businesses and schools were represented.



Winners of **the Green Demolition Award** were: *(Not in order)* Gary Edwards, Chip Lawrence, Jerome Steele, James Williams, Chris Gilbert, John Renwick, Randy Walters, Tom Eudy, David Skor, Bob Frias, Mike Burriello, John Godfrey, Jim Campbell, Dewey Lillie, Danny Dang, Barry Kirkman, Anthony Horn, Tony Williams and Shannon Caveny-Cox



**The Outstanding Waste Reduction & Recycling Employee/Customer Education Program** went to the Office of Waste Reduction and Recycling Department Team

*members in order from back left:* Kelly Freshcorn, Tonya Day, Bill Cavelli, Shannon Caveny-Cox, Dot Munson, Lucille White, Pat Smith, Henry Bennett, Luis Alvarado, Walter Edwards, Kathy Boutin-Pasterz, Devin Hatley, Lee Arnold, and Rhonda Renwick.



**Dot Munson – Recycling Advocate of the YEAR (Recycling Department)**

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