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VIA Recipient Brings Fun and Values to Work

You may get the impression in reading through her nine Values in Action Award nominations that Gwen Bratton's coworkers enjoy her company. You'd be spot-on.



The other common thread in the letters and notes of nomination is a profound admiration for Gwen's attention to detail and willingness to go the extra mile – or farther – to do things right. Her 10-year run as “Vanna” while volunteering as long as 10 hours per day at the prize wheel during Employee Communication Events, for example. Or the time a catering cart was delivered to the Corporate Administration Building for a meeting a half-mile away on Black Oak Drive, and Gwen wheeled it to the correct location herself.

“She loves people, works hard and always tries to lift the spirits of those around her,” said one nomination letter. “She has always been ready and willing to step up to the plate for Asante. I believe these characteristics represent all that is good in our company.”

Gwen was one of five Asante employees recognized late last year as winners of the annual Values in Action Awards, which are given to those whose service or behavior exceed expectations and reflect the organization's core values of excellence, respect, honesty, service and teamwork. The winners were commemorated at a luncheon hosted by the Asante Executive Team, and each received a \$100 gift certificate and a marble VIA sculpture.

Gwen is an executive assistant in corporate finance, with Asante for 23 years. She started as an administrative assistant in corporate finance and became an executive assistant in 2008.

“Gwen is the type of person that can take you from crying to laughing and back to crying because you are laughing so hard,” Angie Feiring of Human Resources wrote in her VIA nomination for Gwen. “She can get you rolling on the floor in laughter with just a look. Not only is Gwen one of Asante's top comedians, I believe she is one of our top employees.”

Hallie Stanfield of Human Resources recounted Gwen's volunteerism for events and organizations including the Angel Network, Denim Day, Employee Communication Events and Soroptimist.

And Tracy Chamberlain, an executive assistant in corporate administration, recounted Gwen's helpfulness with coworkers and sensitivity to others' thoughts and feelings. “Her dedication and work ethic is an asset to our organization, as she is definitely a role model for Asante employees to follow,” Tracy wrote. “Oh, and we cannot forget her contagious laugh!”

The other winners of Asante's most recent VIA Awards are [Anne Hansen](#) (Asante Rogue Regional Intensive Care), Kathy Gallego (Asante Three Rivers Respiratory Care), Paula Munson (Asante Three Rivers Environmental Services) and Ivy Swofford (ITS). Each has or will be individually highlighted in Asante News.