



Recognition Ideas

Freebies

Pat on the Back - Draw an outline of your hand on a piece of paper. Photocopy enough copies for all students in your office. On each hand write a note that tells the student why they deserve a "Pat on the Back".

Celebrate - Start a recognition program and make the first presentation during Student Employment Week. Think of fun ways to get your point across: My Boss Thinks I'm Kind of a Big Deal, Super Staffer or Customer Service Celeb. Of course, traditional titles work, too, i.e. Outstanding Student Employee.

Advertise! Make a banner or poster to hang in your office for the whole week. Ideas?

Brag - Send a note to the families of your student workers. Let them know what the student does, how their work impacts your department, and how terrific the student is.

Decorate - Highlight your student workers with an office bulletin board or the office door for the week in recognition of your students.

Chalk it up to Your Student Workers - Use the sidewalk in front of your office as a billboard to thank your student workers in a big and colorful way.

Talk about Them - Write a message in your departmental newsletter to say "thanks"!

Minimal Expense

Treat Day - Organize your full-time staff to bring in treats for student workers.

Open House - Invite the faculty/staff from your area to honor students at a particular time and place.

Card Them - Buy a card and have all full-time employees (faculty and staff) in your area write a short note of appreciation inside.

Friendship Plants - Take cuttings from a plant in the office and give to each student as a live "connection" to their workplace.

Good Egg Awards - Buy plastic Easter Eggs, fill with them with goodies and give out with "Good Egg" certificates. List what the student did to deserve this award.

Tons of Puns - Every day, give your student a small "gift" with a fun one-liner, such as a Bag of Lays with a sticker that says "You're all that and a bag of Chips!" Other ideas: Milky Way bars ("You're out of this world!"), peanuts ("We're nuts about you!"), and/or gum ("You always go the EXTRA mile!")

Moderate Cost Ideas

Say it with Flowers - Give each student worker a single flower or several balloons.

Pizza Pleaser - Order pizza in and have a party!

Bag it - Make up "goodie bags" of snacks and treats for the students to take home.

**APPRECIATION REQUIRES MINIMAL INVESTMENT AND YIELDS HUGE RESULTS:
SO TELL YOUR STUDENTS "THANK YOU!"**