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The goal of the UNC Staff Assembly is to improve communications, understanding, and morale throughout the whole of our respective communities, and to increase efficiency and productivity in campus operations. In as much, the Erskine B. Bowles Staff Service Award is given to a permanent, full-time staff member who has shown exemplary understanding, empathy, and devotion to mankind and whose accomplishments are consistent with the goals exemplified by Erskine B. Bowles during his tenure as UNC President and in accordance with the University’s public service mission.

The 3rd Annual Erskine B. Bowles Staff Service Award is being awarded to Edwin H. Martinat III of the University of North Carolina School of the Arts.

Edwin has an outstanding commitment towards his job as Assistant Director for High School Activities and as a volunteer in the greater Winston-Salem community. If you need a volunteer, Edwin is the go-to person on his campus, and he will do so without hesitation. Edwin always brings everyone together to make things happen, and his smile and laughter are contagious.

Although Edwin has always had a wonderful attitude towards his job and community, he went on a special journey over a year ago to lead a healthier lifestyle. To date, Edwin has lost over 100 lbs. His new outlook on life has provided him with even more energy to volunteer.

As morale was coming to an all-time low on campus, Edwin took it upon himself to boost morale by offering two free Zumba classes a week at the UNCSA fitness center for students, staff and faculty. His energy in teaching these classes is undeniable. The positive impact from this initiative has lifted the spirits of the 50+ members that join in weekly from across the institution.

As the recipient of UNCSA's recent campus-wide “Staff Outstanding Service Award”, he never expected to be rewarded for “just being himself” and his modesty and appreciation of this campus wide recognition was overwhelming.

Not only does Edwin go above and beyond the call of duty on his campus, but the Winston-Salem community has been blessed by his volunteerism. Edwin currently serves on the Board of the Adam Foundation whose mission is to “promote the identity, strength and well-being of the local gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community and supports organizations serving persons living with HIV and AIDS.” Edwin chairs the annual Adam Festival which is the largest fundraiser for the organization.

Edwin also tirelessly volunteers his time with “Mrs. Pumpkin's Eatery” by helping make Ginger Bread Houses for the Brenner Children's Hospital, as well as, coordinating Zumbathon fundraisers for the “Susan G. Komen”, breast cancer awareness foundation and “Second Harvest Food Bank.” As an alumnus of UNCSA, Edwin supports the UNCSA local community theatre, Twin City Stage, by volunteering his time as Stage Manager for community plays.

On behalf of the University of North Carolina Staff Assembly, it is with great honor and joy to present the 3rd Annual Erskine B. Bowles Staff Service Award to Edwin H. Martinat III.