

## PASC Spotlight

### Sandy Pope

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When PASC announced they were looking to spotlight University of Northern Colorado employees who give back to the university and the community I immediately thought of Sandy Pope. Sandy is a kind, generous and hard working individual who has devoted the last twenty years of her life to UNC.

Sandy is an Administrative Specialist in the College of Natural and Health Sciences' Dean's Office. She began working at UNC in 1989 part-time for the Accounts Payable Office. In 1992 she moved to a full-time position in the Department of English. From there she worked her way through various positions including the Writing Center, Supplemental Instruction, the College of Arts and Sciences' Dean's Office, and helped to establish the popular Learning Communities Program. In 2005 the newly formed College of Natural and Health Sciences sought Sandy out to work in their Dean's Office. The new dean of the college hired Sandy based on merit and positive feedback from others in the office without even meeting her. Sandy didn't meet her new supervisor until her first day of work.

I met Sandy in October 2005 when I was hired into a position within the Dean's Office. From day one Sandy took me under her wing and became my mentor and close friend. I was, and continue to be, extremely impressed with Sandy's extensive knowledge of university policies and procedures as well as her professionalism and high work ethic. Sandy's "university memory" is astounding. Sandy eludes generosity and kindness in her interactions with others. She is always willing to go the extra mile to help co-workers and students. Even though her job responsibilities keep her very busy, she is always willing to stop what she is doing and lend a hand to others.

Aside from her regularly assigned job duties, Sandy also participates in projects across campus. She served as the administrative support on the General Education Council/Liberal Arts Core for nine years and on the Commission on University Experience for one year. She donates her time each year to organize and host the NHS Scrapbooking Social which is a fundraising event for students within the College of Natural and Health Sciences. She has served as a mentor to many students over the years by helping them plan their course schedules, being a supportive ear when they have personal problems, and even assisting the students and their families in times of crisis.

One of the most amazing things about Sandy is her commitment and devotion to the Greeley community. She has participated in a number of outreach programs through her church including organizing Angel Tree for many years and being a Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) Mentor. In 1999 she chaperoned her son's senior class from Dayspring Christian Academy to Belize for a mission trip to the River of Life Mission Compound. One of her greatest joys is being a grandmother to her two granddaughters. She and her husband Mike help

babysit their granddaughters a few days each week and Sandy is a “parent volunteer” at their school Frontier Academy.

I am very blessed to have had the opportunity to work with Sandy and have her as my friend. I can’t say enough positive things about her. It is with great joy that I ask PASC to spotlight Sandy because the university and community are better places because of her.

Sincerely,

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