

Wonder Woman Award 2022

Alexandrea Barrio, Bureau of Environmental Services

A true leader on swing shift, Alex brings knowledge that can only come from years of experience and being an active student of the treatment plant herself. All the challenges operators face, it's always assuring to have coworkers like Alex that you can fully count on. A pleasure to work with, any operator would agree Alex is well deserving of a Wonder Woman Award.

Nominated by: Anonymous



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Alexandrea Barrio, Bureau of Environmental Services

Alex is amazing in her support of the B shift team as a team lead and her ability to work effectively in any process area. She has stayed and worked many overtimes to support the C shift team as well. I appreciate her steady, calm presence when things get a bit crazy and am so happy to have her as part of the B shift team!

Nominated by: Lisa McBride
Bureau of Environmental Services



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Alice Brawley-Chesworth, Bureau of Environmental Services

I don't know specifically what Alice does because it seems that she does EVERYTHING. Alice has been an astounding leader of our employee support committee, creating continuous programming for employees during these pandemic times, she also is legislative liaison, develops policy and I'm sure I've left many other skills out. She is also a delight to work with.

Nominated by: Diane Dulken
Bureau of Environmental Services



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All women that work at the Columbia Boulevard Wastewater Treatment Plant, Bureau of Environmental Services

Thank you for your hard work and dedication. We appreciate you ALL for showing up in all hours of the day and night and in every weather condition to keep the plant running. You make a difference in keeping our rivers clean and Portland residents safe! We are lucky to have you on our BES team. You are all rock stars!!

Nominated by: PEER Volunteers from BES
Bureau of Environmental Services



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Angela Henderson, Bureau of Environmental Services

Angela served as the Interim Deputy Director at BES for 9 months, during a time of great transition. During her tenure she navigated complex situations with grace. And in everything she did she kept equity and the humanity of those she served at the forefront. She did all of this while caring for her family, being a mother, a friend, a daughter, a peer and all in all amazing.

Nominated by: Anonymous



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Angela Henderson, Bureau of Environmental Services

During the past year Angela has taken on additional responsibilities in the Bureau of Environmental Services by serving as the Interim Deputy Director. Angela approached this opportunity with professionalism and provided essential person-centered leadership to our bureau. I acknowledge that this additional work required “Wonder Woman” efforts to take on the long hours, endless meetings, and additional challenges of being in a bureau leadership role. Thank you Angela!

Nominated by: Dan Bauer
Bureau of Environmental Services



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Angelica Greene, Bureau of Environmental Services

Angelica Greene is an amazing professional role model. When I first started at BES, Angelica invited me to shadow her during an inspection of an industrial site. She was open and honest about the nature of her work and willing to answer all my exhaustive questions. At the site, her knowledge and demeanor commanded respect from the business owners and their environment consultant. I was impressed by her tenacity. She did not hesitate to climb up the side of an 8ft high dumpster or down into a drainage ditch to inspect its contents. Angelica is on the case, keeping our waters safe! I doubt she would wear a Wonder Woman cape to work but it would not be unwarranted.

Nominated by: Anonymous



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Angelica Greene, Bureau of Environmental Services

Angelica stands out as a role model and mentor for her hard work and dedication to the Safety Committee. She comes to each meeting with knowledge, kindness, and commitment. It is an honor to serve as her Vice Chair.

Nominated by: Anonymous



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Bethany Nabhan, Bureau of Environmental Services

Bethany has been a recourse, role model, and mentor since I started at the City of Portland 6 months ago. Always willing to answer my many questions and provide guidance when needed. She also has the best zoom backgrounds! Thanks for all that you do! You rock!

Nominated by: Meghan Seeley
Bureau of Environmental Services



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Brenna Crossley, Bureau of Environmental Services

While Brenna is the newest member of the Industrial Pretreatment Team, she is already making big contributions to the team. After a short training period, she has already independently running the Environmental Survey program; identifying and classifying industrial dischargers to ensure BES issues permits to regulated industries.

Nominated by: Dan Parnell
Bureau of Environmental Services



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Brie Huls, Bureau of Environmental Services

Brie single handedly writes all of the permits for the Industrial Pretreatment program within BES. In addition, she authors a complex yearly report that is submitted to DEQ. Her tireless efforts have continued to be a shining example of a hardworking, dedicated BES team member.

Nominated by: Anonymous



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Brie Huls, Bureau of Environmental Services

Brie is a tireless pollution prevention warrior. She writes permits that ensure industrial dischargers have the proper pollution control systems and monitoring requirements to protect the BES collection system and the CBWTP. She successfully negotiates those permit conditions with industry environmental representatives.

Nominated by: Dan Parnell
Bureau of Environmental Services



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Brittany Grimes, Bureau of Environmental Services

Brittany is a force of nature as a compliance manager for industrial wastewater permittees. She is detailed oriented and goes to great lengths to ensure industrial dischargers comply with their permits, and she does it all with a smile!

Nominated by: Dan Parnell
Bureau of Environmental Services



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Chenoa Philabaum, Bureau of Environmental Services

Chenoa has been our manager for less than a year. From the very beginning she was very supportive and easy to talk to. She is always available for conversations no matter of the topic. She is a great person to work for.

So glad to have you as our manager.

Nominated by: Anonymous



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Claire Houston, Bureau of Environmental Services

Claire is a stellar contributor to the work force at the Columbia Wastewater Plant and is a Wastewater Operator II. Claire's focus on the health and safety of her co-workers is exemplary. She engages with her co-workers and takes the time to be friendly, helpful and genuine. She makes herself available for all kinds of questions and helps identify resources and strategies for successful problem resolution. Claire is a gem!

Nominated by: MIEL STEELE
Bureau of Environmental Services



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Colleen Harold, Bureau of Environmental Services

Colleen is involved in all the inner workings of BES. From standards and practices, to vendor presentations, and to many tasks that are likely beyond her job description, she works to improve our public services, processes, and to further employee development. Thanks Colleen for all you do!

Nominated by: Daniel Boatman
Bureau of Environmental Services



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Dawn Uchiyama, Bureau of Environmental Services

Dawn Uchiyama is a thoughtful and people-centered leader. Dawn's ability to advance the essential work of the bureau hand in hand with how best to support our teams during challenging times builds a culture that allows everyone to be their best selves in their work. During the past year Dawn not only represented the City of Portland in an international fellowship program but also continued to provide valuable training and mentoring to City staff.

Nominated by: Dan Bauer
Bureau of Environmental Services



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Debbie Caselton, Bureau of Environmental Services

Debbie consistently models compassion and inclusion, holding space for people whose voices have been marginalized throughout our history. She shows a depth of empathy coupled with the courage to speak truth, inspiring others to feel safe enough to take their own risks and grow. Thank you Debbie for being a kind, brave and effective public servant.

Nominated by: Anonymous



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Debbie Caselton, Bureau of Environmental Services

Wonder Women lead the charge to save others. Wonder-Responders demonstrated their commitment to help others during a long 2-year COVID-19 response that tested the limits of emergency response capacity to extremes. Every person was affected and touched by the pandemic. During this prolonged response and with many major adjustments for all in the City, additional emergencies arose – a heat dome with deadly excessive heat, snow and ice storms, power outages, and a chlorine shortage. The City set up shelters and vaccination clinics, we planned for continuity of operations, we discussed safety protocols and implemented them, and the City Emergency Coordination Center along with other Bureaus, remained activated on duty throughout this tumultuous time. Our female colleagues and work friends met the pandemic challenge, adapting in ways we never knew would be needed. I am proud of all of their efforts, and grateful for their steady resolve, their resilience, and their tremendous support. Some of my heroes may not think they were serving as responders, because they were doing their regular work, but it is often the foundational core duties that others perform that support successful emergency response. I greatly value that support and feel that everyone had a role in keeping the City functional, and in ensuring each others' safety – We got through this together. Wonder-Responders and the people who support their efforts all put on their COVID-Capes and became COVID-Conquerers, which is wonderful indeed!

Nominated by: Kim Parsons Anderson
Portland Water Bureau



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Elena Estrada, Bureau of Environmental Services

Elena is amazing and does an outstanding job working diligently to improve the safety culture, processes and policies for a safer and healthier work environment at BES.

Nominated by: Veronica Ferguson
Bureau of Environmental Services



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Elisa Rivera, Bureau of Environmental Services

A leader within her own team, Elisa steps in to handle all concerns related to our facilities and resolves issues quickly and effectively. Her smile and spirit lift all of the teams at CBWTP. She participates with enthusiasm to support the safety committee and resolves concerns with ease and confidence. Elisa's creativity and desire to improve every situation shines through and makes our workplace a better place to be.

Nominated by: Monica Stone
Bureau of Environmental Services



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Emily Volpert, Bureau of Environmental Services

Every Day! In Every Way! Emily Volpert is a superstar! Emily's Communications & Outreach skills, intelligence, professionalism, stamina and creativity always add an extra dose of fabulousness in every initiative and interaction with our communities, customers and staff. Thank you, Emily for all you do in service of the bureau and the City.

Nominated by: Amy Umland
Bureau of Development Services



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Emily Volpert, Bureau of Environmental Services

Emily is always available and eager to help with quick turnaround projects!

Nominated by: Anonymous



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Gayle Bast, Bureau of Environmental Services

She is a great source of knowledge and is always willing to share her perspective and bring groups together to solve problems.

Nominated by: Corby Oliver, Dan Bauer and Baron Howe
Bureau of Environmental Services



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Gayle Bast, Bureau of Environmental Services

Gayle's dedication and amazing depth of knowledge is always welcome and appreciated. Thank you, Gayle, for continuing to provide your expertise and leadership to our asset management implementation project.

Nominated by: Dan Bauer
Bureau of Environmental Services



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Heather McKenna, Bureau of Environmental Services

Heather is an exceptionally supportive manager and dedicated engineer. She has led several efforts to improve processes at the Water Treatment Plant, pioneering new forms of treatment, documenting institutional knowledge as standards and references, and researching new advanced capabilities for the use of waste. She is a wonder!

Nominated by: Anonymous



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Heather McKenna, Bureau of Environmental Services

Heather is a true people-centered results-oriented leader dedicated to providing the best engineering and operations support to the O&M group on treatment plants and pump stations. Her cheerful collaboration works like magic and I am grateful to be working with Heather.

Nominated by: Bhargavi Ambadkar
Bureau of Environmental Services



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

J'reyesha "Jay" Brannon, Bureau of Environmental Services

Jay is a leader in the community for equity, innovation, and all around a great PM/designer. Her variety of experience allows her to jump in on many special projects. Jay donates her spare time mentoring young minority engineers, and even opened a scholarship for young black engineers. Great example of selfless community service!

Nominated by: Anonymous



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

J'reyesha "Jay" Brannon, Bureau of Environmental Services

I wish to nominate J'reyesha Brannon for a Wonder Woman Award. In addition to performing her job at an exemplary level, J'reyesha demonstrates an extraordinary commitment to her community. J'reyesha takes it upon herself to be a resource that provides exceptional support to new City of Portland staff members. She quickly recognizes their individual needs and moves to provide key information, recommendations, or professional introductions if need be. To me, J'reyesha is the kind of person who gives, simply to give, and in hopes of empowering others. For example, when I first started, she took time out of her busy schedule to meet with me and discuss my resume and my professional ambitions. J'reyesha epitomizes servant leadership and inspires others to perform deeds of good service for the community. When I thanked her for her time, she smiled and said, "Just pay it forward when you can." Outside of work, J'reyesha's community service efforts are far-reaching. J'reyesha serves as the President of the Executive Board of the Portland chapter of National Society of Black Engineers—working with several agencies that engage young people in the STEM fields. J'reyesha has positively impacted many people in our city. Her skills, knowledge, willingness to help others, and dedication to the community indeed makes her a Wonder Woman!!

Nominated by: Anonymous



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

J'reyesha "Jay" Brannon, Bureau of Environmental Services

J'rey is dedicated to community and those around her. Her commitment goes beyond paid employment: she spends her weekends and evenings volunteering on budget and advisory boards, and studying engineering best practices. Her tirelessness makes community stronger, the environment cleaner, construction projects safer and budgets more responsible.

Thank you for your selfless, tireless work, J'rey!

Nominated by: Ashley Tjaden



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

J'reyesha "Jay" Brannon, Bureau of Environmental Services

Jay is a woman of passion, care, and determination. I appreciate her past commitment to CAAN leadership and other work that impacts our community. She is a true gem and is an asset to the City.

Nominated by: Tyesha McCool-Riley
Office of Community & Civic Life



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Janet Strahl, Bureau of Environmental Services

Janet works tirelessly representing her coworkers in union negotiations. Our work lives are improved through her dedication.

Nominated by: Anonymous



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Jean Gargan, Bureau of Environmental Services

She is our project manager consultant and has quickly adapted to the City and is supporting two bureaus through a huge project and doing it very well.

Nominated by: Corby Oliver
Bureau of Environmental Services



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Jean Gargan, Bureau of Environmental Services

Jean does a great job managing the cross-bureau Asset Management implementation. Jean navigates complex work across multiple stakeholders including the Bureau of Environmental Services, Portland Water Bureau, and vendor teams. Thank you, Jean!

Nominated by: Dan Bauer
Bureau of Environmental Services



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Jeanna Shephard, Bureau of Environmental Services

Always goes above and beyond with a smile. Exceptional worker and great with her customers.

Nominated by: Corby Oliver
Bureau of Environmental Services



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Jeanna Shephard, Bureau of Environmental Services

Jeanna Thank you for your dedication and continued contributions to our asset management implantation project. Your knowledge, insights, and expertise are essential to project success!

Nominated by: Dan Bauer
Bureau of Environmental Services



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Jennifer Devlin, Bureau of Environmental Services

We would like to nominate BES's Community Engagement team manager Jennifer Devlin for this year's Wonder Woman of the Year. Jennifer stands out as an exceptional person and manager. She is always supportive, ready to help, and leads her team with wisdom, kindness, humor, and positivity. She is an invaluable resource and an exceptional role model. Jennifer is also a passionate champion for equity. Her dedication to creating and fostering environmental stewardship through authentic relationship building with the community is evident in the many partnerships and projects she has developed, participated in, or led over the years. The City and the community have benefited greatly from her inspired and creative contributions from her work on Crystal Springs Lake, Community Watershed Stewardship Program partnerships, relationships with the Native American Community Advisory Council, the Columbia Slough Wetlands, and many other projects. Jennifer has taken on a number of challenging projects and issues over the last few difficult years and is a gem when it comes to finding solutions for issues that the community is facing. Each time she does so with a thoughtful and thorough approach. In sum, Jennifer stands out in all ways - as a City employee, leader, mentor, connector, AND as a generally fabulous human being!

Nominated by: Svetlana Hedin, Megan Hanson, Daryl Houtman, Colleen Mitchell
Bureau of Environmental Services



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Jennifer Karps, Bureau of Environmental Services

Jennifer Karps is a tour de force of equity and civil responsibility. It is a woeful understatement to say that our team benefits from her guidance and expertise as Integrated Solutions Delivery program coordinator. She is a tireless advocate for Portland communities; prioritizing just and equitable service in each decision and iteration of our program. Moreover, she brings equal care and compassion to her leadership role. She is a mentor, advisor, and friend.

Thank you so much for all that you do, Jennifer.

Nominated by: Kira Smith
Bureau of Environmental Services



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Jennifer Shackelford, Bureau of Environmental Services

Jennifer Shackelford’s unflappable ability to manage the Water Pollution Control Laboratory was on full display during the past year. Under Jennifer’s leadership the WPCL continued to meet service and quality levels despite all the challenges the past year brought to how we work. Under Jennifer’s leadership the WPCL again achieved accreditation from the Oregon Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (ORELAP). Jennifer and her team continued to think outside the box and deal with challenges and constraints to provide these essential services to our partners to the community

Nominated by: Dan Bauer
Bureau of Environmental Services



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Jerrianna Mobley, Bureau of Environmental Services

One time, Jerrianna was telling me about her day and her story started with, “I got up to feed the cows this morning...,” and I thought, my goodness, what doesn’t this woman do? Jerrianna is a wonderful co-worker. She is conscientious about her work; she stays until the job is done and she is unrelenting when it comes to the safety of everyone on the job site. In addition, she is a caring daughter, a great mom, and an encouraging mentor to her nephew. It’s all in a day’s work for a Wonder Woman!!

Nominated by: Anonymous



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Jocelyn Tunnard, Bureau of Environmental Services

Jocelyn is my everyday hero and an exceptional employee here at BES. She is the true definition of a team player always being supportive and enthusiastic. She has been an amazing sounding board through many challenges faced and has always been willing to assist in solving problems including ones that are not hers. She is a valuable person and an extremely helpful resource to me and other managers throughout the group when planning for the annual budget and the 5yr forecast. I truly value and appreciate you, your hard work and all your support!! Thank You.

Nominated by: Veronica Ferguson
Bureau of Environmental Services



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Julia Bond, Bureau of Environmental Services

Julia works tirelessly and with enthusiasm, bringing inspiration and extraordinary professionalism to every project or program she is involved with. She lifts up the people around her and brings out their best.

BES is a better place to work because she is here.

Nominated by: Anonymous



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Julia Bond, Bureau of Environmental Services

Julia is an ecologist, tech guru, clear writer, and so much more. Thank you for all the times you have solved a tech question for me as well as clearly described complicated scientific questions in ways that matter.

And for generally being wonderful to work with

Nominated by: Diane Dulken
Bureau of Environmental Services



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Julia Bond, Bureau of Environmental Services

Julia is a scientific phenom for BES. Her skills and knowledge about the collection and interpretation of environmental data (especially with regards to water quality in natural systems settings) is pretty much unsurpassed. She possesses the ability to apply her scientific rigor and seemingly esoteric skillsets while maintaining the ability to clearly explain the what and the why of what she is doing to her colleagues and stakeholders. As the word about her has gotten out and her workload dramatically increases, she handles these many requests for her assistance with enviable graciousness.

Nominated by: Dominic Maze
Bureau of Environmental Services



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Karen Martinek, Bureau of Environmental Services

It's not just what Karen does (which is wonderful), it's how she is. As graphic designer, Karen brings visual cohesion to BES as an organization and the many projects underway. I greatly value her calming style and can-do approach. Plus she is really enjoyable to work with. Thank you.

Nominated by: Diane Dulken
Bureau of Environmental Services



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Kathy Balogh, Bureau of Environmental Services

Kathy is a keystone of the Industrial Stormwater Program! She is not only an incredible inspector but is also an amazing mentor who makes new staff feel welcome and supported. Her passion for protecting the Columbia Slough shows in all her work. I have learned so much from her! Kathy is a Wonder Woman!

Nominated by: Melanie Roy
Bureau of Environmental Services



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Kerry Rubin, Bureau of Environmental Services

Once again Kerry has shown her willingness to step into an interim BLT role at a time of transition. Kerry has acclimated to the new role quickly contributing fully her insights and ideas to the BLT and is a great partner to her BLT peers. I appreciate Kerry's partnership and flexibility to advance the work of the BLT and the bureau.

Nominated by: Dan Bauer
Bureau of Environmental Services



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Kira Smith, Bureau of Environmental Services

Super Awesome Coordinator of Community Outreach and Connector of Resources/Peoples.

Nominated by: Anonymous



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Kristen Acock, Bureau of Environmental Services

Kristen consistently demonstrates partnership and a bureau-wide mindset in the work of the BES Strategy Group. I appreciate Kristen's leadership and partnership as we work together to realize the visions of the BES Transition Plan, ONE BES, Portfolio and Asset Management.

Nominated by: Dan Bauer
Bureau of Environmental Services



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Lea Wilson, Bureau of Environmental Services

Lea is an exceptionally brilliant, talented public servant who goes above and beyond for green infrastructure around the City, especially in historically underserved communities. She's consistently coming up with great ideas and interacts with the public with grace and professionalism.

Nominated by: Anonymous



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Linda Scheffler, Bureau of Environmental Services

Linda Scheffler exemplifies the best of public service. Linda's dedication to her work and the quality of the work she performs is outstanding. Linda is a consummate leader and partner, a big picture thinker who is not lost in detail, and an excellent manager who always leads by example. Linda is a role model for us all.

Nominated by: Dan Bauer
Bureau of Environmental Services



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Lisa Howard, Bureau of Environmental Services

Lisa's work supports our staff in doing theirs. In addition, I applaud Lisa for her big heart and generous spirit. Every year - including during this last pandemic year - she organizes a holiday gift drive for families in need. Thank you.

Nominated by: Diane Dulken
Bureau of Environmental Services



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Lisa Howard, Bureau of Environmental Services

Lisa is our dedicated employee. Always ready to help with your time sheet, FMLA paperwork or as a PEER. She is a gem that keeps on giving. Thank you Lisa, for everything you are doing for BES employees.

Nominated by: Svetlana Hedin
Bureau of Environmental Services



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Lisa Huntington, Bureau of Environmental Services

Lisa is a natural born leader. She is super tuned-in and has the capacity to operate at multiple levels within the bureau -- contributing to weedy technical debate, shaping program development, infusing our division with energy and creativity, and providing real human support to her direct reports. It is easy to celebrate Lisa!! I'm ever grateful for her generous spirit, sharp mind, easy humor, and patient support. Her personal approach to management inspires both collaboration and individual performance. Her commitment to the work is contagious. And she's a ton of fun :) #bestbossever

Nominated by: Roslyn Gray
Bureau of Environmental Services



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Lisa Marolf, Bureau of Environmental Services

Lisa Marolf does an outstanding job managing the complexities and challenges of the Director's office and the BLT. I appreciate that no matter how hectic the moment is Lisa demonstrates poise to balance the work, and help me move an item forward.

Nominated by: Dan Bauer
Bureau of Environmental Services



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Lisa McBride, Bureau of Environmental Services

Lisa has volunteered herself on several occasions to work on and improve certain deficiencies that are ever present at the wastewater plant. She recently proposed a 10-hour work shift for her graveyard operators because the old 8-hour shift wasn't working. Lisa could see that she needed to think outside the box and for the first time in 70 years, I do believe. The graveyard operators have their first ever 10-hour shift, and this new approach will help with retention and recruiting of future employees. Lisa cared enough about her employees to ask, present, and push for a more balanced home/work life for the sleep deprived. Thank you so much, Lisa.

Nominated by: Anonymous



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Lisa McBride, Bureau of Environmental Services

Lisa is amazing! While single handedly fulfilling her regular duties as the Operations Supervisor for B and C shifts, she has been also providing safety training opportunities for all of the O&M teams! She jumps in to support new operators in training and is a collaborative member of the leadership team. Lisa's hands-on approach to safety and security has raised the level of awareness and understanding for everyone. When anyone asks Lisa for help, she always finds a way to support! She is a true Wonder Woman!

Nominated by: Monica Stone
Bureau of Environmental Services



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Liz Moorhead, Bureau of Environmental Services

Liz brings a warmth with her. She has a way of making people feel heard and comfortable. I appreciate that she is looking out for me and the lab and offering valuable mentorship. Our lab staff appreciated her leadership and support during our transition between supervisors. She did this during the pandemic and in addition to her regular duties. Liz is a wonder woman!

Nominated by: Viola Lai
Bureau of Environmental Services



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Lynne Casey, Bureau of Environmental Services

Lynne Casey performs the valuable work of organizational management with a high level of skill and equanimity. Lynne's work is essential to all areas of the bureau and she demonstrated fairness and consistency in centering her work on the best outcomes for the bureau Thank you Lynne!

Nominated by: Dan Bauer
Bureau of Environmental Services



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Marveita Redding, Bureau of Environmental Services

Marveita Redding is a gracious partner and thoughtful leader of the Delivery Programs Group. Marveita's willingness to help provide my group resources and assistance in times of staffing constraints is greatly appreciated.

Marveita - Thank you for your partnership!

Nominated by: Dan Bauer
Bureau of Environmental Services



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Megan Callahan, Bureau of Environmental Services

Megan provides leadership to the important work in BES of how we communicate with those we serve. I appreciate Megan's insights and perspective as we strive to communicate important messages, social media, and impactful stories to better connect and build trust with the community we serve.

Nominated by: Dan Bauer
Bureau of Environmental Services



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Megan Callahan, Bureau of Environmental Services

As our manager, Megan consistently supports her team - through the many, many changes and challenges we have experienced these last two years. She listens, she guides, she lets go, she brings us together, and brings out the best in ourselves, as human beings and public servants. Thanks, Megan.

Nominated by: The women of BES' Communications Team: Diane Dulken,
Sara Gardner, Karen Martinek, and Taffy Spencer
Bureau of Environmental Services



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Melanie Gualotunia, Bureau of Environmental Services

Melanie is a Wonder Woman. She is a great leader to her team, responsive to the high customer service demands of her program, a pleasure to work with and a mom to a house full of teenagers. Any of those efforts would be commendable on their own but she does them all and deserves an award for it.

Nominated by: Aimee Dexter
Bureau of Environmental Services



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Michele Juon, Bureau of Environmental Services

Michele is an ultimate Wonder Woman. She is a wonderful leader, supervisor, co-worker, mentor, wife, mother and friend. In all aspects of her life she excels and sets an impressive example for others, not only achieving her own successes but supporting others to achieve theirs. Michele oversees the Columbia Boulevard Wastewater Treatment Plant’s Community Advisory Committee connecting community members to the important work of Bureau of Environmental Services. She is also an excellent supervisor supporting a diverse team of administrative professionals who provide critical services toward 24/7 wastewater and stormwater collection, pumping, and treatment. In addition, Michele is an effective leader and a fabulous city employee who strives toward making a positive difference every day. Michele is full of greatness and kindness and is “the” woman you want to be acquainted with, converse with, work with, be friends with.

She makes the city and the world a better place.

Nominated by: Lynn Sandretzky
Bureau of Environmental Services



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Mikiko Heitzman, Bureau of Environmental Services

Mikiko's gold standard of work ethic and take-charge attitude challenges everyone she works with to be the best operator they can be. She's a great mentor and source of knowledge for newer employees and is always a pleasure to work with, bringing a positive attitude to every situation. As someone who would never ask for it, Mikiko deserve the recognition of these awards.

Nominated by: Anonymous



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Mikiko Heitzman, Bureau of Environmental Services

Mikiko is an amazing operator with an incredible attention to detail! She is extremely knowledgeable and is always willing to help by teaching, leading and working along side her team mates not only on her shift but wherever and whenever help is needed.

Nominated by: Lisa McBride
Bureau of Environmental Services



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Mikiko Heitzman, Bureau of Environmental Services

Mikiko is an exceptional lead operator at the Columbia Boulevard WWTP. She works with her team to support meeting NPDES compliance tasks, identifies and remedies many operational challenges, demonstrates leadership by coordinating and completing tasks that can't always be prioritized and takes the initiative to resolve complex scheduling constraints that require cross trade coordination. Mikiko has likely worked more overtime than any other operator as an essential employee during the pandemic and still asks her team each day, how can she help get the work done.

Nominated by: Monica Stone
Bureau of Environmental Services



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Miranda Wood, Bureau of Environmental Services

Miranda has participated on the DEEP Executive Committee as Secretary for several years. She is reliable, intuitive, empathetic, and an excellent resource with a wealth of knowledge. Now she is taking on a lead role with our Communications committee and is excellent in keeping us on track. She is always a genuine pleasure to work with and also great at keeping up on all of our tasks!

Nominated by: Debbie Caselton
Bureau of Environmental Services



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Molly Nause-McCord, Bureau of Environmental Services

Molly has shown me that she is a role model by always being willing to help out and working hard. Molly is very inclusive with her coworkers and always has a positive attitude during team meetings. I know if I am ever having trouble that I can reach out to Molly for help.

Nominated by: Mariah Clyde
Bureau of Environmental Services



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Monica Morales, Bureau of Environmental Services

Monica started with us as an Operations Specialist and immediately jumped in to projects to support Operations and make improvements for everyone. She has stuck with it to find solutions working with Engineering, Maintenance, contractors and others. The work she does makes a positive difference everyday!

Nominated by: Lisa McBride
Bureau of Environmental Services



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Monica Stone, Bureau of Environmental Services

Since Monica started here, she has done MORE in less time trying to improve the working conditions for her Operations Specialists, her Operators on and off her shift. Monica embodies what you want to see in a manager and employee. She listens, is pro-active on employee morale, supportive, and encouraging. Monica isn't intimidated or threatened by sharing her working knowledge with staff. In fact, Monica tries to share that knowledge to produce a more knowledgeable, happier, and successful employee. Monica has demonstrated multiple times the following by her actions, Be the change you wish to see in the world. Be the change you want to see happen. She has done this by getting things done that have been on the back burner for a long time and doesn't let the answer NO discourage her. And Thank God for that!

Nominated by: Anonymous



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Monica Stone, Bureau of Environmental Services

Monica is always willing to listen and work toward solutions. She is strong, capable, supportive and just an amazing person all the way around! I count myself lucky to work with her and look forward to the amazing things she will do every day.

Nominated by: Lisa McBride
Bureau of Environmental Services



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Muriel Gueissaz-Teufel, Bureau of Environmental Services

Muriel is so impressive! In addition to her full-time job as a mom and “spare time” job farming a vineyard, she manages the BES Secondary Treatment Expansion Program- the bureau's largest suite of capital projects since the CSO Program ended in 2011. This program is currently the second largest City capital project after the Water Bureau’s filtration plant. In what was a “man’s role” at BES and other utilities in the past, she is a leader in a wave of women breaking gender barriers. This is a high-stakes, regulation-driven complex set of projects where design and construction must be carefully planned and coordinated over multiple years with ongoing daily operations at the City's wastewater treatment plant. Muriel is a skilled project manager and is managing this \$400+ million program with high standards, professionalism, and grace. She negotiates and manages several large contracts with a slate of senior consulting engineers and project managers reporting to her. Despite what would be an all-encompassing focus on that project, she always has time to give advice and support and mentor others at BES. She is actively committed to equity in contracting, equity and diversity in our workforce, and personal growth around equity and anti-racism. She gives credit and supports opportunities and career growth for staff and encourages leadership in those around her. Muriel shows up every day with a strong ethos of public service and excellence in our work, driven by her passion and deep technical background in wastewater management and engineering, while keeping her eye on the big picture and maintaining a good sense of humor. An example- Muriel logs on to her virtual meetings with a picture of microorganisms that process wastewater sludge as her background!

Nominated by: Sara Culp
Bureau of Environmental Services



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Naomi Tsurumi, Bureau of Environmental Services

Naomi is a great team member! She recently stepped up and helped out with a project I am working on and added a ton of value, and did it with her characteristic good humor and spirits and deep insight and intelligence. Thank you, Naomi!

Nominated by: Becky Tillson
Bureau of Environmental Services



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Nichelle Carter, Bureau of Environmental Services

Nichelle has achieved wonder woman status in the manner in which she stays on top of key bureau processes, most notably review and routing of Council ordinances, requisition approvals in SAP, and managing the annual fiscal year end invoice payments. In short, she keeps our critical work moving so that we can advertise contracts and pay our bills in a timely manner. She does all this with a positive attitude and extremely responsive manner. Nichelle is a pleasure to work with and can be trusted to lead critical tasks and processes to meet deadlines.

Nominated by: Paul Suto
Bureau of Environmental Services



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Pam Mavis, Bureau of Environmental Services

Pam is amazing and is a person you can count on in providing exceptional support. She has been wonderful in assisting with the hiring process and many other tasks. Thank You Pam for your patience and willingness to help us navigate through the processes.

Nominated by: Veronica Ferguson
Bureau of Environmental Services



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Rhonda Anderson, Bureau of Environmental Services

Rhonda Anderson is always willing to help support the needs to the Technical Services Group. I appreciate Rhonda's willingness to help with budget, contracts, and the essential work of administration. Thank You Rhonda!

Nominated by: Dan Bauer
Bureau of Environmental Services



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Ronnie Mompeller, Bureau of Environmental Services

Wonder Women lead the charge to save others. Wonder-Responders demonstrated their commitment to help others during a long 2-year COVID-19 response that tested the limits of emergency response capacity to extremes. Every person was affected and touched by the pandemic. During this prolonged response and with many major adjustments for all in the City, additional emergencies arose – a heat dome with deadly excessive heat, snow and ice storms, power outages, and a chlorine shortage. The City set up shelters and vaccination clinics, we planned for continuity of operations, we discussed safety protocols and implemented them, and the City Emergency Coordination Center along with other Bureaus, remained activated on duty throughout this tumultuous time. Our female colleagues and work friends met the pandemic challenge, adapting in ways we never knew would be needed. I am proud of all of their efforts, and grateful for their steady resolve, their resilience, and their tremendous support. Some of my heroes may not think they were serving as responders, because they were doing their regular work, but it is often the foundational core duties that others perform that support successful emergency response. I greatly value that support and feel that everyone had a role in keeping the City functional, and in ensuring each others' safety – We got through this together. Wonder-Responders and the people who support their efforts all put on their COVID-Capes and became COVID-Conquerers, which is wonderful indeed!

Nominated by: Kim Parsons Anderson
Portland Water Bureau



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Ronnie Mompellier, Bureau of Environmental Services

Ronnie has done a huge amount for our bureau during the past few years, and continues to add a lot of value to the re-entry planning process. Thanks for being such a good team member and leader, Ronnie!

Nominated by: Becky Tillson
Bureau of Environmental Services



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Shyvonne Williams, Bureau of Environmental Services

Shyvonne leads from the heart to further our bureaus personal growth and understanding of Equity and Anti-Racism. Over the past year Shyvonne provided in depth person-centered training to the entire Technical Service Group for individual growth in equity and how to center equity work in lasting ways to benefit the community. Thank You Shyvonne!

Nominated by: Dan Bauer
Bureau of Environmental Services



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Shyvonne Williams, Bureau of Environmental Services

Shyvonne has such a lively and compassionate spirit. Her dedication to centering and promoting wellness is admirable.

Nominated by: Tyesha McCool-Riley
Office of Community & Civic Life



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Sophia Batroukh, Bureau of Environmental Services

Sophia is incredible and provides exceptional support and assistance in navigating through hiring, on-boarding and Success factors processes. Thank You Sophia, I appreciate you and the work you do.

Nominated by: Veronica Ferguson



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Susan Hjorten, Bureau of Environmental Services

Susan is a role model, mentor, and exceptional City employee. Her can do attitude and initiative is unmatched. She is an excellent project manager/engineer, an amazing networker, and has become a Wonder Woman worthy boss. In the last two years I've seen Susan go from a coworker/role model and now flourishing in her new role as my supervisor. She provides support, advocates for her staff, builds rapport and strong communication pathways, and gets work done!

Nominated by: J'reyesha Brannon
Bureau of Environmental Services



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Susanna Blunt, Bureau of Environmental Services

Susanna goes above and beyond what is expected of her by learning what work other sections in the lab perform and volunteers to learn new methods, update SOP's and improve current processes and methods to save analyst time that could be utilized elsewhere in the laboratory. She has a positive attitude and applies her experience in all the work she performs.

Nominated by: Jennifer Brashnyk
Bureau of Environmental Services



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Svetlana Hedin, Bureau of Environmental Services

Svetlana consistently provides outstanding customer service and outreach to Portlanders of all kinds. I've witnessed her with multiple projects and city efforts try and connect and find common ground with neighborhood groups, families, and individuals. She is conscientious, caring, and makes the city look good!

Nominated by: Dominic Maze
Bureau of Environmental Services



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Taffy Spencer, Bureau of Environmental Services

Taffy is insightful and dedicated, bringing a supportive style to all she does. Thank you for your contributions in making a stressful couple of years easier to navigate.

Nominated by: Diane Dulken
Bureau of Environmental Services



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Taryn Meyer, Bureau of Environmental Services

Taryn Meyer is a true Wonder Woman. I am in awe of how she can manage the CSA Program's 18 on-call PTE contracts, task orders and invoices, IGAs, Inter-bureau agreements, help with the program budget, keep up with her own project work and demands as a Hydrogeologist, and still is able to be an effective mentor to so many interns, other city workers, and other people in her profession. No matter how busy Taryn is, she always finds the time to help someone out if they need her expertise. While she is doing all of this, she never fails to find other ways to make Portland better for all of us, like drawing attention to CIPP liner emissions potential exposures to community members and workers and putting in place procedures for us to address CIPP emissions issues when things go awry – that is just one example of many. If you ask anyone who has had the pleasure of working with Taryn, I am confident they would tell you that she really cares about her work, her coworkers, and her community members – she is the real deal.

Taryn sets the bar on what it is to be a City of Portland employee and a Wonder Woman.

Nominated by: Bethany Nabhan
Bureau of Environmental Services



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Tonya Stephens, Bureau of Environmental Services

Tonya has done a great job onboarding into the Technical Services Group. Tonya has shown initiative and dedication in learning the ropes of the budget process for our group and has stepped into many important analyst roles on projects and operations. I appreciate Tonya's confidence and can-do mindset, always willing to lend a hand and step into growth roles and contribute in new ways in the organization.

Nominated by: Dan Bauer
Bureau of Emergency Communications



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Valerie Menely, Bureau of Environmental Services

Valerie is a public servant at its root. She wants to do what's best for the City, the customers and the employees. While we worked together at PBOT, we formed a friendship that is long lasting. She is a coach, mentor, and champion for my success, and I appreciate that she is wanting to see everyone achieve the very best. In addition, she provided great customer service to her clients within the permitting world, serving several bureaus and applicants alike. She fielded many angry calls and emails to shield others and make sure messaging was consistent. I wish Valerie well in her new position in BES and know that she will achieve her very best there.

Nominated by: Cori Wiessner
Portland Bureau of Transportation



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Wonder Woman Award 2022

Viola Lai, Bureau of Environmental Services

Viola has stepped up to take the role of Material Testing Lab Manager while covering a lot of her previous work. She has done an exceptional job getting things done during the short time she's been in the position. She has been responsive to the needs of the group and understanding of everyone's perspectives. The lab is in good hands.

Nominated by: Ian LaVielle
Bureau of Environmental Services



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