

Student Employee Recognition Ideas

National Student Employment Week | April 14-18, 2025

Showing appreciation to student employees is just as important as recognizing professional staff! Offer your authentic appreciation, ask questions about how their work or school is going, provide ongoing support for their development, and don't forget to have fun occasionally!

On this document, you'll find fun and affordable ideas to show appreciation. You can decide what your department will do to celebrate based on your own work environment and budget (not limited to the list). Remember to tag us on Instagram **@gatechcareers** with pictures and videos of your week!

Consider the following:

- Decorate the workspace for the week with a banner or balloons.
- Write personal thank you notes. Here's a template file you may print!
- Provide sweet treats throughout the week, such as donuts, cookies, candy, etc.
- Host an office party with interactive games. Give out silly awards (e.g. 'Best telephone voice', 'Pop Culture Expert', etc.) or <u>Candy Bar Awards</u>.
- Plan a team morale building event like bowling at <u>Tech Rec</u> or get creative at <u>Paper and Clay</u>.
- Take pictures with your students and post them on your department social media. Add #GTStudentEmploymentWeek to your captions.
- Purchase Georgia Tech merch from the Barnes & Noble Bookstore. Ensure all your students receive something.
- Assemble mini care packages to encourage them during upcoming exams and final projects.
- Give them a LinkedIn <u>recommendation</u>. Once your recommendation is sent, it will be visible to future employers on their profile.
- Upload an acknowledgment of the week to the digital signs in your space. Create a personalized one or <u>use our digital sign</u>.
- Acknowledge each student's unique contributions in a team meeting. Be specific in what it is that they have accomplished.

Have questions?

Contact the <u>Employee Engagement team</u>, for more ideas and ways you can express gratitude for employees throughout the calendar year.

To learn more about student employment, visit the <u>Student Employment</u> website. Have a question related to student hiring? Go to the <u>ASC Portal</u> to submit an inquiry.