

WELCOME

## Meet the newest staff members on the Marklund Team!



**Taylor Burkhalter- TAA, MHC**

I have a husband and twin four-month-old boys. We also have a cat named Virgil. I lived in central Illinois but now live in Oswego. I have worked at NIU. My hobbies include reading, watching TV, knitting, and playing World of Warcraft.



**Amber Pustelnik- PSP, MWC**

I have one brother and seven sisters. My family and I believe "A smile a day can make someone else's day". I am from Lake in the Hills. I have worked at Lowe's, O'Reilly, and Pioneer Center. I enjoy working on cars, drawing, painting, running, cooking, and hiking with my Pitbull/Weiner dog Missy.



**Angelika Gniady- Teacher's Assistant, MDS**

I'm an only child but have many cousins and I come from a large family. I am from Norridge. I've worked retail at Carter's, American Eagle, and Michael Kors. I enjoy spending time with friends and family, taking photos, and going on road trips.



**Elizabeth Plain- PSP, MWC**

I have three sons at ages 22, 24, and 25. I am from Decatur. I have studied Media Arts and love helping people. I was a unit director at Eastside Terrace, a vocational teacher for a Step Forward, and a surgical sterile tech. I enjoy acting, photography, and music.



**Angelo Amato- Teacher's Assistant, MDS**

I have a 24 year-old brother. Both of my parents were born in Italy and came to the U.S. when they were young. I was born in Park Ridge and lived most of my life in Addison. I have worked as a TA at my university, and at NEDSRA for summer camps. I enjoy sports and spending time with family and friends.



**Love Javier- RN, MPC**

I have a husband of six years, a cat, and a dog. I am originally from the Philippines but now reside in Villa Park. I have mostly worked in long term care facilities as a CNA and nurse. I love to draw, write stories, and build things like furniture.



**Svilena Stankov- Teacher's Assistant, MDS**

I have a brother, mother, and father. I live in Roselle but was born in Bulgaria. I have worked at Viata's Limos, NIU as a community advisor, and Target. I enjoy dancing, painting, spending time with friends and family, completing puzzles, and watching shows/movies.



**Vickie Patterson- PSP, MHC**

I have two beautiful, intelligent children. They are both in college. I am from Chicago but currently live in DeKalb. I was an armed security guard for Allied Universal for 11 years. I enjoy working and camping.



**Katrina Bishop- PSP, MPC**

I am the oldest of four. My two brothers are still in school, my sister just graduated high school and is leaving for the U.S. Air Force. I have moved around a lot and have just settled back in South Elgin. I have worked mostly at hospitals and advocate facilities. In my free time I jump horses and garden. Once I get settled here I would like to start volunteering at Field of Dreams again.

Additional new hires include:

**Vanessa Acevedo - PSP at MWC.**

**Alyce Salerno - IHR PSP at MHC**

## The Summer 2018 issue of the Marklund CareLetter is out!

Be sure to pick up your copy at the front reception area of any of our locations.



JUNE 21, 2018

We had another very good group of nominees this month (111). I could have easily chosen any number of honorees. I get so many really deserving nominations each month that whoever I end up picking is really a "First among equals."

I want to thank each of you who take the time to submit one of your fellow staff and recognize them for this honor. I know that it means a lot because I see staff wearing their stickers and saving past recognitions. Remember to give your honoree the sticker! As a reminder, both the honoree and those who nominate them get a gift card.

The two persons selected for this month are **John Pasano** (MPC) and **Jayona Sayachack** (MDS).

**John** is a PSP at the Marklund Philip Center and works the overnight shift. He had three nominations. In one he was recognized for working very short staffed on two consecutive nights and he "just kept moving all night – no complaints." In another, they remarked on his compassion and how he "takes his time with each client and makes sure all their needs are attended. Even when he is working alone." His positive attitude was cited in all three. John is being recognized for his **attitude, compassion and teamwork**.

**Jayona** is a new Paraprofessional at the Marklund Day School in Bloomingdale. She was nominated by three of her fellow staff. In each of the nominations, the "helping out" theme came through loud and clear. In one, they recognized her for keeping the classroom "running smoothly." In another she helped make a "crazy day" go much better because of the way she "stepped up." Another remarked on the fact that most days she is helping two students and doing a "wonderful job." Jayona is being recognized for her **attitude, accountability and teamwork**.

Again, congratulations to all but a special commendation to **John and Jayona**.

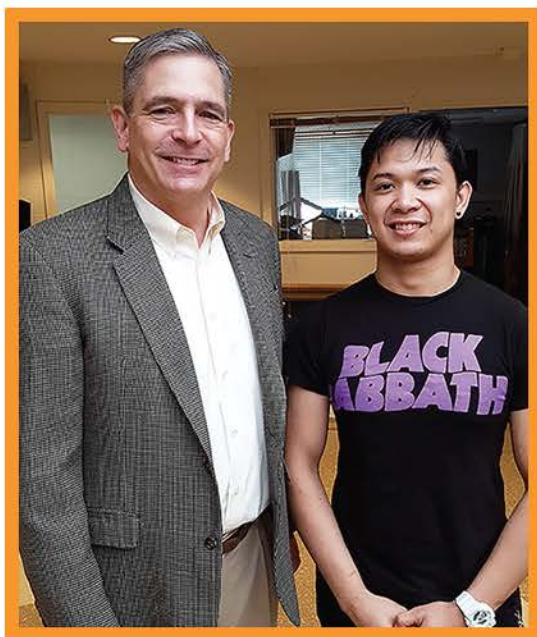


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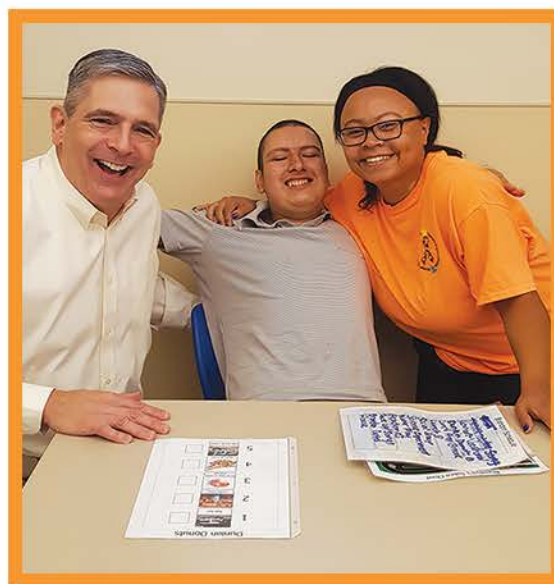
# “YOU CAUGHT MY EYE”

In honoring the true spirit of this award, we are recognizing both the nominee and nominator acknowledged this month in our “President’s Perspective” section of Connections

## Join us in Congratulating May 2018 Winners:



**John Pasano**



**Jayona Sayachack**

**Nominators:** Jo Anne Banayat, Cassidy Blair,  
Diana Claros, Mary Chow,  
Rae Rhule, Kim Seiber

### Congratulations to all of our staff nominated for a “YOU CAUGHT MY EYE”

Tyler Adamson, Babatunde Adekoya, Tammy Armstrong, Morgan Ball, Lorin Bergschneider, Suzanne Berrend, Kristy Beuning, Paula Bodzioch, Deena Bonnike, Jeannette Brancato, Aly Brown, Andrea Campos, Andrew Carberry, Marissa Cassin, Christina Castillo, Beatrice Chen, Rose Cousins, Zita Davis, Brittany Davis, Stephanie Dellgrazie, Krissy Dolan, Edyta Dziarkowski, Meghan Edwards, Gil Fonger, Angeliave Franks, Jen Gallendez, Paula Garcon, Jess Goff, Kayla Gome, Jasmine Gomez, Maria Gonzalez, Jeff Greeny, Kathy Hamilton, Amy Hammerquist, Marion Harris, Elizabeth Jacobson, Amy Johnson, Cammi Kayse, Mary Kobbeman, Angela Kopulos, Vicki Krystof, Lizze Kuhn, Brandie Lanoue, Dawn Lassiter-Brueske, Rose Leon, Brittany Leonhard, Audrey Lind, Jacqui Lodor, Marie Loianco, Sam Mooney, Oneida Melecio, Chiandra Milligan, Rita Moore, Mary Motyka, Angela Munoz-Pacheco, Lucy Nieveria, Mark Olt, John Pasano, Yette Paven Cardens, Joel Pinto, Ted Podalak, Adrian Quinones, Alyssa Rasavady, Jennifer Robles, Bonnie Rott, Joan Rubino, Lara Rufenacht, Susan Rushford, Jayona Sayachack, Denise Settanni, Amrita Singh, Jeannie Stefanik, Brittany Sullivan, Maria Vargas, Sarah Vitacco, Johnathan Walsh, Lee Washington, Melissa Webb, Gina Wiley, Tamera Williams, MHC Room 4

### Thank you to those who took the time to nominate their fellow co-workers

Hodales Arce, Codi Ash, Morgan Ball, Jo Anne Banayat, Lorin Bergschneider, Kristy Beuning, Cassie Bieberstein, Cassidy Blair, Deena Bonnike, Andrea Campos, Brittany Childers, Mary Chow, Diana Claros, William Cobb, Rose Cousins, Amanda Dickinson, Kissy Dolen, Meghan Edwards, Delice Enoch, Vicky Farrelly, Gil Fonger, Diana Galto, Kevin Gatto, Jessie Goff, Rose Holod, Lizzy Jacobson, Sarah Jenkins, Amy Johnson, Lori Kaczmarek, Tom Kazda, Jamie Keller, Jan Knaudson, Dawn Lassiter-Brueske, Brittany Leonhard, Shelly Lewis, Marie Loiacono, Viva Luna, Alicia Madison, Danielle Matlock, Laurie McKeon, Joseph Meiners, Sam Mooney, Cathy Nikrandt, Laura Nykaza, Meredith Odierna, Gunjan Patel, Bernadette Pauls, Susan Paustian, Tina Perrez, Nena Ramirez, Rae Rhule, Kim Seiber, Lois Sheaffer, Jeanine Stefanik, Mady Stein, Bhavika Thakkar, Cathy Tunaitis, Johnathan Walsh, Vicki Watts, Melissa Webb, Roxanne White, Christine Wilkins

# Happy CNA week!



Thank you for all you do. We appreciate your hard work and dedication!



## #RepresentMarklund!

**Vicki Watts,**  
Director of Corporate & Foundation Relations,  
at Bond Falls in Trout Creek, MI



**On your next vacation or getaway, bring Marklund along!**

Take a photo of yourself wearing Marklund attire, and we'll include it in an upcoming edition of Connections. We want to see how many places and just how far our Marklund brand can reach!

*Email your pics to Dawn Lassiter-Brueske,  
Director of Marketing & Communications, at [dlassiter@marklund.org](mailto:dlassiter@marklund.org).*

Congrats to **Jenna Gasper**, Recreational Therapist,  
in Bloomingdale! Beautiful bride!  
Marklund invades Door County, Wisconsin!

*Staff attended Jenna's wedding in Door County, last weekend  
so of course we sported our Marklund attire at the wedding!*



Thank you  
**Brittany Sullivan** for  
assisting JD with  
this painting for  
**Gina Allen's**  
new baby girl!



**Jeannie Stefanik**  
Developmental Training Program Manager

Thank you **Jasmine Gomez**  
for turning in \$100  
found at the MHC,  
which had been lost by  
**Housekeeper**  
**Cathy Tunaitis!**



Jasmine Gomez & Cathy Tunaitis

### OUR SOCIAL NETWORK



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*Together, we can do more.*



## Using the new Marklund website!

You have probably noticed that Marklund has a new website.

Staff may access Paylocity, email, HR policies and more by **logging into the STAFF PORTAL** area on the website.

Instructions on how to log in are below AND are posted by each kiosk.

**PLEASE DO NOT TRY TO RESET THE PASSWORD.**

It can only be reset by the website administrator.

### How to Log in to the Staff Portal section of the website at the Kiosks:

The kiosk computers will be opened to the homepage on the Marklund website:

1. At the top right of the home page, click on "Log in"
2. Type the following in the "Username" box: marklund
3. Type the following in the "Password" box: marklund
4. Use the mouse to click the "Login" button
5. At the top right of the web page, hover your cursor over the word "Staff" and a dropdown menu will appear.
6. Click on the link you would like to get in to (For Example: Paylocity Email, Onshift, etc.)
7. Log in to other pages using your personal information
8. Log out of your Email, Paylocity, etc. when you are finished.

You do not need to turn the computer off when you are done.

Please see the front desk staff with questions.

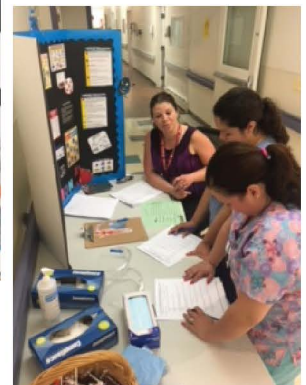
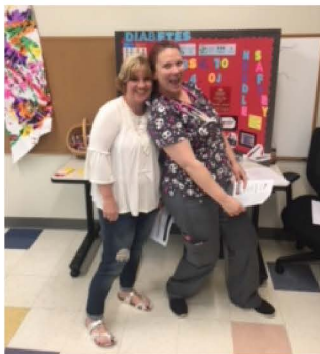
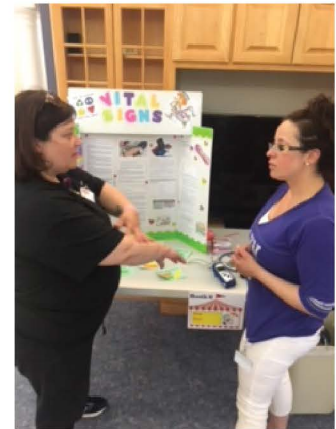
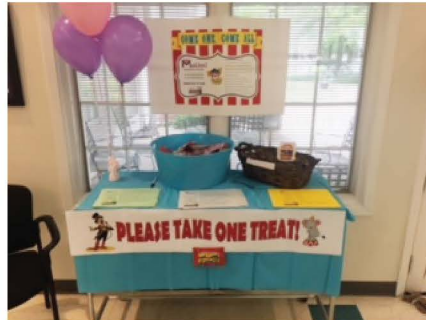
Dawn Lassiter-Brueske  
*Director of Marketing and Communications*

# Marklund<sup>®</sup> Wasmond Center

## We launched our 1st annual skills fair.

Thank you to all the staff that worked hard to put this on and all the staff that participated.

We had a lot of fun!



TEAMWORK



## Thanks to so many wonderful friends, the 36th Annual Marklund Golf Classic raised over \$202,000 in NET proceeds.

Our thanks to the clients who came out and helped us celebrate, including Mike K, pictured here with our presenting sponsor, **Jim Porter of Porter Pipe and Supply Co.** Also pictured, Aspen Lane Wine Company and their **sangria truck** were a huge hit on the course this year. Winemaker Bob Evanosky is on a mission to support organizations that help those with special needs- his wife Sonya sits on our board. Board member, Frank Murnane, also pictured here, had a great round of golf on Dubsdread and went home with the **Porter Cup trophy!**



UPDATES

### Make your Fiscal Year -End gift today!

Did you know that specialized therapy equipment will cost Marklund close to \$32,000 in 2018?

At Marklund, we are committed to our mission and our promise to **make everyday life possible for individuals with profound disabilities.** Our fiscal year ends on June 30th and we need your help.

Our clients' daily life experiences count on the essentials of therapy equipment to meet their needs, such as:



- A **foam wedge** to relieve pressure and help build upper body strength and head control;



- A **gait trainer** for comfortable alignment while walking;

To make your gift, please visit <https://www.marklund.org/fiscal-year-end-appeal-2018/> or submit a payroll status form.

Questions? Contact Meredith Odierna, Annual Fund Manager, at ext. 5471.

GRANTS CORNER

We received **\$1,500** from the Wheaton Lions Club for a bubble tube at MPC.