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Florida Sterling Council Recognizes Pasco Employees

~~Awards for Examiner Excellence, Rookies of the Year; and Examiner Promotions~~

PASCO COUNTY, FL ---- Pasco County is proud to share that the [Florida Sterling Council](#) is recognizing **six** of our team members for their work as Sterling Examiners – including the Examiner Excellence Award – given to only one Sterling Examiner each year. More than 150 Volunteer Examiners serve statewide, supporting the council’s mission of elevating organizational performance excellence. The awards were presented during a virtual Examiner Recognition Ceremony July 17.

“We’re grateful to have our talented team of examiners helping guide our own performance excellence initiatives within Pasco County, while also assisting organizations throughout the state,” said County Administrator Dan Biles.

Amielee Farrell, of Pasco’s Office of Management and Budget, received the **Examiner Excellence Award** for her contributions in the areas of thought leadership, developing new software training and guidance, and her participation on two assessment teams.

The Florida Sterling Council also named Pasco employees **Nilda Meono** as the **Challenge Assessment Rookie of the Year** and **Courtney Cooper** as the **Governor’s Sterling Award Assessment Rookie of the Year**. Additionally, **Zuzana Bobst**, **Courtney Cooper**, **Matthew Hicks** and **Nilda Meono** were promoted from Examiner to Advanced Examiner. **Jeffrey Harris** was promoted from Advanced Examiner to Senior Examiner, and **Amielee Farrell** was promoted from Senior Examiner to Lead Examiner.

The Florida Sterling Council was formed in 1992 as a not-for-profit, public/private partnership supported by the Office of the Governor. Its extensive corps of Sterling performance excellence professionals, which includes a 40-member Board of Directors, maintains exceptionally high standards and saves organizations, as well as the state, millions of dollars annually. To learn more about the Sterling Program and the role of Examiners, visit: FloridaSterling.com.

Since its inception, the Florida Sterling Council has recognized 84 organizations as Governor’s Sterling Award (GSA) recipients and 17 as Governor’s Sterling Sustained Excellence Recipients. Sterling has trained more than 2,000 examiners who have implemented Sterling practices within their own organizations. Through its leadership, programs and volunteers, Sterling offers practices that drive results and success, both in bottom-line performance and individual professional development.