1. Give students a care package with cookies, candy, popcorn, a mug or some other treat.
2. Send your students a “Thank You” card or give them a gift to remember your department.
3. Post a sign in your department, “We Appreciate Our Student Employees”
4. Share a decorated “Thank You” cake with all the students in your department.
5. Have your staff wear special badges that say “Student Employees are Great” or “We Appreciate our Student Staff”
6. Design and present your student employees certificates of appreciation
7. Create gift bags for each student, and invite your staff to deposit small items in the gift bags
8. Present your student employees with flowers
9. Purchase gift certificates for meaningful purchases: bookstore, coffee shop, restaurant, gas station
10. Encouraging supervisors to take their student employees to lunch, or to host a departmental open house for all student employees
11. Prepare “Certificates of Excellence” for your student employees
12. Create and present your student staff members with a proclamation that celebrates their unique contributions to your office ("Be it hereby proclaimed that Jane shall be known hereafter as the Superhero of Student Employment!")
13. Plan a special Student Employment Recognition day Treat Day - full-time staff bring in treats/lunch for student employees.
14. Treat students to a pizza party, potluck lunch, or special breakfast.
15. Buy low cost, blank certificates and make up awards for students: best telephone voice, best web-surfer, etc.
16. Friendship Plants - take cuttings from a plant in the office and give to each student as a live "connection" to the office.
17. Good Egg Award - buy plastic Easter Eggs, fill with goodies and give out with "Good Egg" certificates. List what the student did to deserve this award
18. Make a banner to hang for the whole week in your office. Decorate an office bulletin board or the office door for the week in recognition of your students.
19. Thanks a “latte” – buy students a latte (or any coffee)
20. Make a “wall of praise,” where employees can post notes paying compliments to the student employees.
21. Use chalk to write a message showing your support for your student employees on the sidewalk outside your building.
22. Give students a succulent or other plant and thank them for helping the department grow.
23. Buy a dozen donuts for your student employees, and tell them you “donut” know what you would do without them.
24. Create a compliment jar, where other members of the staff can anonymously write compliments and put them in a jar. Decorate the jar and present it to students!
25. If your student employees are graduating soon, ask each of the members of your staff to write down a piece of advice or motivational note that they wish they could’ve been told when they graduated college. Present it to the students along with a gift.