



"Spirit of BG" Award Classified Staff Nomination Form



Any member of the university community (faculty, staff or student) may nominate a permanent full-time or part-time classified staff employee for "The Spirit of BG" Award. Following the established guidelines, nominations must be received by the last business day of each month.

Nominations may be submitted by completing this form via email or campus mail to:

Deborah Lowery, Chair
"Spirit of BG" Award Committee
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Nominee: Fidel "Rudy" Ramos, Jr.

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In 500 words or less, please describe why this person deserve recognition for the "Spirit of BG" Award:

Please p. 2. Thank you.

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“Spirit of BG” Award Nomination
Fidel “Rudy” Ramos, Jr.

In 2008, I was working on a project that resulted in a video produced by WBGU titled *Title IX: Implications for Women in Sport and Education*. As part of this project, I traveled to Nashville, TN where staff at the Tennessee State University TV station recorded my interview with Coach Ed Temple, an iconic figure in women’s track and field. Mr. Temple talked in detail about his experiences as coach of the renowned Tennessee State Tigerbelles (1950-1994). I was unable to use that interview in the video but kept it safe in case I ever found someone who could edit it and render it suitable to be viewed on its own. In 2019, I found that person—Fidel “Rudy” Ramos, Jr.

I had previously worked with Rudy in his role as the technical specialist at Jerome Library. When I approached him for help on this project, he enthusiastically accepted the challenge. When I asked him how much his expertise would cost, he said that he had a mission to assist retirees with their technology needs free of charge; consequently, he would not expect or accept any compensation. That was the beginning of an amazing collaboration during which Rudy worked diligently to create a very professional product. I was continually impressed with his knowledge, skills, work ethic, and patience with me.

Because we had a DVD of the interview but no footage, Rudy couldn’t edit it in the conventional way. I did not know that text and images could be inserted into existing DVDs, but, of course, Rudy had that knowledge. He demonstrated exceptional expertise and innovation by using a program that allowed him to transform the interview into a video enriched with additional images and text.

Rudy’s efforts culminated in a wonderful video with the potential to contribute to the public good through informing viewers about the experiences of a coach of color in the segregated south. The interview not only reveals the accomplishments of an incredibly talented group of Black athletes at an HBCU but also provides viewers with excellent examples of the importance of diversity, equity, and inclusion. As Coach Temple reveals the hardships his athletes endured and surmounted, viewers will become aware of the challenges faced by marginalized groups and could gain a new appreciation of BGSU’s core values of diversity and belonging.

While working with Rudy, I witnessed his demonstration of the characteristics that the “Spirit of BG” Award represents. Moreover, throughout the three years that he and I worked on this project, he continually went the “extra mile” to serve in the true spirit of BGSU. I encourage you to visit <http://tinyurl.com/ysharccy> to view Rudy’s masterpiece. I predict you will be as impressed as I am.

Thank you for considering this nomination.