



Naptali Sanchez, Physical Plant
Distinguished Lasallian – Staff Member
2017-2018

Recommending Naptali Sanchez for this award is easy to understand for anyone who knows Nat; the hard part is choosing the right words to adequately describe his actions over his years of service.

I first met Naptali Sanchez in Feb, 1997. As I started my career working as the director of physical plant and Nat was working as one of our evening firemen. As a fireman he was exceptional. Not too far into the future, an opportunity arose to fill a position in the residence division of physical plant. Nat quickly applied and was promoted. Nat has been working at Manhattan College for thirty two years, the last 18 of which has been in this capacity, providing maintenance services within the College's housing buildings. Throughout his tenure, Nat has touched the lives of thousands of students who have been entrusted to our care while attending Manhattan and living in our residential properties. On any given day, Nat may be fixing a leak, repairing an air conditioning unit or shoveling snow in the middle of a blizzard. Regardless of the task, they are always completed to the best of his ability and with the goal of providing a safe and comfortable place for our students to live and study. Nat is very devoted to his work at the College and does his best to find a way to make our students feel at home. If he cannot resolve a problem, he will find the person that can.

In his thirty two years working for Manhattan College in the Physical Plant department, the department has received many compliments from the Dean of Students, RD's and RA's regarding Naptali Sanchez. Naptali always goes above and beyond his duties and his understanding attitude has many times exemplifies his concern for the students. It is not always what you do, but how you do it, that makes the most difference. The residence hall community has changed dramatically over the years that Nat has worked at the College. As the College transformed from a mostly commuter to a mostly residential school, the college built two new dormitories and new programs such as "The Arches" were added. Naptali grew with the College and adjusted to the new buildings, new responsibilities and new ways of providing services to our students. A person such as Naptali has many choices of where to spend his career. His choice to spend almost his entire career serving the students and staff of Manhattan College, so that they in turn could learn and serve, is the best indication of his commitment to Lasallian principles. Our student, faculty and staff are blessed to have him as part of the community.

Presented by Richard McKeown, Director, Physical Plant