Eri Suzuki Bentley was awarded the honor of being recognized by the USU Staff Employee Association as the employee of the month in June 2018.

Here’s what her nominator, Melanie Chambers, a learning specialist in the Academic Success Center had to say about Eri.

"I have had the opportunity to work with her through the Aggies Think Care Act committee and seen it revitalize and expand under her leadership. Eri came to a meeting where we were struggling to define what the purpose and mission of our committee was. I could see this initiative being sunk due to lack of clarity. Eri took the initiative to help us define what we were in a clear to understand way. She took everyone’s ideas and synthesized it. She was very quick in the process and communicated it to the group. She included several visual charts that helped me understand and define my role in the committee. She was a clear pick for the chair and has continued to lead the group and invite others to join in as well. The meetings went from 2-3 attendees to filling a room with 15-20 participants. Everyone knows when and where to go to meet and has a clear definition of their role. The meetings are at a time that works for everyone, she allows people to work to their strengths, and encourages involvement. Eri even brought back some treats from her recent trip to Japan. Eri has a personable connection to others. She validates the efforts we put forth, and has a drive to improvement. I think that is what draws others to her. I am so grateful to be on the committee, and see how she gets things done by involving others and following up. I’m sure that she brings that spirit of inclusion and positivity in her work with CAPS as well. She is a great example of someone who embodies the values that we are promoting in this committee – social responsibility, and improving the community on campus."

If you know someone whose hard work should be recognized, you can nominate them to be the next employee of the month. All nominations are considered by the SEA Employee Relations Committee for an entire calendar year. Learn more about other qualifications to be nominated as an employee of the month.