Crescencio Lopez
CHaSS Giraffe Award Winner 2017
Languages, Philosophy and Communication Studies

This year’s Giraffe Award winner is someone who put his “neck” on the line by creating a bridge between USU and the local Hispanic community. He stands out as a risk taker among many others in our college. He plays a leadership role in the USU Latin X Creative Society, USU Latino Club and the Logan Library Advancement Council. He gets his students involved with translation projects. This kind of connection will pay dividends as the younger generation grows up feeling that what happens at USU is relevant to their lives. This is not in his role statement; he does not get additional credit for organizing this. He stuck his neck out and made us a better college and university.

It is indeed Dean Joe Ward’s pleasure to award the 2017 Dean’s Giraffe Award to Crescencio Lopez for sticking his neck out on behalf of student learning and reminding us that risk-taking is an essential part of what we do as a university community.