Jamie Houser
As supervisor of Pathology’s IR team, Jamie was responsible for ensuring that 98% of the department could work remotely in just three days. In addition to answering the questions from 210+ colleagues while planning the transition, he had boots on the ground, moving about each quadrant of the campus where our department’s personnel is located. From installing new patient slide scanners, to setting up new drives and moving a ton of data, to teaching folks how to remotely access their data, Jamie has done it all. He has been lauded by his co-workers.

Carlos Aviles
Carlos Aviles is never too busy to help and he always offers assistance with a laugh. The pandemic did not dampen his enthusiasm for his work. He accepted that regular attendance was necessary because, “It was my job.” The patience he exhibited when walking someone for the nth time through the steps necessary to work remotely was phenomenal. No matter where he has been on campus, Carlos has been a lifesaver when it comes to rebooting a co-worker’s desktop. Such a simple task made the difference in the day of many who were working remotely.

Courtney Clanton
Hematopathology is one of the busiest services in the Department of Pathology, and Courtney Clanton has been on campus each workday to support the physicians who rely on her to do their work. Courtney receives and processes a minimum of five deliveries per day of slides for diagnosis and consultation by the Hemepath faculty. Since many of the cases are related to cancer diagnoses, accuracy and timeliness in assessing the slides to the correct Pathology faculty for review is critical—the optimum treatment plan is waiting on that diagnosis. FYI, during the February snow and ice storms, she was the ONLY slide czar who made it into campus to process slides.

Yolanda Washington
Yolanda has been on campus every workday since COVID-19 changed all of our work lives. In addition to autoclaving the glassware for Pathology’s twelve labs on the North Campus, she has become the department’s own Receiving Dock, signing for the numerous packages which arrive each day. Yolanda pushed past her fear and anxiety to maintain her balanced, healthy lifestyle. She has been and remains the calm in the storm.