

ERSO Celebrations

December 2023

"I awoke this morning with devout thanksgiving for my friends, the old and the new."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson



Thanks for joining the ERSO holiday celebration! If you have photos to share, please do so [here](#).



December Staff Spotlight – Gina Banton, HR Supervisor

This month ERSO shines a spotlight on **Gina** from our HR team. Thanks for sharing, **Gina!**

In 1 word, please describe what you do in ERSO.

Resilient

In 2 words, please tell us about yourself.

Type A :-)

You have 30 minutes to spend a million dollars. Where is your first stop?

A realtor in Tahoe to buy any cabin I can get in 30 minutes.

What advice would you give to your teenage self?

Don't be in such a rush to settle into adult life.

Worst song or movie ever?

Any scary movie is a pass from me.

What was your greatest adventure?

Training for my half marathon.

What question should we ask the next Spotlight colleague?

What is something you are proud of?

Please share a picture that best represents you:



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- ANA DITMER
- ANNE ANDERSSON
- CELESTE NORMAN
- DANIEL MATSUOKA
- ESTHER FENG
- GINA BANTON
- HELENA GIN
- JENNIFER STONE
- MARY COURTNEY
- YING ZHANG

Happy ERSO-versary!

- Rebecca Foster, 16 years
- Sherrell Collins, 11 years

ERSO Holiday Giving 2023

Since Dec 1st, we've raised **\$242** for the Food Bank of Contra Costa & Solano—making nearly half of our fundraising goal in just 7 days!

Check out more info [here](#).

For those interested in supporting the UCB community via the Berkeley Food Pantry, please visit the giving page [here](#).

Congratulations, **Alice**—we salute you!

"Alice [Wong] was instrumental in making sure a visitor's stipend was increased as soon as possible to avoid him experiencing a financial hardship.

Everything I was trying to get done for about a week before with emails back and forth she took care of in a matter of minutes."

Your questions/feedback is welcome! Please submit it via [this anonymous form](#).