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Kara Harris

Event Coordinator

STATS:

Years at Sparks: 2+

Lives in: Philadelphia, PA

Office: Philadelphia, PA

Department: Events

It's 10 o'clock at night in the Sparks Philly office and what do you notice? November's employee of the month transcribing her thoughts onto her computer screen, not only composing documents that she thinks her clients may benefit from, but also executing details for upcoming events. It's her forward thinking, proactive nature and dedication that makes Kara Harris, event coordinator, a clear choice for this month's Code 10 Employee of the Month.

Kara's hard work is evident not only to those within her department, but to the entire Sparks team. She demonstrates a tremendous amount of enthusiasm for her work and extends herself to great lengths to ensure that client expectations are not only met, but exceeded, even if it means late nights, early mornings or working through the entire weekend.

"For the last three months Kara has been working around the clock on large event programs for both Palm and Google. Kara is a great addition to the events department," states Robin Licklitter, Director of Event Operations, Sparks Philadelphia. "She has learned so much in a year's time, graduating from having a small role in a simple event to leading large programs herself," adds Martha Yaquian, Senior Account Manager, Sparks San Francisco.

Kara has dealt with a hectic work schedule without objection. She successfully executed a major product launch event in New York that had a tradeshow component and a party for 500 guests for the new Palm Centro in late September. Soon after, she traveled to California to support Google's Zeitgeist Partner Forum, and then went straight to Las Vegas to manage the Palm event at Vegoose.

"Kara is a smart, resourceful, fast-learner who can figure out how to get anything done while keeping a smile on her face," comments Suzanne Wells Miell, Vice President of Events, Sparks Atlanta.

We know it is Kara's love for events that keeps her motivated. After working for a wedding planner in Philadelphia, she realized it was her passion! What is most gratifying for Kara is seeing an event come to life. She delights in watching attendees, clients and friends experience the results of everyone's hard work.

Outside of work, Kara loves Pilates, music (especially live shows), spending time with friends and planning their events (of course!).

Congratulations on a job well done! Keep up the good work!