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## Lucchino Distinguished Service Award Presented to All County Employees

**PITTSBURGH** – County Executive Rich Fitzgerald announced that the county has presented the 2020 Frank J. Lucchino Distinguished Service Award to all county employees in recognition of the work that they have done throughout this pandemic, continuing to provide the services on which county residents rely.

“The selection of the awardee of the Lucchino Award is always a difficult one as there are always so many individuals in this county that go above and beyond, but this year was different,” said Fitzgerald. “Every county employee, every director, and every department has really stepped up in a very difficult time. We serve the public and we have done so in the most trying year anyone could ever imagine – and it is because of our employees that we have been able to ensure that the needs of the public were met.”

In the announcement made to Directors earlier this week, Fitzgerald also thanked and congratulated his immediate staff including Chief of Staff Jennifer Liptak, County Manager William D. McKain CPA, and Deputy County Manager Steve Pilarski for their leadership and tireless work during this time. Like many others, he noted that they came to work every day and got the job done.

“I congratulate all of you on this award, but I also thank you. I thank your families for sharing you and your time with us and the public,” Fitzgerald added. “I am grateful for the work that you have done, as is our community. These have been trying circumstances and each and every employee has played an integral part in serving the public during this pandemic.”

A video message from the County Executive was presented during the Director’s meeting and has also been shared with all employees.

This is the eighth Distinguished Service Award presented by the county since the program was re-instituted in 2013. Previous winners have included:

2013	Dr. Robert Levine Medical Examiner’s Office
2014	Peter D. Schepis Budget & Finance Department
2015	Robert J. Lentz Controller’s Office
2016	Clarence Hopson Parks Department
2017	Randolph (Randy) W. Brockington Human Services Department
2018	James P. Reardon Facilities Management Department

2019

Joseph Gavlik  
Division of Computer Services

The Frank J. Lucchino Distinguished Service Award is presented annually to an employee or employee group who has exceeded all expectations, made a significant impact upon the county, and has represented the county admirably in his or her actions. The award recognizes and rewards exemplary performance by county employees as demonstrated through exceptional efficiency and productivity, customer service, or innovation and creativity. The award was named in honor of The Honorable Frank J. Lucchino, who had a long and distinguished career serving the citizens of Allegheny County. For 20 years, he was the county's elected Controller (1980-2000) before being elected to the Court of Common Pleas in 2000. He retired in 2016 as a Senior Judge on the Court.

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