Staff recognised in Queen's Birthday Honours

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Three members of University staff have been recognised in the Queen's Birthday Honours.

Pat Niner, Senior Lecturer in the Centre for Urban and Regional Studies who has been awarded the OBE for public and voluntary services to social issues. Pat works tirelessly with housing associations and deprived people in the West Midlands.

Congratulations also go to Prof Kenneth Spencer of INLOGOV, who has received the OBE for services to education and the voluntary sector. Prof Spencer is chair of Birmingham Settlement, a charity working for disadvantaged people in central Birmingham.

Kulwant (Pinky) Kaur a general catering assistant in Hospitality and Accommodation Services, who was awarded an MBE for services to Higher Education and to the community in Birmingham.

Pinky has worked in the kitchens on the Vale for 32 years serving food to generations of students at Shackleton Hall. In 2006 she won a HAS Oscar for her contribution to the community. She will also receive a Foundation Fellowship Award from the University this month.

Michelle Price the University's Catering Manager adds: 'Pinky is an extremely loyal member of staff, a really generous person, always looking after people and keeping us all together. Baking more than 6000 Pakoras to raise money for Children in Need is typical of her warm-hearted nature.'

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