

Lincoln Land Community College



SUMMER 2014 AWARD WINNERS

1. **Sandy Bonn, Library Assistant II, Library & District Learning Resources**, nominated by Jared Wellman, Director, Library Technical Services & Electronic Resources

Over the past year the library has purchased over 30,000 eBooks in support of the educational curriculum and online and distance learning. So that students have access to these eBooks through the library's catalog, many of the records were loaded in bulk loads and occasionally some of the records required clean-up before they could be included in the catalog. Over the past year, Sandy has worked diligently to examine the 2,000-3,000 problem records. She made the necessary changes allowing the records to be correctly loaded, making sure that library users would be able to access the content.

2. **Shanda Byer, assistant director, LLCC-Beardstown**, nominated by Vanessa Avery, Administrative Assistant, LLCC-Beardstown

I am blessed to have Shanda Byer as a supervisor at the LLCC-Beardstown center. In a year's time, she has embraced her new position and the challenges that come with it and has looked at it as a new and exciting adventure in her career. She is open and ready to listen. She has taken what little training that was available to her and absorbed it with enthusiasm and learned very quickly. She has changed the look and feel of the center and has made the faculty, staff and students feel very welcome. The students are her first priority and it shows. She has been there to listen to their hopes, dreams and concerns and is always there to offer a solution that will work for them. Shanda has an uncanny ability to take herself out of a stressful situation emotionally and look at the big picture, all the possibilities, outcomes and to think outside of the box to come up with a solution that will work for everyone. Working with Shanda over the last year has been exciting and enjoyable, and I'm blessed to have had someone like her hired for the position and to work with daily. LLCC's hiring committee made the right choice when

they hired Shanda as the new assistant director at LLCC-Beardstown. The faculty, staff, students and I have been fortunate to reap the benefits of working with a kind, generous and talented person with a terrific personality!

3. Nancy Cobetto, Student Development Professional, nominated by anonymous

Nancy takes a personal interest in the success of the student athletes she works with throughout the school year. She attends many athletic events and posts their athletic successes. She teaches them respect and expects them to be model citizens.

4. Sylvester (Chad) Jones, Custodian, Facilities Services, nominated by Karla Wilham, Information Technology Specialist, ITS

Chad goes out of his way to make LLCC sparkling clean and is always available to lend a helping hand with things such as helping set up for events. He also doesn't hesitate to assist students with finding their classes. Chad is a great asset to LLCC!

5. Nina Koch, Registration Technician, Enrollment Services, nominated by Tammy Chrisler, Data Centralization Specialist, Enrollment Services

Nina is instrumental in knowing the ICCB and Board of Trustee policies and the effect they have on student records. Her knowledge of rosters, prerequisites, co-requisites, advisories and other functions of Colleague and how they work in relation to reporting and student records always astonishes me. And she always makes me look good. Job well done, Nina!

6. Jamie McCoy, Academic Success Professional, Center for Academic Success, nominated by Anne Armbruster, Student Development Professional, Advising & Counseling

I met with a student this week that is currently in our LPN program and she told me how much Jamie has helped her throughout the program. This is a non-traditional student who has really struggled with the math that is required for the program. The student is expected to complete the program this summer!

7. Ashley Miller, Admissions & Registration Services Representative, nominated by Karla Martin, Program Records Specialist, Records

Ashley has gone above and beyond in helping me transition into my position. She has trained me in my job, while doing her own job. Ashley has never complained and has always had a smile on her face while doing it. The real Kudos is because Ashley is currently handling transcript requests during a very busy time when students are trying to transfer to other schools. She is still training me and helping me transition into my job with its busiest time being registration prep for health professions students. Also, Ashley is working in registration during its busiest time, which is open registration, and also doing tech sections for student orientations. I appreciate her so much because every time I see her or need to ask her a question, she is always there with a smile. Anyone who can handle the three most stressful jobs there are during registration time and still maintain a positive attitude deserves Kudos from me. Thank you for being such a model employee.

8. David Pietrzak, Aviation Mechanics training specialist, Business & Technologies, nominated by anonymous

Mr. Pietrzak recently took on additional duties in the aviation maintenance program, while continuing to instruct students and take responsibility for attending recruiting events at various locations. Mr. Pietrzak shows outstanding commitment to the aviation maintenance program so that it continues to thrive.

9. Amy Williams, assistant to the Vice President for Academic Services, nominated by Cynthia Maskey, Dean, Health Professions

Amy Williams, as the assistant to the vice president for academic services, deals with a multitude of requests from many, many people here at the college, and she handles these requests with competence and skill. She often works quietly in the background to help make sure we are able to meet the needs of students, faculty and staff. Amy treats everyone with kindness, respect and confidentiality. She is dedicated and reliable.