

Lincoln Land Community College



October 2014 Award Winners

Nominee: Robin Ackman, Student Accounts Manager

Nominator: Anonymous

Robin is such an example of teamwork! She encounters stressful situations throughout the day, but handles them gracefully. She is encouraging to coworkers, often providing some needed insight on situations to help others gain perspective. She's compassionate and patient with students. Her enthusiasm is contagious—she's a joy to be around.

Nominee: Amber Berman, Program Assistant, Student Life

Nominator: Anonymous

Amber does A LOT of work to keep LLCC student culture vibrant and exciting. While she is normally surrounded by a loyal army of students and staff, she does much of it herself. She has taken on the extra workloads of employees who have left and still does a great job. This amazing woman deserves to be nominated for more than kudos but in the meantime, she should be showered with them.

Nominee: Kenny Bridgeford, Grounds Maintenance Worker

Nominator: Todd McDonald, Vice President, Administrative Services

Kenny was a great help to the Finance Office in moving items to get ready for the surplus equipment auction and helping out on the day of the auction itself. We appreciate the help.

Nominee: Michelle Burger, Student Engagement Coordinator

Nominator: Anonymous

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Nominee: Kevin Cline, Grounds Maintenance Worker

Nominator: Todd McDonald, Vice President, Administrative Services

Kevin was a great help to the Finance Office on the day of our surplus equipment auction. We appreciate his assistance in making this a successful auction.

Nominee: Scott Ebbing, Library Access Services Specialist

Nominator: Mary E. Wheeler, Retired English Professor/Current Adjunct Professor

Scott Ebbing was so patient last spring when I was requesting articles almost on a daily basis. I really needed to review several articles before deciding which ones to have my students read. Scott was prompt in emailing me the articles, and I really appreciated all his hard work!

Nominee: Sean Edmondson, Bookstore Stock Technician

Nominator: Jaime McCreary, Specialty Merchandise Technician

Sean always goes above and beyond in his position as receiver. He was a big help to me my first fall semester. He helped me keep track of all my tool orders and even went with me to drop them off in the Workforce Careers Center on several occasions. Not only is he great at his job, but he also makes mine easier! Thanks, Sean!

Nominee: Kim Elder, Employee Benefits and Retention Coordinator

Nominator: Nicole Ralph, Director, Employment & Benefits

Kudos to Kim Elder on the tremendous work she put into the most recent Professional Development Day! Although there is a committee involved in the planning of the day, Kim put in an enormous amount of time, effort, heart and soul into this event that has garnered much positive feedback. She was thrown many curveballs, but rose to the occasion and handled each challenge without batting an eye. Kudos on a job well done, Kim!

Nominee: Steve Handy, Grounds Maintenance Supervisor

Nominator: Todd McDonald, Vice President, Administrative Services

Steve provided outstanding assistance to the Finance Office preparing for the surplus equipment auction and on the day of the auction itself. We couldn't have done it without him!

Nominee: Paula Hermes, Programmer Analyst

Nominator: Joanie Rogers, Alumni Services and Foundation Coordinator

Often I ask Paula for complex queries on LLCC alums. The definition of an alum is anyone who has completed a minimum of three LLCC credit hours.....that is a lot of people! Pulling personal and academic information requires putting two sets of data into one (very large) spreadsheet. Paula is always willing to help me out with these queries. She puts a lot of thought into them and often anticipates additional information that will help me and includes it for me. I call Paula my Query Queen and greatly appreciate the work that she does for me.

Nominee: Keith Huddleston, Adjunct Professor, Social Sciences

Nominator: Anonymous

Mr. Huddleston deserves a KUDOS award because he has mastered the skill of successfully teaching a class that comprises students at various levels of education. Mr. Huddleston understands how to help students in need of guidance, while also challenging the students that excel at learning the material.

Nominee: Instructional Technology and Distance Education (ITDE) Staff

Nominator: Anonymous

Kudos for taking responsibility for faculty professional development activities on short notice and for making Professional Development Day productive and educational.

Nominee: Sylvester “Chad” Jones, Building Custodian

Nominator: Anonymous

On Oct. 22, the elevator in Sangamon Hall was being serviced. A young lady in a wheelchair and her helper were in the west hallway of Sangamon and stopped to ask me if there was another elevator in the building. I started to escort them to the library to see if there was another elevator there, when we met up with Chad in the hallway. He had spied this young lady through the library doors as they were trying to use the defunct elevator. He hurried through the library and down the hall to find us, so he could escort them to the nearest elevator in Menard Hall. He rode the elevator with them and showed them the doorways to go through (outside) to get into the library. He did all this with a smile on his face!

Nominee: Linda McCoy, Adjunct Professor

Nominator: Christie Hovey, Professor, Computer Applications

Linda McCoy has been an adjunct faculty member at LLCC-Litchfield for a number of years. This year, in addition to her on-campus class, she began teaching a different class for our division in an online format. For the online class, she is providing face-to-face, individual tutoring to students who drive to meet with her before or after her on-campus class. Some students are driving from Springfield to meet with her! Thank you for taking the extra time to work with online students!

Nominee: John Moore, Central Receiving Assistant

Nominator: Ameer Kesky, Administrative Assistant, LLCC Foundation

When a request is made of John he immediately offers his assistance, and most times goes above and beyond what you would expect of him. Without even asking, he graciously insists on moving boxes, opening doors and pushing carts full of event items to and from our office. He patiently explains the Fed Ex mailing process a hundred times a year. John's most recent kudo was giving our department a tape gun he received as a promo from a shipping vendor. That tiny act of generosity immensely helped our office by avoiding numerous trips to the mailroom. John has proven that you can really bring a smile to your coworker's face even though you may think what you are doing is a small, mundane task that you perform in your job every day!

Nominee: Barb Mustered, Administrative Assistant to the Dean, District Learning Resources

Nominator: Amy Williams, Assistant to Vice President, Academic Services

Barb deserves this award for many reasons and I would like to spotlight just a few. Barb has assisted me with a couple of projects. Her willingness to help, attention to detail, and efficiency in completing the task at hand were outstanding!! She is a truly a team player!!

Nominee: Dawn Townsend, Administrative Assistant to the Dean, Arts and Humanities

Nominator: Vickie Ward, Administrative Assistant to the Dean, Arts and Humanities

Dawn has been a great asset and addition to our department. She fits right in and is eager to learn everything about the new job. The best thing is that she has brought in new ideas that have helped our office flow more smoothly. I am so happy to have her working with our LLCC family.

Nominee: Doris Williams, Program Specialist, Special Programs

Nominator: Carrie Jacobs, Testing Assistant, Placement & Testing

Doris has become the voice of the ASAP program. She has gone above and beyond in helping to guide this particular group of students. Not only has she served as a source of information, she is also a student in the program. I believe this gives her a great opportunity to really understand what these students face in and out of the classroom. Several of my classmates have spoken to me of Doris and how much they appreciate the effort she takes to keep them informed and engaged. As a fellow student and coworker, I believe Doris deserves a KUDOS award for choosing to care about this program and the students participating. It is employees such as Doris that help to keep our students connected and striving toward their goals. KUDOS, Doris!

Nominee: Mary Beth Ray, Director, Career Development Services

Nominator: Lynn Whalen, Executive Director, Public Relations and Marketing

Mary Beth volunteered her evening June 30, 2014 to offer advice to job seekers at an event at Lincoln Library sponsored by State Rep. Sue Scherer. Those attending Mary Beth's hour-long presentation left the event encouraged and empowered with practical tips.