

**July 2017 Award Winners**

**Nominee: Adult Education & Literacy Department**

Nominator: Eileen Tepatti, Vice President of Academic Services

Kudos to the Adult Education & Literacy Department for going beyond the call of duty on June 14 and 15. Lyn Buerkett and her staff scrambled to provide special accommodations to an individual attending a two-day meeting at the Trutter Center. Their proximity to the Trutter Center worked out perfectly, and they were able to provide the individual a quiet and comfortable office that met her needs. The individual was extremely grateful and commented many times about the outstanding hospitality she received. Way to go Adult Education & Literacy!

**Nominee:** **Shawn Allen**, **Student Records Evaluator**, **Admissions, Records & Registration**

Nominator: Anne Armbruster, Student Development Professional, Advising, Counseling & Career Services

I appreciate Shawn so much as I often have to ask her to evaluate and post transcripts for students that are applying to the LPN and ADN programs at LLCC. Often, the students have transcripts from several other colleges, and they may have sent their transcript in right up against the application deadline … eek! I can always count on Shawn to get the information needed quickly and accurately. Thank you, Shawn!

**Nominee:** **Shawn Allen**, **Student Records Evaluator**, **Admissions, Records & Registration**

Nominator: Barb Eades, Assistant Director, Foundation

Kudos to Shawn for going above and beyond her regular job duties by volunteering to serve on the LEAGUE Committee. Her commitment to the success of our students and educational programs is demonstrated through her creativity and diligence. She helped plan and run activities for faculty and staff to participate in and enjoy – all while helping to raise more than $53,000 for scholarships, emergency needs and grants.

**Nominee:** **Tiffany Andrews**, **Human Resources Assistant**, **Human Resources**

Nominator: Barb Eades, Assistant Director, Foundation

Kudos to Tiffany for going above and beyond her regular job duties by volunteering to serve on the LEAGUE Committee. Her commitment to the success of our students and educational programs is demonstrated through her creativity and attention to detail. She helped plan, decorate and run activities for faculty and staff to participate in and enjoy – all while helping to raise more than $53,000 for scholarships, emergency needs and grants.

**Nominee:** **Gary Armour**, **Adjunct Faculty/Lab Safety Coordinator**, **Mathematics & Sciences**

Nominator: Karrie Prescott, Administrative Assistant to the Dean, Mathematics & Sciences

Gary displayed exemplary patience when he willingly consoled a student who was distraught and angry due to a mishap with her financial aid. Gary went out of his way to help this student find the financial resources she needed, with help of the Foundation office, so she could focus on her studies. He continues to check with her daily to ensure that her situation is being resolved. Due to Gary's kindness and sincere concern, this student will now have a positive memory of this very difficult situation.

**Nominee:** **Dawn Burch**, **Financial Aid Advisor**, **Financial Aid**

Nominator: Katie Eilers, Director, Financial Aid

Dawn always steps up when needed and provides excellent service to our students, especially our veterans. Thank you for your continued hard work.

**Nominee: Stephanie Cummings, Placement & Testing Coordinator, Placement & Testing**

Nominator: Carrie Jacobs, Testing Assistant, Placement & Testing

Placement & Testing is a small department with a BIG mission. We have first contact with just about every student that walks through the doors of LLCC. We also proctor tests for other colleges and administer high-stakes testing. As a two-person team, we work to make sure these students are comfortable in a testing environment, don't judge themselves too harshly and know what comes after they complete testing. I want to thank Stephanie for helping to create an atmosphere of cooperation with a dash of fun. She's always willing to coordinate and communicate what's going on in the future as well as on a daily basis. When we have differences in opinion, we are always able to talk things through.

**Nominee**: **Andrea DeRosa, Admission & Registration Services Rep., Admissions, Records, & Registration**

Nominator: Barb Eades, Assistant Director, Foundation

Kudos to Andrea for going above and beyond her regular job duties by volunteering to serve on the LEAGUE Committee. Her commitment to the success of our students and educational programs is demonstrated through her inspiration and thoroughness. She helped plan and run activities for faculty and staff to participate in and enjoy – all while helping to raise more than $53,000 for scholarships, emergency needs and grants.

**Nominee:** **David Ferrill**, **Information Technology Specialist**, **Information Technology**

Nominator: Laurie Rhodes, Director, Child Development Center

David recently helped the Child Development Center resolve a critical software issue. He is always so patient and calm. He knew the urgency to get the program back up and running and even gave me his cell phone number to notify him so he could get to it as soon as we got the needed information. Thank you for your dedication to the college!

**Nominee:** **Melissa Franzen**, **Student Development Professional**, **Advising, Counseling & Career Services**

Nominator: Barb Eades, Assistant Director, Foundation

Kudos to Melissa for going above and beyond her regular job duties by volunteering to serve on the LEAGUE Committee. Her commitment to the success of our students and educational programs is demonstrated through her leadership, inspiration and professionalism. She helped lead, plan and staff activities for faculty and staff to participate in and enjoy – all while helping to raise more than $53,000 for scholarships, emergency needs and grants.

**Nominee:** **Lindee Hall**, **Student Records Evaluator**, **Admissions, Records & Registration**

Nominator: Anne Armbruster, Student Development Professional, Advising, Counseling & Career Services

I appreciate Lindee so much as I often have to ask her to calculate cumulative GPAs for students that are applying to the LPN and ADN programs at LLCC. This can be especially tricky when the student has attended more than one college and LLCC! I can always count on Lindee to get the information needed quickly and accurately. She also makes awesome baked goods that she shares with Student Services. :) Thank you, Lindee!

**Nominee**: **Wendy Howerter**, **Associate Vice President, Academic Innovation & eLearning, Academic Services**

Nominator: Laurie Rhodes, Director, Child Development Center

Wendy gave of her time to help out with a recent grant that was submitted by the Child Development Center. She proofread and provided suggestions and even helped me out with the formatting. We had a quick turn around on this, and though Wendy was actually out on vacation at this time, she still took time to provide this help! Thank you again! It was above and beyond the call of duty!

**Nominee: Cathy Huffman**, **Career Development Professional, Advising, Counseling & Career Services**

Nominator: Michelle Burger, Career Development Professional, Advising, Counseling & Career Services

I am so thrilled to call Cathy my co-worker! She jumped right into her new role and has gone above and beyond for our students and community members. Cathy has spent extra time getting students what they need to start their next adventure with wisdom and confidence. Her compassion and attention to detail does not go unnoticed! I love the sense of courage and freedom she gives to all the students and community members she meets! Thanks for all you do!

**Nominee:** **Christi Hustedt**, **Program Assistant, Advising, Counseling &Career Services**

Nominator: Claire Heffron-McKinney, Student Development Professional, Advising, Counseling & Career Services

Christi is invaluable to our team! She is the happy face that everyone sees when coming into our office. Christi is organized and friendly, and she has great ideas. She always has great suggestions and helps things run smoothly in our office. Christi recently graduated from LLCC, and we are all very proud of her. Thanks for all you do, Christi!

**Nominee:** **Jennifer Hylton**, **Computer Programs Lab Specialist**, **Business & Technologies**

Nominator: Chris McDonald, Professor, Political Science, Social Sciences

Jennifer Hylton's running of the Flex Center and unfailing integrity, hard work, flexibility and humor make an invaluable contribution to the effectiveness of my online course and the reliability of the examination process. Thanks, and Kudos to you, Jennifer!

**Nominee:** **Jessica Ingold, Youth Programs Coordinator, Community Education**

Nominator: Anonymous

Jessica embodies a tireless commitment to expanding the knowledge and curiosity of children within the district through her coordination of College for Kids. Throughout the summer one can find her shepherding young minds and directing them to their scheduled classes, but the hard work of planning such a successful program starts months before. The college owes her a collective "Kudos!" for making sure the 700+ children who participated in this year's College for Kids program had a fabulous experience.

**Nominee: Don Kallembach, Program Director, Occupational Therapy Assistant Program, Health Professions**

Nominator: Barb Eades, Assistant Director, Foundation

Kudos to Don for going above and beyond his regular job duties by volunteering to serve on the LEAGUE Committee. Don's commitment to the success of our students and educational programs is demonstrated through his leadership and professionalism. Members of the committee helped lead, plan and run activities for faculty and staff to participate in and enjoy – all while helping to raise more than $53,000 for scholarships, emergency needs and grants.

**Nominee: Jay Kitterman, Consultant, Culinary Institute**

Nominators: Dr. Charlotte Warren, Karen Sanders and Lynn Whalen

For sharing your expertise, time, talent and devotion to Lincoln Land Community College as co-chairs of the College's 50th Anniversary Celebration. We honor you with grateful appreciation.

**Nominee: David Laubersheimer, retired dean of Arts and Humanities**

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**Nominee: Katie LeGrant**, **Course Materials Purchasing Coordinator**, **Campus Services/Bookstore**

Nominator: Tameka Johnson-Tillman, Instructor, English, Arts & Humanities

Katie is very proactive. She noticed a possible issue with students due to the increase in textbook prices. Katie contacted me as soon as she noticed the issue. She made some suggestions and helped me get the situation handled. We came up with a solution that best serves the students. I am very appreciative that she took the time to help me and help the students.

**Nominee:** **Paula Luebbert**, **Assistant Vice President, Corporate/Government Training & Economic Development, Government Educational Services**

Nominator: Barb Eades, Assistant Director, Foundation

Kudos to Paula for going above and beyond her regular job duties by volunteering to serve on the LEAGUE Committee. Paula's commitment to the success of our students and educational programs is demonstrated through her ability to lead and do whatever it takes to get the job done. During her first year on the committee, Paula helped organize and plan activities for faculty and staff to participate in and enjoy – all while helping to raise more than $53,000 for scholarships, emergency needs and grants.

**Nominee: Tim Luna**, **Programmer Analyst I**, **Information Technology**

Nominator: Katie Eilers, Director, Financial Aid

Tim was very helpful in creating and implementing the GE disclosures. His knowledge and attention to detail was greatly appreciated.

**Nominee:** **Christine Marietta**, **Administrative Assistant**, **LLCC Outreach Litchfield**

Nominator: Barb Eades, Assistant Director, Foundation

Kudos to Christine for going above and beyond her regular job duties by volunteering to serve on the LEAGUE Committee. Christine's commitment to the success of our students and educational programs is demonstrated through her creativity and willingness to get the job done. During her first year on the committee, Christine helped organize and plan activities for faculty and staff to participate in and enjoy – all while helping to raise more than $53,000 for scholarships, emergency needs and grants.

**Nominee: Julie McKinney**, **Facilities Reservation Technician**, **Facilities Services**

Nominator: Marina Wirsing, Program Assistant, Student Life

Julie McKinney is an amazing asset to LLCC! Her support is pivotal to the daily success of all activities sponsored by the Student Life office, Logger Activities Board and over 45 clubs and organizations. For example, the logistics involved in setting up an inflatable on the plaza involves multiple departments, dig requests and electrical gymnastics. Julie works with us on every little detail and makes it happen every time. Julie's brand of congeniality, support and patience is invaluable to our office, and we are grateful for her and the entire facilities team!

**Nominee:** **Ashley Miller**, **Administrative Assistant to the Dean**, **Health Professions**

Nominator: Barb Eades, Assistant Director, Foundation

Kudos to Ashley for going above and beyond her regular job duties by volunteering to serve on the LEAGUE Committee. Ashley's commitment to the success of our students and educational programs is demonstrated through her creativity and attention to detail. During her first year on the committee, Ashley helped plan and organize activities for faculty and staff to participate in and enjoy – all while helping to raise more than $53,000 for scholarships, emergency needs and grants.

**Nominee:** **Patty Peterson**, **Program Assistant**, **Health Professions**

Nominator: Barb Eades, Assistant Director, Foundation

Kudos to Patty for going above and beyond her regular job duties by volunteering to serve on the LEAGUE Committee. Patty's commitment to the success of our students and educational programs is demonstrated through her creativity and ability to get things done. During her first year on the committee, Patty helped plan and organize activities for faculty and staff to participate in and enjoy – all while helping to raise more than $53,000 for scholarships, emergency needs and grants.

**Nominee:** **Theresa Pryor**, **Kitchen Assistant**, **Business & Technologies**

Nominator: Jay Kitterman, Consultant, Culinary Institute, Business & Technologies

On Monday July 17, 2017, John Gaston, mechanical technician, brought in a scared and lost Chihuahua that was outside the Culinary kitchen door. Chef Sean Keeley brought it water and posted its photo on Facebook. Theresa brought the dog to her personal vet to see if it had a chip. It did, the owner was contacted and Theresa personally delivered the dog to its owner. The owner offered Theresa a reward that she declined. She requested (strongly) that the owner purchase a collar with id.

**Nominee: Public Relations & Marketing staff**

Nominator: David Bowman, Workforce Development Program Coordinator, Workforce Development

Always there when needed ... staff members have the right touch before, during and after those jobs that are on-going. They are producing quality publicity pieces whether it be soft copy, hard copy or both, and they ensure Lincoln Land Community College's image is exactly what our internal and external customers want and expect. KUDOS!

**Nominee: Christine Ramirez-Campbell, retired Trutter Museum coordinator**

Nominators: Dr. Charlotte Warren, Karen Sanders and Lynn Whalen

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**Nominee:** **Julie Rourke**, **Director, Workforce Development**

Nominator: Laurie Rhodes, Director, Child Development Center

Julie recently helped me submit a federal grant for the Child Development Center. She was so patient and kind. She came over to the center, added needed information and walked me through all the details. Thank you, Julie, for taking time out of your busy schedule to help another department. We are blessed to have people that care about every aspect of the college! Your help was truly appreciated!

**Nominee:** **Julie Rourke**, **Director**, **Workforce Development**

Nominator: Victor Broderick, dean, Social Sciences

Above and beyond the call of duty, Julie pitched in with her expertise to meet the submission deadline for the application for the CCAMPIS Child Development Center grant. A convoluted and onerous job that usually takes several weeks or even months to complete, she got it done and done well in a matter of days. We could not have done it at all without her. Julie, you are a miracle worker!

**Nominee: Janet Semanik, Development Specialist, Foundation**

Nominator: Anonymous

Kudos to Janet Semanik who is always positive, always enthusiastic, always brings a can-do attitude toward every project and always ready to volunteer to make things happen. Janet is the walking illustration of someone willing to go the extra distance to make certain that things come off well, and she never asks for recognition for all of her help and hard work. She's fun to work with too!

**Nominee:** **Shelly Smothers**, **Admission & Registration Services Rep., Admissions, Records, & Registration**

Nominator: Anne Armbruster, Student Development Professional, Advising, Counseling & Career Services

Shelly does an excellent job processing all the applications for the LPN, ADN and LPN to ADN Transition programs! This can be especially challenging during peak registration time and when payments are due for tuition. I really appreciate her attention to detail and sunny disposition. Thank you, Shelly!

**Nominee:** **Shelley Smothers**, **Admission & Registration Rep.**, **Admissions, Records & Registration**

Nominator: Claire Heffron-McKinney, Student Development Professional, Advising, Counseling & Career Services

Shelly is a great asset in Admissions. She is very helpful and goes out of her way to help students. This week, she assisted me in catching a couple of errors on my end and worked to help resolve them. Thanks, Shelly!

**Nominee:** **Tom Spears**, **Workforce Development Program Coordinator, Workforce Development**

Nominator: Barb Eades, Assistant Director, Foundation

Kudos to Tom for going above and beyond his regular job duties for the past three years by volunteering to serve on the LEAGUE Committee. Tom's commitment to the success of our students and educational programs is demonstrated through his willingness to help and his good-natured spirit. Tom helped lead and plan activities for faculty and staff to participate in and enjoy – all while helping to raise more than $53,000 for scholarships, emergency needs and grants.

**Nominee: Tom Spears, Workforce Development Program Coordinator, Workforce Development**

Nominator: Michelle Burger, Career Development Professional, Advising, Counseling & Career Services

Tom Spears is an amazing leader and encourager to all he meets, but especially to his students. I love to hear him share his stories, skills and experience to help inspire, support and motivate his students to pursue new opportunities. He is an awesome role model of belief, trust and courage!

**Nominee: Jamie Stout**, **Director, Community Education**

Nominator: Barb Eades, Assistant Director, Foundation

Kudos to Jamie for going above and beyond her regular job duties by volunteering to serve on the LEAGUE Committee. Jamie's commitment to the success of our students and educational programs is demonstrated through her leadership and creativity. During her first year on the committee, Jamie helped plan and organize activities for faculty and staff to participate in and enjoy – all while helping to raise more than $53,000 for scholarships, emergency needs and grants.

**Nominee:** **Anthony Tate**, **Associate Professor, Biology**, **Mathematics & Sciences**

Nominator: Barb Eades, Assistant Director, Foundation

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**Nominee: Jill Whitney, Account Pay Technician, Finance**

Nominator: Marina Wirsing, Program Assistant, Student Life

Today, July 18, 2017, I have officially worked at LLCC for one year. I would like to recognize Jill Whitney for all the assistance she provided to me in the last year. I would like to thank her for answering all my questions — repeatedly; for correcting my mistakes; for taking my weekly (sometimes daily) phone calls, emails and Skypes; for all the support she provided; and for the patience she exhibited in training me on the mental agility involved in the LLCC financial processes. I have a tremendous respect for the work the entire finance department does for our college and specifically for Jill Whitney. It's a great day to work at LLCC knowing that Jill is on our team!

**Nominee:** **Dallas Woomer, Information Technology Specialist, Information Technology**

Nominator: Kyla Kruse, Assistant Director, Public Relations, Public Relations & Marketing

Dallas went above and beyond to assist with technology needs for Campus Visit Day this summer. He ensured that the appropriate equipment was in place for presentations, the needed software was set as the default and video and PowerPoint presentations were optimized for the audience. Dallas even stayed in case we should need his assistance during the event itself. His helpfulness, expertise and problem-solving skills were greatly appreciated. Dallas was an important and integral part of Campus Visit Day's success!