

Lincoln Land Community College



Key or Unique Demonstrations of Outstanding Service

October 2017 Award Winners

Nominee: Dr. Victor Broderick, Dean, Social Sciences

Nominator: Anonymous

Thank you for going above and beyond your call of duty! You are an amazing dean!

Nominee: Dr. Deborah Brothers, Professor, English, Arts & Humanities

Nominator: Shelby Bedford, Compliance & Prevention Coordinator, Student Success

Deborah graciously volunteered to facilitate the bystander intervention training at this year's New Student Welcome Lunch. This training helps keep our campus and community safe and informed by equipping students with the information and skills necessary to be an active bystander. This is a sensitive topic that can cause a wide range of reactions from students, so the facilitator's knowledge on the topic and commitment to helping students is key in the success of the training. Having Deborah as a facilitator was invaluable, and I cannot thank her enough for her continued partnership in and commitment to preventing gender-based violence.

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

Nominator: Dr. Deanna Blackwell, Director, TRIO Student Support Services

Thank you for taking beautiful photos of our TRIO students! We used them in the second edition of the TRIO brochure. You often are our partner in supporting students, and this time you shared one of your artistic talents, too. We appreciate you!

Nominee: Laurie Clemons, Academic Advisor, Advising, Counseling & Career Services

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

Laurie is a tireless supporter of her students that she advises as well as a wonderful co-worker. She pays great attention to detail, is willing to go above and beyond to help a student and always has the students' best interest in mind. She recently helped to plan the "All in for Harvey" events and has encouraged all to participate. She is always willing to jump in and help our office staff and anyone who needs it. Thanks for all you do, Laurie!

Nominee: Community Education Staff

Nominator: Laurel Bretz, Director, Community Education

KUDOS to LLCC Community Education staff for the warm welcome and support they have shown me since I joined their team last week. I appreciate how patient each team member has been as I learn about the department's history, processes, challenges and strengths. Thank you to Denese, Jennifer, Jessica, Jolene and Jay!

Nominee: Dr. Jason Dockter, Professor, English, Arts & Humanities

Nominator: Jennifer Ramm, Professor, Chemistry, Mathematics & Sciences

Jason did an outstanding job as co-chair of the Strategic Planning Action Team. He provided thoughtful leadership and maintained a positive atmosphere throughout the process. In workgroup meetings, he provided guidance when needed without taking over the discussions. Everyone's input was considered, and the final team report was truly a group effort. Thanks to his dedication and leadership, this process was truly constructive and will benefit the college in the future. Thank you for your great work!

Nominee: David Ferrill, Information Technology Specialist, Information Technology

Nominator: Tammy Kuhn-Schnell, Dean, Library

David has gone above and beyond to transition the library computers to Windows10. He fielded questions from all staff members and always made time for us. His patience and kindness throughout the process have been stellar.

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

Nominator: Jane Hartman, Professor of Music, Arts & Humanities

Melissa Franzen, the specialist for the music programs in LLCC Advising and Counseling, is outstanding in helping our prospective music students with registration in the required courses and keeping them on track. Her genuine concern for our kids is apparent. I am very impressed with her willingness to go above and beyond what is expected for our department and especially our LLCC students! Thank you, Melissa!

Nominee: Dr. Ashley Green, Assistant Professor, English, Arts & Humanities

Nominator: Mary Wheeler, Adjunct Instructor, Arts & Humanities

Dr. Ashley Green deserves a classroom full of kudos! At the beginning of the semester when I was concerned about correctly implementing two of the literature outcomes, I asked for her help. She patiently, tactfully and insightfully provided much worthwhile assistance. Her students are indeed blessed to have such a gifted professor — patient, sensitive, caring and perceptive.

Nominee: Michael Hanson, Police Sergeant, Police Department

Nominator: Shelby Bedford, Compliance & Prevention Coordinator, Student Success

Sgt. Hanson graciously volunteered to facilitate the bystander intervention training at this year's New Student Welcome Lunch. This training helps keep our campus and community safe and informed by equipping students with the information and skills necessary to be an active bystander. This is a sensitive topic that can cause a wide range of reactions from students, so the facilitator's knowledge on the topic and commitment to helping students is key in the success of the training. Having Sgt. Hanson as a facilitator was invaluable, and I cannot thank him enough for his continued partnership in and commitment to preventing gender-based violence.

Nominee: Elaine Higgason, Program Assistant, Accessibility Services, Center for Academic Success

Nominator: Irene Siewert, Program Assistant, Center for Academic Success

Elaine is my hero every day. She assists me with whatever I need when I can't get away from my desk, and she always does it with a smile. She is a wonderful co-worker, and I appreciate her more than she will ever know! Thank you for everything!

Nominee: Carrie Jacobs, Testing Assistant, Placement and Testing

Nominator: Stephanie Cummings, Testing Coordinator, Placement and Testing

LLCC Placement and Testing is an office of two. At times our office is only an office of one. When that happens, Carrie has always stepped up and ran the office without an issue. I cannot thank her enough for the job well done! She is a big piece of the puzzle here in testing, and I am grateful to have her on my team! Thank you for being an amazing co-worker! Thank you again for always being you!

Nominee: Barry Lamb, Director, Instructional Technology Services, Academic Innovation & eLearning

Nominator: Anonymous

Barry exemplifies the attitude of "let's figure it out so that it works!" Any time that you approach him for help, he immediately starts applying his expertise and knowledge to the problem and will pursue a solution until he finds one that works — and works well. He has a super positive attitude, a great sense of humor and a really sincere appreciation for different ways of learning and knowing —all of which make him very deserving of a KUDOS award.

Nominee: Library faculty and staff, LLCC Library

Nominator: Tammy Kuhn-Schnell, Dean, Library

While a faculty member gave a tour of the library to her class, I overheard her say, "I love this library! They can help you find anything that you need." I've always known this about the LLCC Library faculty and staff, but to hear it voiced from another LLCC employee to a group of students was fantastic. GREAT JOB, library colleagues!

Nominee: Tim Luna, Programmer Analyst, Information Technology

Nominator: Shelby Bedford, Compliance & Prevention Coordinator, Student Success

Tim's collaborative spirit and can-do attitude played a crucial role in our ability to further implement the use of students' preferred names. His dedication and expertise have had a huge impact on ensuring inclusive classrooms and environments for all students.

Nominee: Keri Mason, Director, LLCC Jacksonville, LLCC Outreach Jacksonville

Nominator: Mary Wheeler, Adjunct Instructor, Arts & Humanities

Keri Mason and her staff deserve special recognition for LLCC-Jacksonville's positive environment. At LLCC-Jacksonville warm smiles and greetings abound. Here students are often treated to freshly popped popcorn or orange juice and doughnuts as well as hot coffee, which is always available. The campus is delightfully decorated for the various holidays, with the Halloween decorations being my absolute favorite! Most importantly, students are gently but consistently reminded to enroll for the upcoming semester or do the necessary paperwork for their FAFSA grants. Kudos to Keri and her staff for creating such a welcoming environment for LLCC students.

Nominee: Susan McClintock, Professor, Mathematics, Mathematics & Sciences

Nominator: Anonymous

As a course coordinator, Susan has gone above and beyond expectations. She has answered lots (and lots and lots) of questions, been available any time, given advice and hints, and willingly shared her worksheets and other resources.

Nominee: Becky Miller-McGrath, Assistant Professor, Psychology, Social Sciences

Nominator: Anonymous

Thank you for all the hard work and time you have given to the numerous committees of which you have been a part! You are very much appreciated for all your work!

Nominee: Andy Mitkos, Learning Management Systems Coordinator, Academic Innovation & eLearning

Nominator: Shelby Bedford, Compliance & Prevention Coordinator, Student Success

Andy's collaborative spirit and can-do attitude played a crucial role in our ability to further implement the use of students' preferred names. His dedication and expertise have had a huge impact on ensuring inclusive classrooms and environments for all students.

Nominee: Soodi Nassirpour, Director, Administrative Computing, Information Technology

Nominator: Shelby Bedford, Compliance & Prevention Coordinator, Student Success

Soodi's collaborative spirit and can-do attitude played a crucial role in our ability to further implement the use of students' preferred names. Her dedication and expertise have had a huge impact on ensuring inclusive classrooms and environments for all students.

Nominee: Tess Olson, Police Officer, Police Department

Nominator: Shelby Bedford, Compliance & Prevention Coordinator, Student Success

Officer Olson graciously volunteered to facilitate the bystander intervention training at this year's New Student Welcome Lunch. This training helps keep our campus and community safe and informed by equipping students with the information and skills necessary to be an active bystander. This is a sensitive topic that can cause a wide range of reactions from students, so the facilitator's knowledge on the topic and commitment to helping students is key in the success of the training. Having Officer Olson as a facilitator was invaluable, and I cannot thank her enough for her continued partnership in and commitment to preventing gender-based violence.

Nominee: Samantha Reif, Associate Professor, Mathematics & Sciences

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

For sharing your expertise and enthusiasm regarding the solar eclipse, broadcasting live on Facebook from Carbondale and serving as a subject matter expert with local news media.

Nominee: Joanie Rogers, Alumni Services and Foundation Coordinator, Foundation

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

Joanie is a pleasure to work with. She's always willing to help out and great at tracking down information! From identifying newsworthy stories, to finding alumni to interview for FORWARD articles, to pointing me in the right direction for other needed resources around the college — her insight and helpfulness are greatly appreciated. Thank you, Joanie!

Nominee: Sarah Scheufele, Academic Support Specialist, TRIO Student Support Services

Nominator: Shelby Bedford, Compliance & Prevention Coordinator, Student Success

Sarah graciously volunteered to facilitate the bystander intervention training at this year's New Student Welcome Lunch. This training helps keep our campus and community safe and informed by equipping students with the information and skills necessary to be an active bystander. This is a sensitive topic that can cause a wide range of reactions from students, so the facilitator's knowledge on the topic and commitment to helping students is key to the success of the training. Having Sarah as a facilitator was invaluable, and I cannot thank her enough for her continued partnership in and commitment to preventing gender-based violence.

Nominee: Shelly Smothers, Admission & Registration Services Representative, Admission, Records & Registration

Nominator: Anonymous

Shelly goes out of her way to help students. Whether it is keeping crackers and other snacks on her desk for the hungry passerby or buying stacks of folders and paper to have on hand for students in need, Shelly always finds a way to quietly support our students. Her generosity and thoughtfulness are a shining example of a giving spirit.

Nominee: Lawrence Strubhart, Horticulturist, Facilities Services

Nominator: Marina Wirsing, Program Assistant, Student Life

I'm nominating Lawrence for a KUDOS award to recognize his amazing contributions to the beautification of our campus. His knowledge of flowers and plants is extensive, and our vegetation flourishes under his care. Specifically, I would like to thank him for teaching me about the Oxalis triangularis plant, which is also known as the "purple shamrock." It's a beautiful and dainty plant with three velvety purple, heart-shaped leaves. There is a large display of this plant right next to the Information Desk in A. Lincoln Commons and they can be found bordering several planted shrubs outside the student union. Thank you, Lawrence, for sharing your talents with us!

Nominee: Greg Walbert, Graphic Design Manager, Public Relations & Marketing

Nominator: Shelby Bedford, Compliance & Prevention Coordinator, Student Success

Greg was incredibly patient and receptive to feedback while we were developing our new bystander intervention materials. The visual impact of these materials is incredibly important because of the sensitive content, and Greg worked with us to ensure that the materials were appealing, appropriate and approachable. His willingness to work through multiple drafts shows outstanding commitment to his work, and we are incredibly thankful for his assistance.

Nominee: Dr. Beth Wiediger, Professor, Psychology, Social Sciences

Nominator: Shelby Bedford, Compliance & Prevention Coordinator, Student Success

Beth graciously volunteered to facilitate the bystander intervention training at this year's New Student Welcome Lunch. This training helps keep our campus and community safe and informed by equipping students with the information and skills necessary to be an active bystander. This is a sensitive topic that can cause a wide range of reactions from students, so the facilitator's knowledge on the topic and commitment to helping students is key in the success of the training. Having Beth as a facilitator was invaluable, and I cannot thank her enough for her continued partnership in and commitment to preventing gender-based violence.