

Lincoln Land Community College



Key or Unique Demonstrations of Outstanding Service

December 2018 Award Winners

Nominee: Anne Armbruster, Student Development Professional, Advising, Counseling and Career Services

Nominator: Karen Sanders, Executive Director, LLCC Foundation

Anne is always willing to go above and beyond for students. She is a calming force and provides outstanding service to students to ensure their success!

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

Nominator: Jacob Deters, Student Engagement Coordinator, Student Life

Laurie stepped up at the last minute to help advise the LLCC student delegation to the Illinois Community College Student Activities Association Conference in Decatur. With such a large group, Laurie helped by driving a van to the conference. She also made several of the LLCC-Beardstown students feel welcome to the group by eating dinner with them and getting to know them better. She served as a wonderful co-advisor, and I enjoyed getting to know her more!

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

Nominator: Michael Phelon, Coordinator, Open Door Mentorship Program, Student Services

You are a defender! Kudos for going beyond the call of duty for our Open Door students! "Anyone who does anything to help a child in his life is a hero to me." — Fred Rogers (Mr. Rogers)

Nominee: Carissa Dubois, Admissions and Registration Services Representative

Nominator: Michael Phelon, Coordinator, Open Door Mentorship Program, Student Services

You are a defender of peace! Thank you for being a source of great help to Open Door students and for being the reason our students smile!

Nominee: Claire Heffron-McKinney, Student Development Professional, Advising, Counseling and Career Services

Nominator: Karen Sanders, Executive Director, LLCC Foundation

Claire regularly goes above and beyond to assist students in need. Her attention to student needs helps ensure their success!

Nominee: Ryan Howland, Student Development Professional, Advising, Counseling and Career Services

Nominator: Karen Sanders, Executive Director, LLCC Foundation

Ryan continuously goes above and beyond for students, especially those with emergency needs. Kudos to Ryan for ensuring students have what they need to be successful in the classroom!

Nominee: Asia Jackson, Admissions and Registration Services Representative

Nominator: Michael Phelon, Coordinator, Open Door Mentorship Program, Student Services

For always going the extra mile with the students in my program. Thank you for being a superhero! "You don't need superpowers to be someone's hero." — Ricky Maye

Nominee: Rick Lashbrook, General Maintenance Technician, LLCC-Jacksonville

Nominator: Keri Mason, Director, LLCC-Jacksonville

Rick went above and beyond without a single complaint as we moved offices around at LLCC-Jacksonville to make room for new staff. It was a huge job, and he did a great job and kept a great attitude. We truly appreciate his hard work!

Nominee: Brendan Lee, Community Service Officer, LLCCPD

Nominator: Dr. Gary Armour, Laboratory Safety Coordinator, Mathematics and Sciences

Last February, Brendan noticed I had a flat tire. He notified me of the problem, met me at my car and changed my tire. He did this when he was off the clock. He made a bad day better, which is what he pretty much does every day!

Nominee: Dr. Chris McDonald, Professor of Political Science, Social Sciences

Nominator: Dr. Deborah Brothers, Professor of English, Arts and Humanities

Chris goes above and beyond traditional teaching by educating colleagues and the community. Most recently, he and Leslie Stalter designed the WWI event "Have You Forgotten Yet?: 100 Years Since the Armistice." With this exhibit, Chris brings his artistic and passionate photographer's eye and keen academic intelligence to forward an always timely discussion of the costs of war. Kudos, Chris — collaborator and educator extraordinaire.

Nominee: Jennifer Meyer, Administrative Assistant, LLCC-Jacksonville

Nominator: Keri Mason, Director, LLCC-Jacksonville

Jennifer went above and beyond as we switched around offices to make space for new staff members. She is incredibly organized and made sure that we went through every single thing in every single work space so that we made the most efficient use of every single drawer and shelf. Her attention to detail, organization and hard work is so appreciated.

Nominee: Lucas Ostendorf, Police Officer, LLCCPD

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

Thank you for going above and beyond by serving as a workgroup lead for safety and inclusivity on the Campus Climate Team. Your work in helping our team make data driven decisions to improve campus climate for faculty, staff, administrators and students is greatly appreciated!

Nominee: Becky Parton, Dean, Academic Innovation & eLearning

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

Thank you for going above and beyond by serving as a workgroup lead for professional development on the Campus Climate Team. Your work in helping our team make data driven decisions to improve campus climate for faculty, staff, administrators and students is greatly appreciated!

Nominee: Samuel Penning, System Administrator II, Information Technology

Nominator: Anonymous

Samuel was very helpful in supporting an LLCC project outside of normal business hours.

Nominee: Charylle Reynolds, Admissions and Registration Services Representative

Nominator: Michael Phelon, Coordinator, Open Door Mentorship Program, Student Services

You are a defender of hope! Thank you for helping out with and being so supportive of Open Door students! You rock!

Nominee: Ben Roth, Director, Systems and IT Infrastructure, Information Technology

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

Thank you for going above and beyond by serving as a workgroup lead for employee satisfaction on the Campus Climate Team. Your work in helping our team make data driven decisions to improve campus climate for faculty, staff, administrators and students is greatly appreciated!

Nominee: Shelly Smothers, Admissions and Registration Services Representative

Nominator: Carrie Jacobs, Testing Assistant, Placement and Testing

Shelly is a kind, caring and attentive individual who makes sure that each student is well cared for. She has helped guide many students through the registration process and beyond. Reaching out comes naturally to her. I want to personally thank her for helping with Maggie's registration in the first semester of the nursing program, and also for working with an international student we were both concerned about. Great job, Shelly!

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Nominee: Leslie Stalter, Professor of Art, Arts and Humanities

Nominator: Dr. Deborah Brothers, Professor of English, Arts and Humanities

Leslie designs gallery spaces beautifully and meaningfully. She goes above and beyond to ensure our gallery stays exhibit-ready, showcasing special events and artists. Leslie is always ready to brainstorm with colleagues about gallery possibilities, and she is easy to work with — funny, warm and intelligent. Leslie Stalter deserves kudos. She enriches the LLCC community and reminds us how art underscores real lives (and general education outcomes) in tangible ways.

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Nominator: Gaye Catlin, Administrative Assistant to the Dean, Health Professions

A big thank you to Leslie Stalter for holding the Silkscreen Program Promotion session on Professional Development Day. Both Leslie and Thom Whalen work hard every year, and I look forward each year to participating in this session and getting a new shirt. The artwork is always fun and something different! I'm looking forward to next year and your design!

Nominee: Thom Whalen, Professor of Art, Arts and Humanities

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