March 2020 Award Winners

Nominee: Shawn Allen, Student Records Evaluator, Admission, Records and Registration
Nominator: Robin Ackman, Director, Admission, Records and Registration

Shawn always provides great service to staff and students but in the month of December, she truly went above and beyond. The month of December is a busy one for LLCC Records, but Shawn met the task of serving students and completing responsibilities that are normally not hers head-on. Her commitment to teamwork is to be commended. Thank you, Shawn!

Nominee: Anne Armbruster, Director, TRIO Student Support Services
Nominator: Sarah Scheufele, Retention Specialist, TRIO Student Support Services

Anne has stepped right in to lead the TRIO team. She is excited and supportive and everything we needed this semester. There has been a lot going on, and she's jumped right in with a smile. Thanks, Anne, for being a phenomenal buffer!

Nominee: April Bergman, Program Assistant, Student Success
Nominator: Sierra Peterson, Program Assistant, Student Success

April has done an amazing job with learning new tasks to help with New Student Orientations and does a wonderful job of helping to support our students. She is greatly appreciated!

Nominee: Victor Broderick, Dean, Social Sciences and Business
Nominator: Anonymous

Victor assisted in planning and organizing the Illinois Community College Assessment Fair, and his involvement helped to make the conference run smoothly.

Nominee: Cindy Burger, Assistant to the Dean, English and Humanities
Nominator: Anonymous

Cindy came into the planning process for the Illinois Community College Assessment Fair and played a vital role in ensuring that anything that she could help with was taken care of. Whether it was making name badges, attending planning meetings or reviewing materials, Cindy's contribution was great.
Nominee: Center for Academic Success Staff
Nominator: Kim Eddings, Accessibility Services Coordinator, Center for Academic Success

I would like to recognize the dedication and service to students with disabilities represented by the entire staff in the Center for Academic Success. Specifically, these staff members ensure that support, testing services and accommodations are implemented and never fail to address student needs. CC Tietjen-St. Magnus, Libby Tennikait, Irene Siewart, Jamie McCoy, Elaine Higgason, Tricia Hardway, Debra Coet, Julie Clevenger, Kim Alexander – Thank you!

Nominee: Matt Combs, Facility Services Support Specialist, Campus Services
Nominator: Anonymous

On Dec. 19, Matt noticed a deer in distress by Lake Macoupin. Matt discovered one deer’s antlers were tangled in netting and anchored to another object. They called LLCC Police for reinforcements. The deer stumbled and fell to the ground. Matt immediately jumped to action and kept the deer held to the ground to immobilize it. Then, Chief Gentry braced the deer’s antlers while Sergeant Hanson used his knife to cut away the netting and free the deer. What a team effort to do something way above and beyond their regular job duties! Thanks for saving “Rudolph” just in time for Christmas!

Nominee: Sean Edmondson, Bookstore Stockroom Technician, Campus Services
Nominator: Anonymous

Nominee: Amy Flynn, Public Relations and Marketing Assistant
Nominator: Kim Young, Program Assistant, Nursing, Health Professions

As the current CPAC Chair, Amy has been tasked with being the point person, coordinator and voice for the Classified Staff. In recent months, she has navigated the serious issues brought to her confidentially with kindness and sympathy, all while remaining professional. This is just one example of the many things that Amy does to go above and beyond for LLCC students and employees. I can’t think of a person that better exemplifies the essence of this award!

Nominee: Brad Gentry, Chief of Police, Police
Nominator: Anonymous

On Dec. 19, two LLCC employees noticed a deer in distress by Lake Macoupin. They discovered one deer’s antlers were tangled in netting and anchored to another object. They called LLCC Police for reinforcements. They LLCC employees immediately jumped to action and kept the deer held to the ground to immobilize it. Then, Chief Gentry braced the deer’s antlers while Sergeant Hanson used his knife to cut away the netting and free the deer. What a team effort to do something way above and beyond their regular job duties! Thanks for saving “Rudolph” just in time for Christmas!
Nominee: Fabiola Gonzalez, Program Assistant, TRIO Student Support Services  
Nominator: Sierra Peterson, Program Assistant, Student Success

Fabiola is one of the most hardworking people I have ever met. She is kind, and wonderful to our students. She deserves a KUDOS because she is an amazing person who helps others in need.

Nominee: Angela Gum-Miller, Professor of Mathematics, Mathematics and Computer Science  
Nominator: Anonymous

Your demeanor is gentle and your commitment to excellence holds steadfast. You are a respected and valuable member of our team and for our students. We are lucky to have you and we are glad we do! Thank you for what you do!

Nominee: Lindee Hall, Curriculum and Catalog Technician, Academic Services  
Nominator: Anonymous

Thanks to Lindee for helping with many aspects of the day as part of the Illinois Community College Assessment Fair. Whether it was helping to prep for the day or helping attendees navigate the conference, your help was greatly appreciated.

Nominee: Mike Hanson, Police Sergeant, Police  
Nominator: Anonymous

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Nominee: Lakesha Jackson, Chef’s Assistant, Applied and Emerging Technologies  
Nominator: Kimberly Carter, Adjunct Instructor, Applied and Emerging Technologies

Lakesha goes out of her way to make sure every job she performs for the culinary department is done with excellence. She always receives suggestions in improving her performance with zeal and a sincere “thank you, chef.” She takes pride in her work and wears her LLCC chef’s jacket with pride. Her smile is infectious and she’s a joy to work with. I’ve been working in the same department for eight years and have never seen anyone work as diligent and hard as Lakesha.

Nominee: Officer Alexander James, LLCC Police  
Nominator: Christie Hovey, Professor of Computer Applications, Social Sciences and Business

During the second snowstorm in February as I was returning to my car, I was pleasantly surprised to find Officer James clearing snow from the windshield. From the looks of things, he had already cleaned several other windshields. Thank you for this act of kindness!
Nominee: Leslie Johnson, Assistant Vice President, Student Success
Nominator: Anonymous

Leslie helped with the planning and success of the Illinois Community College Assessment Fair. By contributing to planning meetings and organizing multiple aspects of the event, Leslie helped ensure the success of the event.

Nominee: Dee Krueger, Director, LLCC Taylorville
Nominator: Robin Ackman, Director, Admission, Records and Registration

When the college re-opened after Winter Recess, Admission and Registration was inundated with phone calls. Dee helped return voicemails despite being extremely busy herself. Her commitment to our students and the college is always evident and very much appreciated. Thank you so much, Dee!

Nominee: Tricia Kujawa, Assistant Vice President, Institutional Research and Effectiveness
Nominator: Anonymous

Tricia played a key role in organizing, planning and hosting the Illinois Community College Assessment Fair. By ensuring that no detail was overlooked and taking care of many aspects of planning herself, Tricia really ensured that LLCC was prepared to host this event. Thanks for everything you did on behalf of the entire planning committee.

Nominee: Barry Lamb, Director, Instructional Technology Services, Academic Innovation and eLearning
Nominator: Janelle Murphy, Program Director, Radiography, Health Professions

I’d like to thank Barry for his help with assessing new monitor equipment for the LLCC Radiography classroom. With his help, we were able to apply for a grant with all the information we needed. We made the deadline, and Barry was quick to respond to our needs and provide valuable information for us! Kudos!

Nominee: Sheridan Lane, Interim Director, Culinary Program and Operations, Applied and Emerging Technologies
Nominator: Anonymous

Thanks to Sheridan and the LLCC hospitality students involved for providing the hospitality room during the Illinois Community College Assessment Fair. The snacks were excellent, and the room provided a great space for conference attendees to gather and network.

Nominee: Don Loftus, General Maintenance Technician, Facilities Services
Nominator: Anonymous

It doesn’t matter how much snow or ice there is, our path to the building is completely cleared before we arrive at CCTC. It doesn’t matter how much is going on in the building, everything looks throughout the day like it did when the first person walked in. It doesn’t matter what kind of physical plant issues pop up because he has a solution. Don treats the Capital City Training Center like it’s his home and everyone using it is his favorite guest.
Nominee: Mechanical Maintenance Staff  
Nominator: Debbie Bell, Custodial Operations Supervisor, Facilities  

Sending a big THANK YOU to mechanical maintenance staff for always taking care of repairs quickly! I know the department can be quite busy, so I am grateful that the custodial equipment or concerns are handled quickly and efficiently. YOU ROCK!

Nominee: Becky Parton, Dean, Academic Innovation & eLearning  
Nominator: Anonymous  

Becky played a key role in helping to organize the Illinois Community College Assessment Fair at LLCC. Thanks for your hard work and involvement in making this event a success.

Nominee: Ben Roth, Director, IT Systems, Information Technology  
Nominator: Janelle Murphy, Program Director, Radiography, Health Professions  

I’d like to thank Ben for his help with assessing our classroom and recommending new monitor equipment so that X-ray images can be viewed more appropriately by the students. With his help, we were able to apply for a grant with all the information we needed. Ben was very quick to respond to my call for assistance and this was extremely appreciated! KUDOS!

Nominee: Sue Rush, Education Service Representative, LLCC Outreach Jacksonville  
Nominator: Keri Mason, Director, LLCC Jacksonville  

I would like to recognize Sue Rush and her commitment to LLCC-Jacksonville. Sue recently stepped up in a big way by changing her schedule and increasing her hours to fill in when we were down a staff member. It was a huge help and greatly appreciated.

Nominee: Sarah Scheufele, Retention Specialist, TRIO Student Support Services  
Nominator: Sierra Peterson, Program Assistant, Student Success  

Sarah is amazing. She always has a smile on her face and works hard to support her TRIO students. She is a wonderful co-worker and just a great person to be around. She deserves this KUDOS because she should know how much of a positive impact she has on the people around her.

Nominee: Candace Silas, Program Navigator, Workforce Equity Initiative  
Nominator: Anonymous  

Candace is 100% dedicated to student success. She is an unsung hero who keeps the rest of us in line, smiling and ready to serve students. Her compassion and tough love are exactly what our students (and even staff) need. We’re lucky to have her on our team.
Nominee: Chester Simmons, Building Custodian, Facilities Services  
Nominator: Anonymous

Chester goes above and beyond in his work, but especially in taking care of his team. A few weeks back, Chester helped a colleague with a flat tire during their break. When the tire did not take, he drove his colleague home after shift. The next week, another colleague had car trouble. Chester helped arrange a jump start. When the battery did not take the charge, he took the battery out of his car!

Nominee: Julie Sutfin, Facilities Reservations Technician, Facilities Services  
Nominator: Anonymous

Julie volunteered to serve on the planning committee for the Illinois Community College Assessment Fair and helped with many details for the day that ensured the event was well-planned. With her assistance, everything from parking to room reservations was taken care of well in advance, helping the conference to be a success.

Nominee: Dawn Townsend, Administrative Assistant to the Dean, Academic Innovation and eLearning  
Nominator: Anonymous

Thanks to Dawn for helping throughout the Illinois Community College Assessment Fair. Your help with checking attendees in ensured that the morning got off to a smooth start.

Nominee: Chelsea Vance, Student Records Evaluator, Admission, Records and Registration  
Nominator: Robin Ackman, Director, Admission, Records and Registration

December is a hectic month for LLCC Records. Despite being short-staffed, Chelsea continued to deliver excellent service to our students while taking care of additional duties that she is typically not responsible for. Her commitment to teamwork is always evident, but she went above and beyond. Thank you, Chelsea!