

Lincoln Land Community College



March 2021 Award Winners

Nominee: Laura Anderson, Assistant Professor of Art, Arts and Communication

Nominator: Shelby Bedford, Compliance and Prevention Coordinator

Laura is a valued member of the Innovation in Diversity and Inclusion Grant Program Project Team. The expertise and time Laura has dedicated to the development of the IDI Grant has been instrumental in the branding, promotion and creation of foundational themes of the program. I appreciate all that you do, Laura!

Nominee: Lisa Avendano, Writing Center Specialist, English and Humanities

Nominator: Dr. Joel Dykstra, Dean of English and Humanities

Lisa has participated enthusiastically in the Writing Center program review. Her dedication to participating in the interview and data analysis processes is appreciated and demonstrates a professional attitude toward the effective use of data for program improvement.

Nominee: Ira Bradley, Building Custodian, Facilities Services

Nominator: Bertha Sneyd, Program Assistant, Adult Education

We, here in Adult Ed, think of Ira as our building ambassador. Since only half of our staff is here on any given day with COVID restrictions, we know that students coming in are pointed in the right direction if Ira is around. Not only that, our facility is always cleaned and sanitized. We appreciate Ira Bradley so much!

Nominee: Cynthia Burger, Administrative Assistant to the Dean, English and Humanities

Nominator: Shawn Allen and Chelsea Vance, Student Records

Cynthia has stepped up and assisted LLCC Records with many things that we could not keep up with. Thank you for your time and helping our students! You are much appreciated!

Nominee: Mary Dellert, Executive Assistant/Secretary to the Board of Trustees, President's Office

Nominator: Shawn Allen and Chelsea Vance, Student Records

Mary has stepped up and assisted LLCC Records with many things that we could not keep up with. Thank you for your time and helping our students! You are much appreciated!

Nominee: Andrea DeRosa, Financial Aid Advisor and Loan Specialist, Financial Aid

Nominator: Shawn Allen and Chelsea Vance, Student Records

Andrea recently assisted the LLCC Records office by packaging diplomas for our fall 2020 graduates and getting them in the mail. This is a very tedious and time-consuming task, but one of the most rewarding for our students when they receive their diplomas in the mail. We are extremely grateful to Andrea for help with this project!

Nominee: Jacob Deters, Student Engagement Coordinator, Student Life

Nominator: Shawn Allen and Chelsea Vance, Student Records

Jacob has stepped up and assisted LLCC Records with many things that we could not keep up with. Thank you for your time and helping our students! You are much appreciated!

Nominee: Gailyn Draper, Administrative Assistant to the Vice President, Student Services

Nominator: Amy Flynn, Public Relations and Marketing Assistant

Gailyn took the lead on finding professional development opportunities for classified staff. She created a presentation and presented to CPAC and several classified members as well as set up the initial meeting for a professional speaker. Thank you, Gailyn, for working diligently on this project for all classified staff!

Nominee: Carter DuBois, Admission and Registration Services Representative, Admission, Records and Registration

Nominator: Shawn Allen and Chelsea Vance, Student Records

Carter recently assisted the LLCC Records office by packaging diplomas for our fall 2020 graduates and getting them in the mail. This is a very tedious and time-consuming task, but one of most rewarding for our students when they receive their diplomas in the mail. We are extremely grateful to Carter for help with this project!

Nominee: Tiffany Elliott, Writing Center Specialist, English and Humanities

Nominator: Dr. Joel Dykstra, Dean of English and Humanities

Tiffany has participated enthusiastically in the Writing Center program review. Her dedication to participating in the interview and data analysis processes is appreciated and demonstrates a professional attitude toward the effective use of data for program improvement.

Nominee: Marlene Emmons, Professor of English, English and Humanities

Nominator: Dr. Joel Dykstra, Dean of English and Humanities

Marlene recently helped gather qualitative data about the need for improvement in writing skills among local employers. This data has been instrumental in the ongoing discussion for the creation of a writing certificate to serve the needs of local stakeholders.

Nominee: Dr. Melissa Franzen, Student Success Coach II, Student Success

Nominator: Claire Heffron-McKinney, Student Success Coach II

Melissa recently successfully defended her doctoral thesis. We are all so proud of her for this outstanding goal! She's worked so very hard on this for the last three years and she did it! Way to go Melissa!

Nominee: Tricia Hardway, Academic Success Professional, Center for Academic Success

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

Tricia may be part-time but she dedicates a lot of time to our students! She also makes videos to help students when they cannot get an appointment right away. She is an appreciated, valued member of our team, and I hope she is aware of that!

Nominee: Cathy Huffman, Career Development Professional, Career Services

Nominator: Shawn Allen and Chelsea Vance, Student Records

Cathy recently assisted the LLCC Records office by packaging diplomas for our fall 2020 graduates and getting them in the mail. This is a very tedious and time-consuming task, but one of most rewarding for our students when they receive their diplomas in the mail. We are extremely grateful to Cathy for help with this project!

Nominee: Jennifer Hylton, Enrollment Services Representative, Admission, Records and Registration

Nominator: Shawn Allen and Chelsea Vance, Student Records

Jennifer has stepped up and assisted LLCC Records with many things that we could not keep up with. Thank you for your time and helping our students! You are much appreciated!

Nominee: Asia Jackson, Program Assistant, Student Life

Nominator: Shawn Allen and Chelsea Vance, Student Records

Asia has stepped up and assisted LLCC Records with many things that we could not keep up with. Thank you for your time and helping our students! You are much appreciated!

Nominee: Carrie Jacobs, Administrative Assistant to the Dean, Health Professions

Nominator: Lindsey Weihmeir, Admission Specialist

Carrie has been stellar in learning a new and overwhelming role in the nursing department. She seems like she is always available to staff, faculty and students, and brings a sense of humor to her role. I have loved having Carrie along with me for the past 11 months while learning our new roles and serving the students to the best of our ability.

Nominee: Rebecca Klatt, Professor of Reading, English and Humanities

Nominator: Dr. Joel Dykstra, Dean of English and Humanities

Rebecca has recently participated in efforts to improve success for students who will be entering the local workforce. She participated in a small group that will develop technical writing offerings for workforce students. She has also agreed to develop reading assistance opportunities for students in the CNA program.

Nominee: Marcy Koches, Administrative Assistant, LLCC-Taylorville

Nominator: Robin Ackman, Director, Admission, Records and Registration

Marcy was very helpful in returning calls to our students who left voicemails for LLCC Admission and Registration during the first week of spring 2021 courses. We wouldn't have been able to return all the calls in a timely manner without her assistance. Thanks so much for going above and beyond Marcy! LLCC Admission and Registration is grateful for your assistance.

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

Nominator: Debbie Bell, Custodial Operations Supervisor

Without hesitation, Kyla came to my rescue! I had been working on a supply catalog (pictures and descriptions) for my staff on the main campus and at regional centers for several months and couldn't get the compiling part complete after multiple attempts. Kyla offered help on a Thursday and within 15 minutes on the very next day, she did her magic and the catalog was ready. I'm speechless and amazed by her expertise. KYLA, YOU R.O.C.K.

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

Nominator: Shelby Bedford, Compliance and Prevention Coordinator

Kyla is a valued member of the Innovation in Diversity and Inclusion Grant Program Project Team. Kyla's knowledge of communication strategies, program promotion and campus climate priorities have been instrumental in the development of the grant program. Thanks, Kyla, for sharing your time and expertise!

Nominee: Christine Marietta, Administrative Assistant, LLCC-Litchfield

Nominator: Robin Ackman, Director, Admission, Records and Registration

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Nominee: Jennifer Meyer, Administrative Assistant, LLCC-Jacksonville

Nominator: Robin Ackman, Director, Admission, Records and Registration

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Nominee: Laurie Myers, Writing Center Specialist, English and Humanities

Nominator: Dr. Joel Dykstra, Dean of English and Humanities

Laurie has participated enthusiastically in the Writing Center program review. Her dedication to participating in the interview and data analysis processes is appreciated and demonstrates a professional attitude toward the effective use of data for program improvement.

Nominee: Lori Oldenettel, Enrollment Coordinator, LLCC-Jacksonville

Nominator: Keri Mason, Director, LLCC-Jacksonville

Lori organized and facilitated a virtual scholarship event for LLCC-Jacksonville and Beardstown current and potential students. She did a great job finding businesses and organizations in the community to share information about the scholarship opportunities they offered. The event maxed out the RSVPs and had a great turnout. Thank you, Lori, for finding ways to help our students!

Nominee: Sierra Peterson, Program Assistant, Workforce Equity Initiative

Nominator: Shawn Allen and Chelsea Vance, Student Records

Sierra has stepped up and assisted LLCC Records with many things that we could not keep up with. Thank you for your time and helping our students! You are much appreciated!

Nominee: Michelle Pulce-Flynn, Director, Grant Development, Advancement Office

Nominator: Shelby Bedford, Compliance and Prevention Coordinator

Michelle is a valued member of the Innovation in Diversity and Inclusion Grant Program Project Team. Michelle's expertise has been instrumental in the development of the grant's application, guidance documents and foundational themes. Thanks for sharing your time and knowledge, Michelle!

Nominee: Ryan Roberts, Librarian (Professor), Library

Nominator: Dr. Joel Dykstra, Dean of English and Humanities

Ryan has graciously agreed to conduct faculty interviews for the Writing Center program review. His continued interest in this program and his willingness to help when needed is greatly appreciated.

Nominee: Brenda Schuster, Site Coordinator, LLCC-Beardstown

Nominator: Robin Ackman, Director, Admission, Records and Registration

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Nominee: Alison Stachera, Professor of English, English and Humanities

Nominator: Dr. Joel Dykstra, Dean of English and Humanities

Alison has recently participated in two important efforts to improve the writing skills for local employees. She has been part of a small group working to bring technical writing courses to workforce students. She has also agreed to develop coursework for the proposed writing certificate.

Nominee: Jamil Steele, Director, Adult Education and Literacy

Nominator: Shelby Bedford, Compliance and Prevention Coordinator

Jamil is a valued member of the Innovation in Diversity and Inclusion Grant Program Project Team. Jamil's ability to use his past experiences applying for various grants to identify potential barriers and points of confusion for future IDI grant applicants has facilitated the development of an accessible, "user-friendly" grant. Jamil, your expertise, perspective and time is appreciated!

Nominee: Brian Tweryon, Police Sergeant, Police

Nominator: Dr. Lesley Frederick, Vice President, Student Services

Brian helped save the day when we had some students stranded on campus due to SMTD cancelling bus routes because of inclement weather. Brian got a college van and drove the students to their homes. It takes a village to support our students! Thanks, Brian.

Nominee: Holly Walton, Purchasing Coordinator, Finance

Nominator: Debbie Bell, Custodial Operations Supervisor

I had ordered a product for the Kreher Agriculture Center that was significantly less than original budget, but the salesperson guaranteed it was the same product. I had moved the delivered order off dock but didn't notice the size discrepancy until opening the package. I notified Holly of the incorrect product delivery, and she patiently helped me find the correct product from another supplier, ordered the product and graciously took care of the wrong product for me. Undeniably grateful!

Nominee: Lindsey Weihmeir, Admission Specialist, Admission, Records and Registration

Nominator: Shawn Allen and Chelsea Vance, Student Records

Lindsey has stepped up and assisted LLCC Records with many things that we could not keep up with. Thank you for your time and helping our students! You are much appreciated!

Nominee: Laurenn York, Instructor, English, English and Humanities

Nominator: Dr. Joel Dykstra, Dean of English and Humanities

Laurenn has recently led a small group that has been working on addressing the needs for technical writing skills for workforce students. She has also contributed to the discussion on a potential writing certificate.