

Lincoln Land Community College



May 2021 Award Winners

Nominee: Kimberly Alexander, Accessibility Specialist, Center for Academic Success

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

I hear a lot of compliments about how helpful and nice Kim is to the students she assists. She's dedicated to helping our students with whatever they need, from working on class assignments to just needing to talk. She is a true asset to the CAS team.

Nominee: Kimberly Conover, Instructor of Nursing, Health Professions

Nominator: Amber Babbs, Program Assistant, Health Professions

Kimberly is settling in PERFECTLY as the new LPN instructor in Jacksonville. Her enthusiastic personality and "go-getter" attitude have made for an easy and enjoyable transition for our program. Kimberly does everything with an incredible attitude, and I look forward to working with her for many years to come! You are truly an asset to our team!

Nominee: Dr. Jason Dockter, Associate Vice President, Academic Services

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

Jason has supported a number of projects in the various departments and has helped the new deans not only with these projects, but also throughout their process of integration into the LLCC system. His willingness to meet with us and provide advice and guidance is appreciated.

Nominee: Amy Flynn, Public Relations and Marketing Assistant, Public Relations and Marketing

Nominator: Asia Jackson, Program Assistant, Student Life

Amy, thank you for all your help with the Student recognition Ceremony! I am overly grateful for all the editing suggestions, uploading and captioning the SRC videos! Your help saved me from drowning on this project, and I am truly thankful for all your assistance.

Nominee: Misty Hagstrom, Graphic Design Specialist, Public Relations and Marketing

Nominator: Janelle Murphy, Program Director, Radiography

Kudos and a big thank you for helping update the LLCC Radiography program's webpage! I had a deadline and you helped me make it! I truly appreciate all the work you put into this project and the speed with which you accomplished it.

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

Nominator: Kiki Glenis, LLCC Student

Tricia was the first person I worked with and helped me with my academic suspension appeal. Months later after starting class I felt written off by other staff (more than one). I reached out to Tricia for direction and she went above and beyond for me. She looked into things for me, gave me links, instruction, educated me on things and processes with LLCC. Anything Tricia was able to help me with she did!

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

Nominator: Janelle Murphy, Program Director, Radiography

Carrie, I just wanted to say thank you for stepping up and helping all of us in Health Professions with various tasks during the pandemic. I so appreciated that you would collect the mail for us in Logan Hall (as well as your own area) and the delivery of my LLCC Printshop orders was wonderfully unexpected! You have been a great resource!

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

Nominator: Asia Jackson, Program Assistant, Student Life

Kyla, thank you for all your assistance with the Student Recognition Ceremony. From the time you stepped in you went above and beyond to make sure nothing was left out. Your patience is unmatched and you seem to have the answers for everything, or at least know where to find the answer. I cannot explain exactly how much your assistance on this project provided me with much peace. Thank you!

Nominee: Dr. Tricia Kujawa, Assistant Vice President, Institutional Research and Effectiveness

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

Tricia has provided data and presentations about data to the deans on various occasions throughout the year that pertain to student and community satisfaction and student success. This data has been helpful in our improvement efforts. Her genuine interest in data and institutional effectiveness is appreciated.

Nominee: Laurie Lewis-Fritz, Instructor of Music, Private Applied Coordinator, Arts and Communication

Nominator: Adam Watkins, Dean of Arts and Communication

Laurie is a model of best practices presenting at conferences, The FSI: At the Intersection of Teaching, Learning, and Technology: Ch-Ch-Changes: Innovation, Flipping, Empathy, and Community and The International Music Education Summit Summer Choral Workshop 2021: Connecting and Reflecting: Choir as a Vehicle for Healing during a Global Crisis. She was named the first president of the new Central Illinois Chapter of the National Association of Teachers of Singing.

Nominee: Brenda Loschen, Administrative Assistant to the Dean, Arts and Communication

Nominator: Adam Watkins, Dean of Arts and Communication

Brenda is outstanding. She has gone to many lengths in helping me settle in during these difficult times. Her knowledge and expertise are more than greatly appreciated. She is always quick with an answer and also a question. She is a real problem solver and advocate for the entire department and college. Thank you, Brenda!

Nominee: Caitlin Perry, Website and Social Media Writing Coordinator, Public Relations and Marketing

Nominator: Janelle Murphy, Program Director, Radiography

Thank you, Caitlin for helping update the LLCC Radiography webpage and making it ADA compliant. I needed the updates made in a bit of a rush and you stepped right up to assist! You were a pleasure to work with! Kudos!

Nominee: Karen Riddell, Program Assistant, Adult Education

Nominator: Bertha Sneyd, Program Assistant, Adult Education

Karen keeps our office running smoothly! She is always there to help with any problem or project. She keeps all our records up to date in DAISI, tracks attendance, greets anyone coming into our office with a smile and is great with all of our students.

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

Nominator: Anonymous

Sarah was working with a student who had received a check for his financial aid refund but was unsure what to do with it as he did not have a bank account, and neither did anyone in the household. Sarah took the time with the student to contact a local bank and help him get a checking account set up so he could deposit his refund. She went above and beyond (as she often does) to assist the student and help him develop his financial literacy.

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

Nominator: Anne Armbruster, Director, TRIO Student Support Services

Sarah has cheerfully taken on many academic support appointments with TRIO students while we fill the Academic Support Specialist position. Her dedication to helping our students reach their goals has always been apparent, but even more so this semester. Thank you, Sarah!

Nominee: Matthew Shaver, Professor of Digital Media, Arts and Communication

Nominator: Adam Watkins, Dean of Arts and Communication

Matthew serves as our DAC and has been such a positive champion for assessment. His creative problem solving and hands-on work with the other faculty in the department are helping to transform the culture of assessment in Arts and Communication. His skill set is student centered and data driven. He is great to work with and to also collaborate with. Thank you!

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

Nominator: Adam Watkins, Dean of Arts and Communication

Leslie is a quiet leader within the Arts. She repeatedly steps up to the plate for the betterment of our students. Due to the ongoing remote nature of our work, Leslie has built a website to showcase the wonderful student art that has been created over the past year. This work is critical for the area. It is a pleasure to work with her and share ideas. I am very thankful to be on the same team with her.

Nominee: Holly Walton, Purchasing Coordinator, Finance

Nominator: Dr. Cynthia Maskey, Dean of Health Professions

Between then end-of-year purchasing for regular budgets and Perkins, Planning and Budgeting, the renovation for nursing in Montgomery Hall, LEAGUE Grant Awards and unexpected absences within the Health Professions department, Holly has gone above and beyond in assisting almost every program in the department with purchasing. We could not have met the purchasing deadlines without her kind, patient and wise assistance. Holly is truly excellent!