

Lincoln Land Community College



July 2022 Award Winners

Nominee: Mack Alexander, Building Custodian

Nominator: Shanda Byer, Associate Vice President, Enrollment Services

Mack does an outstanding job cleaning our offices and departments. I can always tell when Mack has been working in our area by the sparkling surfaces when I turn on the lights in the morning. The extra care he takes sets the tone for starting my day off right with fresh surroundings. He does it all with a friendly smile and an amazing attitude. Thank you, Mack.

Nominee: Shawn Allen, Records Coordinator

Nominator: Mary Warren, Temporary Records Evaluator

I'm working part time for LLCC Records. Shawn is always available if I have questions, and she is very good at explaining the processes. She is a very dedicated LLCC employee. Shawn is ultra-organized and gets her work done even when the department is short staffed. She genuinely cares about the college, the students and the staff she works with on a daily basis.

Nominee: Nikki Baker, Compliance & Prevention Coordinator

Nominator: Debbie Bell, Custodial Operations Supervisor

On the morning of Tuesday, June 21, I was approached by a father and son looking for orientation. There was a New Student Orientation scheduled for later in the day, but these folks came from Galesburg and would have been waiting quite a while. So, we looked for help, and Nikki was in her office in LLCC Student Life. I explained the circumstances (Reader's Digest version), and Nikki took over! Thank you for "on the spot" help!

Nominees: Jason Baptiste, Truck Driver Training Specialist

Nominator: Anonymous

Although Jason has only been with the program a short time, he has demonstrated professionalism, leadership and a strong, "can do" approach to his day-in and day-out work — leadership by example! Looking forward to many years of great success for future students and the program!

Nominee: Debbie Bell, Custodial Operations Supervisor

Nominator: Cindy Burger, Administrative Assistant to the Dean, English & Humanities

Debbie and the custodial operations team were superb at removing the mountain of materials that had been stacked in the hallways after so many retirement office cleanouts and office moves. Thank you for disposing of the abundance of materials so quickly and efficiently. You keep our building looking great and create a tidy work environment. We appreciate you and your team!

Nominee: Ron Brown, Brandon Lewis, Katrina Quattlander, Kyle Roughan, Candace Silas, Kim Wilson and Marina Wirsing

Nominator: Leslie Johnson, Assistant Vice President, Student Success

A huge shout out for serving on the Juneteenth planning committee! Your time and commitment made LLCC's first annual Juneteenth celebration a success through our "Know Your History" theme. You helped to ensure LLCC's Juneteenth celebration on June 20 was a success as well as the month-long educational opportunities for faculty, staff and students. Thank you!

Nominee: Laurie Clemons, Student Success Coach

Nominator: Leslie Johnson, Assistant Vice President, Student Success

The biggest shout out to Laurie Clemons for organizing the Juneteenth planning committee! As always, Laurie did a great job to ensure everything was taken care of for LLCC's first annual Juneteenth celebration — from the theme: "Know Your History" to tracking down the shirts. LLCC's Juneteenth celebration on June 20 as well as the month-long educational opportunities for faculty, staff and students were a success because of you and the committee. Thank you!

Nominee: Dr. Justin Cobb, Assistant Professor, Biology, Anatomy & Physiology

Nominator: Barbara Bernardi, Professor, Biology

A big thank-you to Dr. Justin Cobb for all his assistance and patience in helping me use the new syllabus management system. He did a step-by-step of the process, which made it so much simpler. KUDOS, Dr. Justin.

Nominee: Rhilee Cochran, Public Relations & Marketing Assistant

Nominator: Cindy Burger, Administrative Assistant to the Dean, English & Humanities

Thank you, Rhilee, for your lightning-fast attention to the placement of our Boost T-shirt order with the last-minute change to a different printer so that we received the T-shirts prior to the end of the 2022 fiscal year. We are so appreciative of your extra effort!

Nominee: Christina Courier, Program Assistant, Aviation

Nominator: Tim Ervin, Director, Construction & Environmental Health & Safety

Christina went above and beyond to help coordinate moving equipment and working with the flooring contractor at the LLCC Aviation facility to get the floor surface refinished. She came in to open the facility for the contractor on her days off to make sure they had access. Without her efforts, resurfacing the floor would not have been possible!

Nominee: Nick Ferreira, Director, Emergency Services & Health

Nominator: Janelle Murphy, Program Director, Radiography

Nick is an awesome resource, and I'd like to thank him for always helping my students with their BLS for Healthcare Workers certification. He never fails to accommodate my students and makes it so much easier for them! KUDOS, Nick!

Nominee: David Ferrill, Information Technology & Audio Specialist

Nominator: Kim Young, Program Assistant, Health Professions

Dave recently stepped up to work on the Saturday after Commencement to ensure that the ADN pinning ceremony had the support needed. Having in-person support on a day when most everyone was gone from campus for the summer was very much appreciated. Knowing that Dave was in the building provided a sense of comfort that all things IT would run smoothly. The event went on without incident, and all of the students and families had a lovely time! Thank you, Dave!

Nominee: Facilities Services Team

Nominator: Kim Young, Program Assistant, Health Professions

Thank you to all from LLCC Facilities that helped with the setup and breakdown of the ADN pinning ceremony on Saturday, May 14. With Commencement being the evening prior and the Girls on the Run race being that same morning, this was a busy time for the team with a lot of moving parts. In addition, there were also items that needed to be brought back to campus from the BOS Center for the nursing event directly after Commencement. The Facilities team helped ensure this went seamlessly!

Nominee: Leigh Giles-Brown, Program Director, Diagnostic Medical Sonography

Nominator: Tiffany-Anne Elliott, Academic Support Programs Coordinator; Cathy Huffman, Career Coach; Jennifer Ramm, Professor, Chemistry

Leigh was an excellent leader of our "From Equity Talk to Equity Walk" discussion group. She established a welcoming atmosphere in which everyone felt comfortable. She provided questions to start each session, and she invested extra effort into doing research on her own to supplement our discussions. Leigh's work helped to make this a very meaningful experience.

Nominee: Sarah Goodman, Accountant

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

Time and time again, Sarah provides guidance, assistance and fiscal oversight to assist with the many grant activities we participate in. Most recently, she's helped to clarify how funds from the ECACE grant may be used, assisted with revisions to Perkins and CAP-IT.

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

Nominator: Dr. Sonja Spencer, Associate Dean, Nursing

Many, many thanks to you, Carrie! You have helped out in simulation, with tours, finished thoughts for me on days I was unable to and made sense of things when they seemed out of sorts for me! I truly appreciate you!

Nominee: Dan Jett, Building Custodian

Nominator: Debbie Bell, Custodial Operations Supervisor

Nothing like starting your day with a rush of work! Upon arrival, Dan responded immediately to assist his supervisor with a considerable amount of detail cleaning needed at the Workforce Careers Center Bistro prior to two events scheduled for June 23. Thank you for your quick response and talents to have Bistro ready for presentation!

Nominee: Nina Koch, Records Specialist

Nominator: Katie McDannald, Administrative Assistant, LLCC-Jacksonville

Nina is always such a big help when I need assistance with anything. From creating an online New Student Orientation to moving courses around on EMS, Nina is always so helpful and patient with me when I'm not sure what I'm doing (which is a lot!) She's also so fast with her help! LLCC is lucky to have Nina Koch.

Nominee: Shelley Lewis, Adjunct Instructor, English

Nominator: Dr. Joel Dykstra, Dean, English & Humanities

Shelley graciously agreed to do LLCC Writing Center hours when the center was short one specialist in the spring semester. Her willingness to do this allowed the Writing Center to serve more students at the end of the semester.

Nominee: Don Loftis, General Maintenance Technician

Nominator: Dave Ferrill, Information Technology & Audio Specialist

Don is always willing to help out at LLCC-Medical District, even with computer work. He has saved me many trips downtown. Kudos, Don!

Nominee: Clayton Mason, Research & Analytics Associate

Nominator: Dr. Cynthia Maskey, Dean, Health Professions

I would like to recognize Clayton Mason with a KUDOS award for consistently coming through for me with answers when, many times, I do not even know the question I am asking. I am known to contact Mason with an issue I am having or a project that I am working on having only a vague idea of the data I need. He listens very patiently, asks great questions and always assists me. This is all despite my never following the process set forth in his department! :)

Nominee: Tim McKenzie, Professor, Humanities & Journalism

Nominator: Dr. Joel Dykstra, Dean, English & Humanities

Tim served for many years as The Lamp advisor. In his last semester in this position, he put together a special edition that included past LLCC students and Lamp participants who shared some of their experiences and perspectives. Under Tim's dedicated leadership, The Lamp won numerous awards over the years.

Nominee: Ed Myers, Adjunct Instructor, English

Nominator: Dr. Joel Dykstra, Dean, English & Humanities

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Nominee: Lori Oldenettel, Enrollment Coordinator

Nominator: Bree McClenning, Education Services Representative

Lori has been a temporary site manager at LLCC-Beardstown for the past few months on top of her regular responsibilities. I just wanted to let her know that she is appreciated for her dedication, fortitude and willingness to lead our mini but mighty Outreach Center. Lori has made many significant changes in the short amount of time she has been with us. We will miss her being at our center on a daily basis. KUDOS to Lori for jumping in and making a difference!

Nominee: Dave Pietrzak, Program Director, Aviation

Nominator: Tim Ervin, Director, Construction & Environmental Health & Safety

Dave was instrumental in coordinating moving equipment and working with the flooring contractor at the LLCC Aviation facility to get the floor surface refinished. He was in on his days off to make sure the contractors had access. It could not have happened without him and his students' assistance!

Nominee: Rick Schnetzler, Director, IT Support

Nominator: Kim Young, Program Assistant, Health Professions

Rick recently stepped up to work on the Saturday after Commencement to ensure that the ADN pinning ceremony had the support needed. Thanks to the efforts of Rick, the families of graduating nursing students that were unable to attend the event in person, were still able to watch from home using the livestream link he set up prior. The in-person support on a day when most everyone was gone from campus for the summer was very much appreciated! Thank you, Rick!

Nominee: Howard Seidel, Adjunct Instructor, Culinary & Hospitality

Nominator: Jay Kitterman, Consultant, Culinary Institute

A few months ago, I was contacted by U of I Extension in Sangamon County for a program that would include a culinary demonstration and lunch preparation. Howard voluntarily agreed to prepare a program, demonstrate and cook lunch for the group at no charge. Great public relations for the college! My thanks to Howard for his ongoing service and dedication to our college.

Nominee: Rose Serio, Adjunct Instructor, Humanities

Nominator: Dr. Joel Dykstra, Dean, English & Humanities

Rose went above and beyond the normal adjunct duties this past year by serving on a hiring committee and by attending several professional development activities.

Nominee: Bert Sneyd, Program Assistant, Adult Education & Literacy

Nominator: Nina Koch, Records Specialist

Bert took over her current position at the end of the spring semester. This involves a lot of work to close out the semester. She jumped right in and helped with providing me the registration information and completed hours that I needed. She did an amazing job for her first time doing the end-of-term responsibilities. Excellent job, Bert, and a great big thank you!

Nominee: Binh Trinh, Information Technology Specialist

Nominator: Rick Schnetzler, Director, IT Support

Binh consistently delivers exceptional service. Not only is he prompt, but he is efficient and strives to make sure all end user needs are met. When Binh is presented with a challenge, he does not hesitate to work toward a solution immediately. Furthermore, this positive attitude is contagious and helps to build a culture of inclusivity and productivity around him.

Nominee: Kim Young, Program Assistant, Health Professions

Nominator: Dr. Sonja Spencer, Associate Dean, Nursing

I wanted to say a big thank you for helping out with the many tours that we have had come through our building. You are always ready to help out, and I wanted you to know that it is much appreciated!