

Lincoln Land Community College



## December 2014 Award Winners

**Nominee: Susan Aherin, Senior Accountant**

Nominator: Jeris Creasey, Information Technology Trainer

Susan continues to go above and beyond in assisting the ITS department anytime there is a technical issue. Not being familiar with the ins and outs of specialized software can make troubleshooting difficult, to say the least. Any time that I have been asked to intervene, she has gone out of her way to assist me and also educate me on the software use for next time. Susan is truly an asset to the Finance Department and more importantly to the college!

**Nominee: Gary Bach, Instructional Technology Specialist**

Nominator: Lori Smith, Scholarship Program Coordinator

Many thanks to Gary Bach on the assistance he provided for our recent Scholarship Donor Appreciation Reception! He was patient and professional as I worked with him to create a scholarship recipient "thank-you" video to play at the reception. Needless to say, I was nervous about the video playing correctly using the equipment in the Trutter Center. Gary went above and beyond to ensure that our video played without any problems by staying after his normal work hours and attending the event. I truly appreciate Gary's willingness to take time out of his evening to ensure a successful event for our scholarship donors.

**Nominee: Victor Broderick, Dean of Social Sciences**

Nominator: Chris Barry, Director, Retention and Student Success

Victor has led the way with extraordinary enthusiasm, advancing several student success initiatives. He pursues these because of an obvious and genuine commitment to help students and a desire to see that they achieve what they came to LLCC to accomplish. His willingness to partner with and champion efforts that arise out of campus-wide processes and individual innovations is refreshing, welcome and very much needed.

**Nominee: Michelle Burger, Student Engagement Coordinator**

Nominator: Anonymous

Michelle has worked at LLCC for over five years now and every day she manages to be a high-energy advocate for the students. She works tirelessly to build connections and to help students feel valued by LLCC. Through the countless events and activities she coordinates, she ensures our students become engaged and develop a sense of loyalty to LLCC. She deserves so much more than a KUDOS award, she deserves a daily round of applause!

**Nominee: Gaye Catlin, Administrative Assistant to the Dean, Health Professions**

Nominator: Cynthia Maskey, Dean, Health Professions

Gaye has gone above and beyond in assisting me in the absence of an Associate Dean for Nursing. She has helped me in keeping on top of all aspects of the daily administration of the nursing programs which I have not been "in the trenches with" in a while. I could not have done it without her!

**Nominee: David Ferrill, Information Technology Specialist**

Nominator: Anonymous

I can't say enough to express the kindness of Dave Ferrill. When I was having issues with my computer monitor, he brought me his large monitor to use until my new one arrived. He didn't have to do that. I am so appreciative of his kindness, work ethic/wisdom, and smiles he shares with staff, faculty, and students. Thank you, Dave.

**Nominee: Angela Gerberding, English as a Second Language Coordinator**

Nominator: Your Thankful Adult Education and Literacy Co-workers

Angela is a team player in every way. She does an awesome job juggling the demands of her job as Coordinator of ESL. In addition, Angela is always available to lend a hand to her co-workers to make their days less stressful. If we have a need, we know Angela will help us.

**Nominee: Sarah Goodman, Budget Specialist**

Nominators: Cheryl Sneed, Disbursements Manager; Robin Ackman, Student Accounts Manager

Sarah is always willing to assist others! She goes above and beyond her position here at the college by volunteering to help with projects, oftentimes assisting other teams in order to meet a deadline. She can be counted on to be accurate and timely when pitching in during these situations. Sarah is the epitome of what it means to be a team player!

**Nominee: Ashley Green, Assistant Professor and English and Writing Center Coordinator**

Nominator: Mary Wheeler, Retired English Professor/Current Adjunct Professor

Ashley Green is worthy of a KUDOS award for her seamless transition into the position of Writing Center Coordinator, for her consistently upbeat, friendly attitude toward faculty and staff, and for her always caring approach to students.

**Nominee: Mike Hanson, Police Officer**

Nominator: Deborah Brothers, Ph.D., Professor of English

Special kudos to Mike during my recent illness on Institutional Improvement Day. He and Cynthia Maskey kept me comfortable and calm. I am grateful that we have staff, faculty and administrators who are not only trained to respond in urgent situations but do so with such kindness and compassion.

**Nominee: Mark Hardiman, Professor of Theatre**

Nominator: Mary Wheeler, Retired English Professor/Current Adjunct Professor

Kudos to Mark Hardiman for getting students to do what we all want them to do—give a whopping 110% to their work. His cast, student directors, and stage managers did exactly that in their outstanding performance of "The Shadows of Edgar Allan Poe."

**Nominee: Tim Humphrey, Dean, Arts and Humanities**

Nominator: Anonymous

For leading our department with open and frequent communication, listening to concerns, and preventing potential disasters. :)

**Nominee: Cynthia Maskey, Dean, Health Professions**

Nominator: Deborah Brothers, Ph.D., Professor of English

Special kudos to Cynthia during my recent illness on Institutional Improvement Day. She and Mike Hanson kept me comfortable and calm, and she took me to the doctor and stayed with me until family arrived. I am grateful that we have staff, faculty and administrators who are not only trained to respond in urgent situations but do so with such kindness and compassion.

**Nominee: Chris McDonald, Ph.D., Professor of Political Science**

Nominator: Lynn Whalen, Executive Director, Public Relations and Marketing

Chris shares his amazing photography skills by submitting campus and wildlife photos to the PRM office, which we then share through our website, social media and publications. Thanks, Chris, for braving the elements to give us a close-up view of the natural beauty that surrounds us.

**Nominee: Marie Robert, Program Assistant, Retention and Student Success**

Nominator: Chris Barry, Director, Retention and Student Success

Marie has taken on the mission of the Retention & Student Success department and has internalized it in a way that helps students to realize that the access they are getting to a higher education is really also an opportunity to improve their lives. She has multiplied the effectiveness of the department in just the short time she has been at LLCC and will be an asset moving forward with the several new initiatives and projects that are on the horizon. Her eagerness to learn, commitment to excellence and student-centered approach are appreciated and exemplary of what is good about LLCC.

**Nominee: John Ryan, Building Custodian**

Nominator: Michele Layton, Program Assistant, Truck Driver Training Program

The Workforce Careers Center has many, many windows, and it takes a lot of work to keep them all clean. Visitors who come into the office area are always commenting about how clean the windows are and how well maintained the building is. I know it is the job of this person to do those things, but John takes personal pride in his work. He goes above and beyond to make sure the little things are done in the building. His humor makes it fun to come to work every day and when he is absent, things just aren't the same. I would like to extend a big thank you and kudos to John Ryan for his dedication.

**Nominee: Tracy Schatteman, Adjunct Instructor, Math and Sciences**

Nominator: Anonymous

Mrs. Schatteman is a wonderful anatomy teacher because of the great detail she includes in her lectures and lab activities. She makes herself available for student assistance outside of class time as well. Mrs. Schatteman exhibits extraordinary dedication to her field and thus deserves this KUDOS award!

**Nominee: John Turley, Service Desk Coordinator**

Nominator: Anonymous

John has always been calm and knowledgeable in assisting me with my computer dilemmas. At a time I had saved over an important file, he was willing to assist me despite his hectic morning of putting out proverbial IT fires throughout campus. His quiet spirit and energy is truly appreciated!

**Nominee: George Vaughn, Professor of English**

Nominator: Jane Hartman, Professor of Music

George was such a big help a few months ago when I literally grabbed him out of the hallway asking if he would demonstrate his piano rendition of "Amazing Grace" to an interested student. He did just that. He played a lovely gospel version of "Amazing Grace" and both the student and I were encouraged by his piano playing! Thank you, George!

**Nominee: Holly Walton, Purchasing Assistant**

Nominator: Bev Provines, Administrative Assistant to the Dean, Health Professions

Holly continually is helpful and resourceful in dealing with all-things-purchasing. If there is a problem with a vendor, she is right on it, seeking a resolution. If there is a question on what to do on a requisition or P.O., she knows or quickly finds the answer. If we did something "not quite right," she informs us gently and with proper instruction. She follows up and thinks ahead, and is always pleasant and professional. I appreciate her willingness to help, her attitude and good humor.....she is very worthy of a Kudos!