

**Spring 2016 Award Winners**

**Nominee: Entire Advising/Counseling/Career Services Staff**

Nominator: Ryan Howland, Student Development Professional, Advising/Counseling/Career Services

They have gone above and beyond to help me with all of my questions. They have been so amazing to work with and have made me feel like a true member of the LLCC family/team.

**Nominee: Shelby Bedford, Program Assistant, Student Success**

Nominator: Leslie Johnson, Assistant Vice President, Student Success

I would like to thank Shelby Bedford, a member of the SAVE (Sexual Assault & Violence Education) Taskforce for her time, energy and dedication. She has been instrumental in bringing awareness and education to the LLCC community on issues of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. I look forward to working with Shelby as we continue the work of the SAVE Taskforce.

**Nominee: Jessie Blackburn, Academic Success Professional, Center for Academic Success**  
Nominator: Anonymous

Jessie Blackburn is admired and trusted by her students and co-workers alike. Her passion for education and helping others is evident to many through her daily sessions with students. She frequently goes out of her way to assist her students with their academic work or simply serve them with a listening ear. Jessie is an asset to the Center for Academic Success because of her talented creativity, her sense of humor and her bright smile.

**Nominee: Pam Bradley, Professor of Nursing, Health Professions**

Nominator: Valerie Wright, Associate Dean of Nursing, Health Professions

Dear Pam and your anonymous student who withstood the scrutiny of the Magnet evaluator… WOOO HOOO!!! I hear you both did an outstanding job “with no prep” when approached by the Magnet evaluator on 2EMedicine. Thank you so much for engaging in the evaluation process! It is our time to shine!! Thanks~ Cecilia M. Cecilia Wendler, RN, PhD, CCRN-K, NE-BC; Director, Nursing Research and Academic Partnerships Memorial Medical Center.

**Nominee: Michelle Burger, Career Development Specialist, Advising/Counseling/Career Services**

Nominator: Theresa Till, Professor of Nursing, Health Professions

Michelle has done an excellent job helping nursing students write cover letters and resumes. She is patient, kind, approachable and the student work is impressive! Thank you so much.

**Nominee: Candy Byers, Assistant Director, Financial Aid**

Nominator: Anonymous

Candy is a wealth of knowledge about financial aid and LLCC in general. She always takes time to explain things to her employees and makes sure there is a clear understanding of a process or regulation. She is also the only person I know who continuously works through her lunch hour on a daily basis to make sure all her work gets done. The Financial Aid office will be lost without her someday.

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

Nominator: Valerie Wright, Associate Dean of Nursing, Health Professions

Kudos to Gaye for helping fill in during the last three months. We could not have gotten though it without your assistance! You are always so cheery and willing to help, and for that, I am very, very grateful. Thanks Gaye, for being you!

**Nominee: Tammy Chrisler, Data Specialization Specialist, Enrollment Services**

Nominator: Michele Layton, Program Assistant, Trucker Driver Training

Tammy truly understands the meaning of putting our students first. With her busy schedule, she always manages to get a class built in Colleague for truck driving when I send over a request that requires immediate attention. The process is like a domino effect. Without Tammy starting the process, the rest of the people involved cannot complete their tasks. She is a valuable asset in helping me accomplish my job for the success of our students. Thanks so much, Tammy!

**Nominee: Jeris Creasey, IT Trainer/Technical Writer, ITS**

Nominator: Jamie Stout, Director, Community Education

Jeris went above and beyond to help me resolve an IT issue. I was in a time crunch and she made it look simple and easy and she eased my mind! All with a great attitude. Thanks Jeris!

**Nominee: Becky Croteau, Professor of Biology, Math and Sciences**

Nominator: Leslie Johnson, Assistant Vice President, Student Success

I would like to thank Becky Croteau, a member of the SAVE (Sexual Assault & Violence Education) Taskforce for her time, energy and dedication. She has been instrumental in bringing awareness and education to the LLCC community on issues of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. I look forward to working with Becky as we continue the work of the SAVE Taskforce.

**Nominee: Andrea DeRosa, Admission & Registration Service Representative, Student Services**

Nominator: Michele Layton, Program Assistant, Trucker Driver Training

Andrea is always on top of her job. When I have a special request she is always quick on the draw in helping to register a student at last minute notice. She truly understands the importance of taking care of students’ needs here at Lincoln Land. She can be knee deep in work at the start of a new semester, but she always comes through for me. Thank you very much Andrea!

**Nominee: Julie Eason, Assistant to the Vice President, Administrative Services/ Assistant to the Chief Information Officer, ITS**

Nominator: Jill Whitney, AccountsPayable Technician, Finance

I would like to nominate Julie Eason for a Kudos award. She has been more than happy to help me enter Accounts Payable vouchers when I am overwhelmed and meeting deadlines. She catches on quickly and always has a positive attitude. Thank you Julie for helping me when I am drowning in papers!

**Nominee: Tiffany-Anne Elliott, Writing Center Specialist, Arts and Humanities**

Nominator: Leslie Johnson, Assistant Vice President, Student Success

I would like to thank Tiffany-Anne Elliott, a member of the SAVE (Sexual Assault & Violence Education) Taskforce for her time, energy, and dedication. She has been instrumental in bringing awareness and education to the LLCC community on issues of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. I look forward to working with Tiffany as we continue the work of the SAVE Taskforce.

**Nominee: Ada Fleeharty, Career Development Specialist, Advising/Counseling/Career Services**

Nominator: Theresa Till, Professor of Nursing, Health Professions

Ada has done an excellent job helping nursing students write cover letters and resumes. She is patient, kind, approachable and the student work is impressive! Thank you so much.

**Nominee: Shawn (Masters) Floyd, General Merchandise Technician, Bookstore**

Nominator: Sean Edmondson, Bookstore Stockroom Technician, Bookstore

There are so many things that could be listed as to why Shawn deserves KUDOS on how she helps the students of LLCC, but to keep it brief she cares about, and loves, what she does. Our spring 2016 rush could not have gone as smoothly if it was not for her continued effort to give the student body a quality product at the most reasonable price that can be afforded. She handles so many facets of running the front of the store, they are too many to list, but no matter how busy she is, she will always stop and help a student in need, caring for others always before herself. She is an asset to the college.

**Nominee: Suellen Funk, Professor of Nursing, Health Professions**

Nominator: Valerie Wright, Associate Dean of Nursing, Health Professions

Suellen - way to go! Thanks for all that you do for our students and our clinical partners!   
“Suellen, my staff could not say enough good things about you, Janet and your student for all the help they received during our Code Black. Thanks just does not seem enough when people go above and beyond to help others. Teamwork is the base for great patient care. We look forward to having you and your student on 3B Inpatient Rehab! THANK YOU!” – Jennifer Rebbe RN, BSN, CRNI; Nurse Manager; 3B Inpatient Rehab Services

**Nominee: Anita Glydewell, Child Development Teacher, Child Development Center**

Nominator: Laurie Rhodes, Director, Child Development Center

Anita took the lead in coordinating with the Mosaic Project to provide "Mosaic Moms" at the Child Development Center. "Mosaic Moms" provides support to moms who are undergoing the everyday stresses of being a single parent. Anita stayed each of the four Thursday evenings providing child care while the moms met at the Child Development Center with the support specialist from the Mosaic Project. Thank you for providing this opportunity for the parents at the center!

**Nominee: Ashley Green, Assistant Professor of English, Arts and Humanities**

Nominator: Leslie Johnson, Assistant Vice President, Student Success

I would like to thank Ashley Green, a member of the SAVE (Sexual Assault & Violence Education) Taskforce for her time, energy and dedication. She has been instrumental in bringing awareness and education to the LLCC community on issues of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. I look forward to working with Ashley as we continue the work of the SAVE Taskforce.

**Nominee: Grounds Crew, Facilities Services**

Nominator: Scott Woodrum, Grounds Maintenance Worker, Facilities Services

I would like to thank the grounds crew for coming in on Valentine’s Day to plow snow and give us a clean safe way at work.

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

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

When we were short-staffed with a major event coming up, Misty went the extra mile, coming in to finish some materials when she could have stayed home. Thanks for your dedication!

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

Nominator: Anonymous

Tricia Hardway has served a countless number of students in her position as an Academic Success Professional. Her hard work and dedication to serving others is often made evident through the academic successes of her students. Tricia goes above and beyond every single day, not only in her service to students, but also collaborating with faculty to support student success in their courses.

**Nominee: Richard Hayes, Academic Advisor, Advising/Counseling/Career Services**

Nominator: Claire Heffron-McKinney, Student Development Professional, Advising/Counseling/Career Services

Richard is a wonderful advisor. He always goes above and beyond and truly wants students to succeed. Richard is always willing to pitch in and help. He has a great sense of humor and students respond well to him. Plus, he makes a mean breakfast monkey bread that he brings to staff meetings! He's a great co-worker!

**Nominee: Claire Heffron-McKinney, Student Development Professional, Advising/Counseling/Career Services**

Nominator: Leslie Johnson, Assistant Vice President, Student Success

I would like to thank Claire Heffron-McKinney, a member of the SAVE (Sexual Assault & Violence Education) Taskforce for her time, energy and dedication. She has been instrumental in bringing awareness and education to the LLCC community on issues of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. I look forward to working with Claire as we continue the work of the SAVE Taskforce.

**Nominee: Claire Heffron-McKinney, Student Development Professional, Advising/Counseling/Career Services**

Nominator: Melissa Franzen, Student Development Professional, Advising/Counseling/Career Services

Claire is a wonderful advisor who goes above and beyond for her students on a regular basis and always strives to do and be better. Along those lines, I would like to congratulate Claire on successfully passing her NCE exam and becoming a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) for Illinois. This achievement takes much dedication and determination. Congratulations, Claire!

**Nominee: Nina Koch, Records & Registration Technician, Student Services**

Nominator: Chelsea Vance, Admission and Registration Service Representative, Student Services

Nina has been an outstanding help during my first month in the Admission and Registration Department. She has helped me tremendously with the technological side of getting my equipment up and running. Nina has ears for someone needing help and does not hold back when it comes to fixing the problem. Her perseverance with fixing problems/issues endures until it is resolved. Nina's dedication and compassion is something to be emulated.

**Nominee: Dee Krueger, Director, LLCC Taylorville**

Nominator: Leslie Johnson, Assistant Vice President, Student Success

I would like to thank Dee Krueger, a member of the SAVE (Sexual Assault & Violence Education) Taskforce for her time, energy and dedication. She has been instrumental in bringing awareness and education to the LLCC community on issues of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. I look forward to working with Dee as we continue the work of the SAVE Taskforce.

**Nominee: David Mahan, Police Officer, Police Department**

Nominator: Marnie Record, Workforce Specialist, Workforce Development

In addition to his daily friendliness, generosity and positive attitude, David Mahan went above and beyond to assist the participants, presenters, and myself after the Composting Symposium. From helping people with their worms and presentation materials to their cars, and putting rooms back together before thoroughly securing the building, David made the day easier and brighter for many of us. We are fortunate to have employees like David who make LLCC the best place to work!

**Nominee: Dorothy Marshall, Accounting Technician/Disbursements, Finance**

Nominator: Karie Longhta, Associate Vice President, Finance

As another member of the Disbursement Team, Dorothy worked diligently to complete the two payrolls for January and worked with Cheryl to balance and distribute the year-end W-2 forms to staff. She also helped Jill with the accounts payable side of the house. Kudos to Dorothy for working hard through a very crazy month of January.

**Nominee: Julie McKinney, Facilities Reservation Specialist, Facilities Services**

Nominator: Valarie Howse, Admission and Registration Service Representative, Student Services

I wanted to give a shout out to Julie McKinney for her expertise, kindness and willingness to make sure we get a space and the accommodations to make it work. Julie went above and beyond to help me work out a situation. Due to the unforeseen circumstances, we went a different way. It takes time and patience, etc... and Julie was there for us! Julie, thank you! You are awesome!

**Nominee: Julie McKinney, Facilities Reservation Specialist, Facilities Services**

Nominator: Shelby Bedford, Program Assistant, Student Success

Julie played an integral role in the 4th Annual College Prep Summit, which aims to inform and inspire historically underrepresented local high school students to access higher education. With the event hosting over 100 students, scheduling rooms and space is a considerable feat. Julie was persistent in her efforts to get us the space we needed to avoid limiting the number of students we were able to host. In short, the department is extremely thankful that Julie was able to save the day!

**Nominee: Janet Moulton, Associate Professor of Nursing, Health Professions**

Nominator: Valerie Wright, Associate Dean of Nursing, Health Professions

Janet, I was absolutely honored to receive this email below from Memorial! Thanks so much for being you!

“Janet, my staff could not say enough good things about you, Suellen and your student for all the help they received during our Code Black. Thanks just does not seem enough when people go above and beyond to help others. Teamwork is the base for great patient care. We look forward to having you and your student on 3B Inpatient Rehab! THANK YOU!” - Jennifer Rebbe RN, BSN, CRNI; Nurse Manager; 3B Inpatient Rehab Services

“Janet arrived to assist with eMar training this morning and did a fantastic job. She was very sweet to the students and the training was superb. Thank you for allowing her to assist me.” - Pamela Bradley, DNP, RN.

**Nominee: Patty Petersen, Program Assistant, Health Professions**

Nominator: Valerie Wright, Associate Dean of Nursing, Health Professions

I received this feedback from one of our faculty members about Patty: “I just wanted to let you know that Patty is really amazing! She is always friendly, courteous and respectful. I have watched her with students and she treats them with such kindness and respect … I love that! Anyway … just wanted to share. I forgot to send a short handout to print and emailed it in asking if she would print it and put in my box for the next day. Yep, it was there. She is wonderful. It is so nice to have such an awesome front-line person. Patty is professional and always sends the message, ‘I am here for you!’” Way to go Patty! Thanks so much for being YOU!

I wanted to commend Patty for going above and beyond during such a stressful time in the nursing program. While we were down a staff member, Patty picked up the extra slack and did so without missing a beat. Patty never complained about the extra work and always, ALWAYS had a smile on her face. Many of the faculty and students comment about how great Patty is and I could not agree more! We could not have gotten through these past three months without the assistance and determination of Patty - so KUDOS to you Patty for being an absolute Rock Star! You are truly a blessing to our nursing program and I consider it an honor and privilege to have the opportunity to work alongside you!

**Nominee: Colleen Pittman, Marketing and Communications Coordinator, Public Relations and Marketing**

Nominator: Rose Raikes, Assistant Director of Public Relations, Public Relations and Marketing

Colleen has stepped up in so many ways in PRM over the past few months while we were short-staffed. In addition to learning new job duties, she continued to perform most of her former duties and has been a tremendous help preparing for our new assistant. Your ability to just get things done and keep a calm demeanor through it all is so appreciated. Thank you!

**Nominee: Brenda Protz, Professor of Communication, Arts and Humanities**

Nominator: Leslie Johnson, Assistant Vice President, Student Success

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**Nominee: Nicole Ralph, Director of Employment & Benefits, Human Resources**

Nominator: Leslie Johnson, Assistant Vice President, Student Success

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**Nominee: Cheri Reardon, Bookstore Operations Manager, Bookstore**

Nominator: Sean Edmondson, Bookstore Stockroom Technician, Bookstore

Cheri is a wonderfully professional and caring person to work with. During spring 2016 rush she worked long hours to ensure that the workflow was continuously moving in the right direction, but always made herself available for a student that had a question or concern, no matter how little or big the issue was. She truly cares about providing quality service to the students at LLCC, and always has time to help another employee with a problem, and always with a smile.

**Nominee: Laurie Rhodes, Director, Child Development Center**

Nominator: Theresa Till, Professor of Nursing, Health Professions

Laurie has been so supportive of our nursing students and myself as a faculty member. Thank you so much for sharing your expertise and time!

**Nominee: Joe Roth, Programmer Analyst, ITS**

Nominator: Lara Marshall, Financial Aid Advisor, Financial Aid

Joe Roth is more dedicated to his job than any other person I know on campus. Our office recently had an issue with letters printing from Colleague. While his sister was critically ill in the hospital, Joe came in several days to help try to resolve the issue. After his sister passed, Joe still remoted in from home the day after and completed a WebEx session to try to resolve the issue. The problem was not crucial to the functioning of the office, however, he wanted the problem resolved. There are not many employees who would have gone above and beyond to help in these circumstances. Thank you Joe.

**Nominee: Cheryl Sneed, Disbursements Manager, Finance**

Nominator: Karie Longhta, Associate Vice President, Finance

January is a jammed packed month of activities for the Disbursement Team. Along with two payrolls and two accounts payable runs, the Disbursement Team had to balance and complete the year-end federal reporting requirements. Cheryl worked long hours and weekends so staff would receive their W-2s in a timely manner and consultants would receive their 1099-Misc forms. Kudos to Cheryl for staying focused, working hard and completing all these projects on time.

**Nominee: Leslie Stalter, Professor of Art, Arts and Humanities**

Nominator: Leslie Johnson, Assistant Vice President, Student Success

I would like to thank Leslie Stalter, a member of the SAVE (Sexual Assault & Violence Education) Taskforce for her time, energy and dedication. She has been instrumental in bringing awareness and education to the LLCC community on issues of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. I look forward to working with Leslie as we continue the work of the SAVE Taskforce.

**Nominee: Dawn Townsend, Administrative Assistant, Arts & Humanities**

Nominator: Anonymous

Dawn's positive attitude and willingness to help has made many of my days easier. She encourages me to stay positive when faced with the many obstacles that arise as a coordinator.

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

Nominator: Janice Lovekamp, Program Director of Surgical Technology, Health Professions

I called John to ask for technical assistance with a project I was working on. After listening to my frustrations, he installed software on my computer that made the completion of my project so much easier and saved me weeks of work! Thank you John for coming to my rescue!

**Nominee: Heather Voyles, Assistant to the Police Chief, Police Department**

Nominator: Leslie Johnson, Assistant Vice President, Student Success

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**Nominee: Jason Waddell, Associate Professor of Music, Arts and Humanities**

Nominator: Jane Hartman, Professor of Music, Arts and Humanities

I would like to nominate Jason Waddell, music professor, for always being positive and upbeat in the face of extreme difficulties. Thank you, Jason, for being an inspiration to all of us who work with you, students and teachers alike.

**Nominee: Marie Watson, Student Engagement Coordinator, Student Life**

Nominator: Leslie Johnson, Assistant Vice President, Student Success

I would like to thank Marie Watson, a member of the SAVE (Sexual Assault & Violence Education) Taskforce for her time, energy and dedication. She has been instrumental in bringing awareness and education to the LLCC community on issues of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. I look forward to working with Marie as we continue the work of the SAVE Taskforce.

**Nominee: Gary Wendt, Utility Worker, Facilities Services**

Nominator: Lorie McDonald, Christine Marietta, Vanessa Horne, Adrienne Frazier, Ryan Roettgers, Michael Bates, Tisha Miller

LLCC-Litchfield cancelled classes due to weather and a power outage on February 24. Gary Wendt still came out to plow the sidewalks, take over 100 chairs down from an event the night before, perform his regular duties (as well as he could in the dark), and monitor the Outreach Center for almost 10 hours. The LLCC-Litchfield staff sincerely thanks Gary for going above and beyond and for making sure that LLCC-Litchfield is ALWAYS well maintained and cared for! Thank you!

**Nominee: Jill Whitney, Accounts Payable Technician, Finance**

Nominator: Karie Longhta, Associate Vice President, Finance

Jill worked diligently through the month of January to pay the normal bills the college accumulates each month while working long hours to research companies in order to issue correct 1099-Misc forms. Kudos to Jill for working hard and completing the task on time.

**Nominee: Beth Wiediger, Professor of Psychology, Social Sciences**

Nominator: Leslie Johnson, Assistant Vice President, Student Success

I would like to thank Beth Wiediger, a member of the SAVE (Sexual Assault & Violence Education) Taskforce for her time, energy and dedication. She has been instrumental in bringing awareness and education to the LLCC community on issues of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. I look forward to working with Beth as we continue the work of the SAVE Taskforce.