

Lincoln Land Community College



March 2022 Award Winners

Nominee: Kelly Ellis, Enrollment Services Representative

Nominator: Lindsey Weihmeir, Admission Specialist

Kelly was a huge help with a very tedious Colleague project that will benefit the college and ICCB reporting in the future. Thank you!

Nominee: David Ferrill, Information Technology and Audio Specialist

Nominator: Anonymous

Dave has gone above and beyond to ensure that our students have the best possible experience with their technology by putting in extra hours, being very adaptable and assisting others.

Nominee: John Turley, Help Desk Specialist II

Nominator: Anonymous

John has been crucial in assisting our students with their technical difficulties, especially during the spring semester transition this year. His contributions are invaluable in assisting our students, faculty and staff to succeed.

Nominee: Jeff Eason, Help Desk Specialist I

Nominator: Anonymous

Jeff's attention to detail and customer service skills make him an integral part of our institution. His hard work helps to make us all successful.

Nominee: Karla Wilham, Information Technology Specialist

Nominator: Anonymous

Karla's attention to detail and determination make her a great asset to this college. Her drive to ensure that we handle things completely and accurately makes her an invaluable asset to the school.

Nominee: Binh Trinh, Information Technology Specialist

Nominator: Anonymous

Binh's drive, attention to detail, and follow-through show in each and every one of his interactions. He works very hard to ensure that all requirements are met and that any issues are fully resolved. His work upgrading computer labs for the spring semester was crucial to a smooth opening of the term.

Nominee: Shawn Floyd, Webstore Technician, Campus Services/Bookstore

Nominator: Anonymous

From an email by a student parent during rush: "Initially, we had some issues with ordering her books. I contacted the bookstore and was connected with Shawn Floyd. Shawn reached out to me personally and quickly resolved the issues. She was so kind and empathetic to our needs and even made a point to introduce herself when picking up my daughter's books. You are fortunate to have Shawn on your team!" Way to go Shawn!

Nominee: Facilities Services

Nominator: Amy Williams, Assistant to the Vice President, Academic Services

At the end of the fall semester and these first two weeks of the spring semester, we in the Vice Presidents' suite have been cleaning out cabinets, desks and drawers to prepare for getting new carpet. I just wanted to give a big thank you to all of the facilities staff members that have assisted us with removing unwanted furniture and disposing of the multiple bags of garbage that we filled up during the process.

Nominee: Micaela Childress, Student Success Coach

Nominator: Nick Ferreira, Program Director, Emergency Services and Health

Micaela does a wonderful job in her role as a Student Success Coach, working with the health professions students. She has a great rapport with students as well as staff and is always pleasant to talk with when interacting with other staff members. She gives sound advice to students and isn't afraid of reaching out when she has questions about a program. A true asset to the college and the health professions team. Keep up the good work!

Nominee: Adam Watkins, Dean, Arts and Communication

Nominator: Joel Dykstra, Dean, English and Humanities

Adam was available to help deal with concerns and issues in my department when I was out for the funeral of my mother.

Nominee: Leslie Stalter, Professor, Arts and Communication

Nominator: Khara Koffel, Adjunct Instructor, Arts and Communication

Being a new adjunct employee can be daunting, especially when starting in the spring semester. Leslie went above and beyond to make me feel comfortable, supported and prepared for my course, and it has been an incredible experience. Thanks so much, Leslie!

Nominee: Jessica Maddox, Accounts Receivable Collection Technician

Nominator: Nichole Coffey, Student Accounts Manager

Jessica recently worked with a student who had some issues receiving their COVID-19 relief and financial aid refunds. Jessica went above and beyond to track the refunds through the process and remain in communication about the status with the student. After the student received the refunds, they called to personally thank her and another staff member for their efforts and kindness. Our students are lucky to have you both!

Nominee: Tiffany Luxner, Accounting Specialist

Nominator: Nichole Coffey, Student Accounts Manager

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Nominee: Mack Alexander, Building Custodian

Nominator: Kyla Kruse, Director, Communications

Mack goes above and beyond in contributing to a positive environment and encouraging others.

Nominee: Lauren York, Instructor, English and Humanities

Nominator: Barry Lamb, Instructional Designer

Professor York gave extra time to assist my son (her former student) with his essay that accompanied the application to the PRECS (Phenotypic Plasticity Research Experience for Community College Students) research internship program at U of I. If accepted, this would be an extremely valuable experience for my son as an environmental biology/wildlife conservation major. This is a great example of how much our faculty care for and support our students at LLCC!

Nominee: Tony Rothering, Professor, Natural and Agricultural Sciences

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Nominee: Cathy Huffman, Career Coach

Nominator: Katie Tice, Professor, Social Sciences and Business

Cathy goes above and beyond in helping accounting and business students with resume and cover letter preparation. In addition to presenting to the Accounting and Business Club during the fall semester, she presented to new face-to-face ACC 103 students this spring semester. Her presentations will help LLCC students catch the eye of and impress potential employers.

Nominee: Richard Hayes, Student Success Coach

Nominator: Katie Tice, Professor, Social Sciences and Business

Richard Hayes goes above and beyond in his efforts to get to know and interact with accounting and business students. Richard attends all Accounting and Business Club Meetings, so students recognize him as a friendly, approachable and knowledgeable success coach. Additionally, Richard is continuously looking for ways to advise accounting students in the best way to increase their chances for success, especially in ACC 103 - Financial Accounting.

Nominee: Binh Trinh, Information Technology Specialist

Nominator: Anonymous

Binh is always ready to jump in and help and is always on the go to get things done.

Nominee: Sam Reif, Professor, Natural and Agricultural Sciences

Nominator: Dr. Kim Vogt, Dean, Natural and Agricultural Sciences

A big shout out and thanks to Sam Reif for her participation in the LLCC Academy of Lifelong Learning series on climate change.

Nominee: Dean Butzow, Professor, Natural and Agricultural Sciences

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Nominee: Rey DeCastro, GIS Instructor, Natural and Agricultural Sciences

Nominator: Dr. Kim Vogt, Dean, Natural and Agricultural Sciences

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Nominee: Jeff Gardner, Program Director, Diesel Technologies

Nominator: Anonymous

Jeff jumped into the job to help students in the automotive program explore career options in diesel and facilitated job shadowing opportunities in the industry that students were interested in.