

Lincoln Land Community College



October 2022 Award Winners

Nominee: Robin Ackman, Registrar

Nominator: Marlena Constant, Early Childhood Education Advocate

Robin has been a tremendous with helping me navigate barriers for students and finding answers to questions I am still learning. I appreciate her warm welcome and "teamwork makes the dream work" attitude while I have been acclimating to my new position at LLCC.

Nominee: Vanessa Avery, Administrative Assistant, LLCC-Beardstown

Nominator: Keri Mason, Director, LLCC-Jacksonville

Major kudos to Vanessa for her ability to flex. After working at LLCC-Beardstown for 24 years, she is now at LLCC-Jacksonville this semester and doing a great job. We love having her and appreciate her putting up with us. :)

Nominee: Gary Bach, Instructional Technology Specialist

Nominator: Curt Robinson, Director, Truck Driver Training

Gary took the time to help the LLCC Truck Driver Training program create several training videos.

Nominees: Alex Berry, Sharon Fritts, Sarah Goodman, Fabiola Gonzalez, Taylor Littig, Alison Mills and Carley Young

Nominator: Cynthia Maskey, Dean, Health Professions

Going above and beyond to assist with implementation of the PATH program grant in a very short time frame!

Nominee: Julie Brennan, Associate Professor, Computer Science

Nominator: Jason Howell, Student

Julie has been an outstanding coach and asset to have while taking my current course, CSC-130-01. Her patience, knowledge and student support has been second to none. She is a great leader, academic consultant and very approachable. A huge asset for any organization.

Nominee: Brock Butcher, Police Officer

Nominator: Janelle Murphy, Program Director, Radiography

Kudos and a huge thank you to Officer Butcher for his concern and kindness to ~~Levy~~, an LLCC health professions student who was involved in a minor auto accident just outside campus. Officer Butcher went out of his way to help her and see that she made it home. On behalf of all who care about her, thank you.

Nominee: Yogesh Chauhan, Application Developer

Nominator: Anonymous

I'm thankful for the opportunity to observe the dedicated spirit Yogesh displays every day at his job. He is committed to resolving the many complex issues he is presented with as accurately and expeditiously as possible. His role as an application developer in Colleague demands attention to detail with a quick response. As a co-worker, he displays compassion and understanding.

Nominee: Nichole Coffey, Student Accounts Manager

Nominator: Claire Heffron-McKinney, Student Success Coach

Nichole is always willing to assist me with Upward Mobility students and work with them on paperwork and billing. She is always patient, kind and goes out of her way to assist. Thanks, Nichole!

Nominee: Dave Cox, Professor, Biology

Nominator: Barbara Bernardi, Professor, Biology

For all your work in building LLCC's apiary, giving our student's a unique opportunity in biology as well as producing wonderful honey! Your dedication to showing the community the importance of the bee population to agriculture is commendable.

Nominee: Katie Elsenheimer, Program Assistant, Open Door WEI

Nominator: Sierra Peterson, Program Navigator, Open Door WEI

Katie has been a great addition to the WEI team. We are lucky to have her!

Nominee: Tricia Hardway, Academic Success Professional

Nominator: Katie Tice, Professor, Accounting

In addition to providing five interesting and informative lessons to ACC 103-03 students regarding study skills, Tricia suggested a learning activity that I used after I found that very few students had met the benchmark for a specific course outcome on Exam #1. I believe Tricia's suggested intervention will lead to a majority of students meeting the benchmark on the next assessment, and students should have a better plan on how to prepare for Exam #2.

Nominee: Kyla Kruse and Lynn Whalen

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

Lynn Whalen, Kyla Kruse and the PRM team have made a special effort to work with LLCC Academic Services to advertise a number of programs including Summer Boost, fall 8-week classes and spring LLCC-Medical District classes. Their help is greatly appreciated as we try to offer new services to our students.

Nominee: Rick Lashbrook, General Maintenance Technician

Nominator: Keri Mason, Director, LLCC-Jacksonville

We gave Rick a huge list of improvements to do at LLCC-Jacksonville. He took the list and has done a great job getting things done while continuing his regular duties. Rick is always willing to help out, and he is very appreciated.

Nominee: Brandon Lewis, Program Navigator, Open Door WEI

Nominator: Leslie Johnson, Assistant Vice President, Student Success

LLCC partners with the Boys and Girls Club to host a Career Launch each summer. Career Launch provides career exploration opportunities to junior high and high school students, and we end the program by celebrating the students' accomplishments. Brandon was asked to be this year's completion ceremony speaker. Brandon did a great job providing insight and opportunities for reflection to the students. He even came in on his day off to help. Thanks, Brandon!

Nominee: Dr. Teresa Liberati, Professor, Biology

Nominator: Barbara Bernardi, Professor, Biology

Dr. Liberati is always willing to help both students and other colleagues. Her willingness to work at the outreach centers and at night so that students can have full-time science faculty teaching courses should be commended. From her experience as a practicing veterinarian, she is able to enhance student's learning experiences with practical, real-life scenarios in both anatomy and physiology as well as microbiology.

Nominee: LLCC Police Department

Nominator: April Bergman, Program Assistant, Student Success

Thank you to Sergeant Hanson for noticing I had a flat tire and to Sergeant Tweryon for letting me know about it. I could have been stranded at the end of the day, but they notified me right away so I could call for assistance. How one tire was noticed in an ocean of cars is amazing. I can't say thank you enough!

Nominee: Bree McClenning, Education Services Representative

Nominator: Sue Alexander, Adult Education Coordinator

Bree has been instrumental in helping the adult education students in Beardstown. She is not only friendly and accommodating, but she goes above and beyond to make them feel welcome and help them with whatever they need. She has also found quality teachers to teach in Beardstown: one GED teacher and one ESL teacher. Thanks, Bree!

Nominee: Bree McClenning, Education Services Representative

Nominator: Keri Mason, Director, LLCC-Jacksonville

A huge thank you to Bree for her ability to roll with changes at LLCC-Beardstown. She maintains a great attitude, is willing to learn and does a fantastic job holding down the fort in Beardstown. Thank you, Bree!

Nominee: Katie McDannald, Administrative Assistant, LLCC-Jacksonville

Nominator: Keri Mason, Director, LLCC-Jacksonville

Katie is amazing! She will do whatever is asked, and a lot is asked! She is always willing to take on new tasks without hesitation and is my right-hand woman for everything. Her help with dual credit this year has been-awesome, and she is so appreciated.

Nominee: Jennifer Meyer, Education Services Representative

Nominator: Keri Mason, Director, LLCC-Jacksonville

Jennifer gets the award for the Most Willing to Fill in Wherever/Whenever Needed. She is such a great team member. Jennifer does a great job at whatever she does, but even more importantly is so flexible and adaptable. It is beyond appreciated.

Nominee: Alison Mills, Director, Financial Aid

Nominator: Marlena Constant, Early Childhood Education Advocate

Alison has been an excellent team player and very patient with my questions regarding the ECACE scholarship. She has been very welcoming and quick to help me understand financial aid concepts linked to this scholarship.

Nominee: Crystal Norris, Administrative Assistant to the Dean, Social Sciences and Business

Nominator: Marlena Constant, Early Childhood Education Advocate

Crystal has been a great administrative support when navigating the paperwork that is required of my position. She is very knowledgeable and an asset to our department.

Nominee: Lori Oldenettel, Enrollment Coordinator

Nominator: Keri Mason, Director, LLCC-Jacksonville

Lori is amazing at her job and everything she does. She gives every task her all and is always looking for ways to improve. Working with new students this month, she has done an incredible job moving them through the process while managing everything else. Thank you, Lori!

Nominee: Nicole Ralph, Assistant Vice President, Human Resources

Nominator: Anonymous

I am a new faculty member here this semester, and I'd like to thank Nicole Ralph for taking the time to meet and walk me through the benefits processes. Insurance, pension plans and benefits in general are a minefield at the best of times, but Nicole's patience and clarity in answering all my questions and helping me understand various choices is greatly appreciated.

Nominee: Ryan Roberts, Librarian (Professor)

Nominator: Aaron Berkowitz, Professor, History

I was recently asked to create an assessment tool to compare various online discussion board platforms, and Ryan was very helpful in helping me research best practices regarding discussion boards in asynchronous online courses.

Nominee: Frank Schmitz, Student Success Coach

Nominator: Marlena Constant, Early Childhood Education Advocate

Frank has been helpful working with me to help guide our early childhood students on the right education path. I appreciate his passion for helping to connect students with resources that will ensure they have a quality learning experience while they are here at LLCC.

Nominee: Angie Smith, Instructor, Basic Nurse Assistant

Nominator: Sarah Laurent, Associate Professor, Basic Nurse Assistant

Going above and beyond for the well-being and needs of a student.

Nominee: Dr. Kalith Smith, Dean, Social Sciences and Business

Nominator: Marlena Constant, Early Childhood Education Advocate

Kalith has been supportive of my efforts as I learn this new position at LLCC. I appreciate the trust he has in me to help support our students and provide them with the necessary resources they need to become successful. He has been a great mentor and has taught me several new concepts I have applied when working with students.

Nominee: Kirk Yenerall, Professor, Mathematics

Nominator: Nikki Baker, Compliance and Prevention Coordinator

Professor Kirk Yenerall went above and beyond to support a student.