

Lincoln Land Community College



December 2022 Award Winners

Nominee: Nick Bergh, Information Technology Specialist

Nominator: Anonymous

For excellence in service in the PC replacement project this year.

Nominee: Cindy Burger, Administrative Assistant to the Dean, English and Humanities

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

Cindy has been a tremendous help to me since I began my career with LLCC. Every single time I have had a question or needed guidance, she has gone above and beyond to help me find a solution, syllabi, document, cart, board or whatever it was I needing at the time. I truly appreciate all of her kindness and patience. She truly goes above and beyond daily!

Nominee: Shanda Byer, Associate Vice President, Enrollment Services

Nominator: Marina Wirsing, Career Coach, Student Success

Shanda did an amazing team building exercise with the student success/enrollment management teams on Campus Assessment Day. Shanda's creativity and hard work benefit our team, and she has a knack for bringing us together to promote bonding and strong employee relationships. These leadership qualities are vital in the workplace, and Shanda sets an excellent example for everyone!

Nominee: Laurie Clemons, Student Success Coach

Nominator: Anonymous

Laurie Clemons recently stepped up to lead the student success coaches during a time of transition. Through this interim period, she didn't simply maintain the status quo, but she also created a 40+ page manual to help train future success coaches. Come to find out, her hard work over the years has impacted many of our faculty and staff. She was the advisor for Michele Burger, Brandon Lewis and Patrick Moore. She has served on many committees over her 28 years.

Nominee: Cody Cox, Statistician

Nominator: Tammy Kuhn-Schnell, Dean, Library

Thank you, Cody, for presenting information related to library data from CCSSE and RISC to the library staff and faculty. Your presentation led to good discussion and ideas.

Nominee: Mion Denton, Program Assistant, Student Life

Nominator: Anonymous

Mion works so hard setting up LLCC Student Life events for students to enjoy. She actively encourages students to participate and is always so friendly with a great attitude. She makes every student feel comfortable and welcome. I'm so glad she's joined us at LLCC!

Nominee: Jeff Eason, Help Desk Specialist II

Nominator: Anonymous

For excellence in service and continuously providing timely, customer-focused service.

Nominee: Kim Eddings, Director, Accessibility Services

Nominator: Amanda Roche, Professor, Nursing

Kim has gone beyond for my students. She is very knowledgeable and shows patience with all of my questions.

Nominee: Kelly Ellis, Enrollment Services Representative

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

When Lindsey Weihmeir went on leave, Kelly stepped into her place to serve as admission specialist for health professions. Kelly has done a remarkable job keeping up with the enrollment cycle for nursing. She's been pleasant, fun and rolled with the punches like the rest of us. Kelly is an asset to the college in many ways and deserves a KUDOS for stepping up when needed. Thank you, Kelly! It's great to have you as a teammate.

Nominee: Kelly Ellis, Enrollment Services Representative

Nominator: Lindsey Weihmeir, Admission Specialist

Kelly did an amazing job covering my maternity leave the last four months. She stayed on top of everything and has made it easy for me to transition back.

Nominee: Facilities Services

Nominator: Sarah Scheufele, TRIO Retention Specialist

Deb Bell and all the facilities staff members were essential to the success of the Student Services Thanksgiving. They went above and beyond for our students! Thank you all for being so amazing!

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

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

It is always nice when you can walk down the hall and ask a colleague for some advice. Nick is always willing to help and was kind enough to offer some suggestions when I was stuck on what to call the project I proposed in my IDI Grant application. He sparked the idea for an LLCC DEFI (Diversity & Equity Fellowship Initiative) project. We shall see if this gets final approval, but even if it is not chosen for the grant, I appreciate my co-worker Nick!

Nominee: Dave Ferrill, Information Technology and Audio Specialist

Nominator: Anonymous

For excellence in service - particularly with Professional Development Day this fall as well as with the AV upgrades to active learning rooms this winter.

Nominee: Dee Hood, Assistant Professor, Nursing

Nominator: Mary Goldstein, Professor, Nursing

Dee has helped me out so much this semester. She is very supportive and always steps up when help is needed. She is an excellent asset to the nursing department.

Nominee: Carrie Jacobs and Kim Young

Nominator: Amanda Roche, Professor, Nursing

Thank you for all of your hard work in making the ADN 105 orientation a success!

Nominee: Rebecca Klatt, Dr. David Leitner, Leslie Stalter, Dr. Colin Suchland and Cara Swafford

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

These professors graciously agreed to participate in the pilot project for embedded tutoring through the LLCC Writing Center for several semesters. Their participation in the project helped the Writing Center implement and assess best practices for this important co-curricular service for students.

Nominee: Nina Koch, Records Specialist

Nominator: Anonymous

Nina is a trooper. Every term she builds the entire class schedule by hand entering in every class across main campus and the outreach centers. She works tirelessly to complete this task and does so with incredible accuracy.

Nominee: Scott Maruna, Public Safety Assistant

Nominator: Anonymous

Scott always goes above and beyond to ensure the safety of LLCC-Jacksonville. He watches people coming and going at night to make sure that they get in their cars safely. I really appreciate his vigilance! He is also polite, friendly and helpful.

Nominee: Tim McKenzie, Professor, Philosophy

Nominator: Bryan Goers, Director, Enrollment Services

Tim went above and beyond when he notified LLCC Enrollment Services staff regarding suspicious activity on the part of a student in his class. The campus has seen an uptick in fraudulent students who are seeking to scam financial aid this year. Tim took the time to notify someone when he found odd activity on the part of the student. The team assigned to identify fraudulent students very much appreciates Tim for making the extra effort.

Nominee: Cleo Moore, Police Officer

Nominator: Anonymous

I was on main campus for the wellness screening, which happened to be an extremely cold day. I noticed as I arrived that my car was acting strange. When I got out, I noticed my back tire was completely deflated. I called over to the police department to see if someone could assist me with getting it changed. Cleo arrived at the Cass Gym in less than five minutes and changed my tire, and I was on my way. I truly appreciated the help.

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

Nominator: Anonymous

Crystal stepped forward to lead the team in the recent food drive. When there was a gap in leadership, she stepped up and worked hard to push the project to a successful completion. KUDOS!

Nominee: Tara Norris, Program Assistant, Adult Education

Nominator: Bert Sneyd, Program Assistant, Adult Education and Literacy

Tara has been busy covering the evening shift for us in the office. After working her full-time job she comes to the office at 4 p.m. to help make evening calls scheduling students for assessment testing and help our evening instructors. She helps with remote testing and assigning students practice GED tests. Thank you, Tara, for all you do!

Nominee: Tara Norris, Program Assistant, Adult Education

Nominator: Marybeth Hentrich, Adult Education Coordinator, Adult Education and Literacy

Tara has an eye for detail that we all appreciate and strive for! She is hardworking, kind and always willing to help with any task. She is an asset to the LLCC Adult Education office, and her work doesn't go unnoticed!

Nominee: Erin Pearl, Program Assistant, Adult Education

Nominator: Marybeth Hentrich, Adult Education Coordinator, Adult Education and Literacy

Since starting here in the LLCC Adult Education office, Erin has come right in and taken on numerous projects. Not only that, but she comes in with a smile and wonderful attitude. She brings hard work and joy into the office daily.

Nominee: Erin Pearl, Program Assistant, Adult Education

Nominator: Bert Sneyd, Program Assistant, Adult Education and Literacy

Erin Pearl has helped out so much since starting in LLCC Adult Education, helping cover our business morning hours, organizing student files for us, helping students get enrollment forms completed and scheduling them for assessment testing. Thank you, Erin, for all you do!

Nominee: Sierra Peterson, Program Navigator

Nominator: Anonymous

Sierra continuously goes above and beyond to help our students succeed.

Nominee: Dr. Ana Till, Professor, Nursing

Nominator: Mary Goldstein, Professor, Nursing

Ana went above and beyond to help me with a test I was giving this week. She helps without being asked and is a real asset to the nursing team.

Nominee: Binh Trinh, IT Support Specialist

Nominator: Anonymous

For excellence in service - particularly with Campus Visit Day and Professional Development Day this fall.

Nominee: John Turley, Help Desk Specialist II

Nominator: Anonymous

For excellence in service, continuously closing the most tickets of any IT Department member and providing guidance to his coworkers.

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Nominator: Lyndsey Craigmiles Brooks, Administrative Assistant, Continuing, Corporate and Professional Education

John is extremely helpful and knowledgeable in the LLCC IT department. Any time I have a Colleague reset issue or something wrong with my computer, John is always prompt in getting the issue resolved. If I need additional help, he forwards it on to the correct department to get it taken care of. He has knowledge of so many different IT issues and has lots of patience when it comes to people who aren't very IT knowledgeable. He is very much appreciated!

Nominee: George Vaughn, Professor, Communication

Nominator: Dr. Natasha Casey, Assistant Professor, Communication

George deserves a KUDOS award for welcoming me into the LLCC community and helping me settle into my new position. He doesn't hesitate to share his wisdom, experience and expertise, which I really appreciate. But above all, George keeps it real, the most essential quality. *Go raibh mile maith agat.*

Nominee: Danyle Watkins, Professor, Early Childhood Education

Nominator: Marlena Constant, Early Childhood Education Advocate

Thank you for providing me with the opportunity and freedom to help support our students as well as our program. You are such an asset to LLCC and me. I can't put into words how grateful I am to have you in my life.

Nominee: Karla Wilham, Information Technology Specialist

Nominator: Anonymous

For excellence in service during the staff and faculty computer upgrades this semester. Additionally, Karla's work on upgrading the LLCC Print Shop to new machines and software moved seamlessly.