

Lincoln Land Community College



## July 2023 Award Winners

**Nominee: Amber Babbs, Program Assistant, Nursing**

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

Cool as a cucumber under pressure with a great deal of common sense is the best way to describe Amber Babbs. Even with a thousand balls in the air, she manages to stay focused on the task at hand. Thanks, Amber, for keeping the LPN-Jacksonville and CNA programs moving forward. It's a lot and your teammates know it. We'd be lost without you!

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

Nominator: Tiffany Elliott, Academic Support Programs Coordinator, Center for Academic Success

Gary Bach is one of LLCC's unsung heroes. Whether I need help with advanced functions in technology I use, issues with design for mobile devices or special projects I have taken on that require educational technologies or design solutions, Gary has always been willing to collaborate. If he doesn't have an immediate solution, he always finds one. He always has a positive attitude and a welcoming presence, making it enjoyable to work with him.

**Nominee: Debbie Bell, Custodial Operations Supervisor**

Nominator: Karen Sanders, Vice President, Advancement

Debbie has consistently gone above and beyond to ensure that recent events hosted by the Advancement Office are professional, prepared and represent a quality experience. She does all of this with a smile and friendly, welcoming attitude!

**Nominee: Nick Bergh and Binh Trinh, IT Specialists**

Nominator: Leigh Giles-Brown, Program Director, DMS

Nick and Binh were instrumental in installing the new display monitors for the DMS program. This will enable our students to continue learning even when they are being scanned! Nick, Dave and Binh are always so professional and great to work with. Thank you from DMS!

**Nominee: Ed Brown, IT Trainer/Technical Writer**

Nominator: Tiffany Elliott, Academic Support Programs Coordinator, Center for Academic Success

Ed goes above and beyond to help LLCC staff with IT training needs. Recently, he helped me build some complex functions in Excel that will save me a lot of time when calculating and analyzing data for the programs I oversee. Even though Ed did not know the answers to my questions immediately, he took the time to research them and provide the answers I needed to solve my technology challenge. In every interaction, he has provided five-star service.

**Nominee: Cathy Burke, Construction Support Specialist**

Nominator: Tim Ervin, Director, Construction & EHS

Our department has been handed a lot of grant-related construction projects in the last 18 months, and Cathy has done a fantastic job of keeping all the requirements for each of them straight! She's gone above and beyond to be detailed and thorough in her review and helped me out tremendously in keeping track of each one.

**Nominee: Sandra Chvala, Administrative Assistant to the Dean, Health Professions**

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

Kudos to Sandra for a job well done, a wicked sense of humor and the ability to hold it together under pressure. Thanks for your willingness to share knowledge and help out when asked. You are a fantastic teammate!

**Nominee: Dave Cox, Professor, Biology**

Nominator: Karen Sanders, Vice President, Advancement

Dave went above and beyond to make the West Lake Nature Grove project happen. His hard work and ingenuity have made the new outdoor learning classroom an area of excellence for the college! His work is greatly appreciated!

**Nominee: Stephanie Cummings, Placement & Testing Coordinator**

Nominator: Dr. Sonja Spencer, Associate Dean, Nursing

Stephanie is a true asset to LLCC! She goes above and beyond to help students and faculty in any way she can. From staying in the evening to assist with tests to helping collect data which I otherwise would not be able to get, she makes herself available. I value her opinions, knowledge and stellar work ethic. She is absolutely appreciated by me and the entire nursing program. Kudos to you, Steph!

**Nominee: Jeff Eason, Help Desk Specialist I**

Nominator: Anonymous

One of the first helpful voices a starting student hears is Jeff's. If we think about the mission to "transform lives," it often starts at the college with a student accessing their email, which for many is a daunting task. Jeff is ready to assist, thereby making one of the first steps to transformation into modern academic life an easy one. Kudos to Jeff!

**Nominee: Dave Ferrill, IT & Audio Specialist**

Nominator: Leigh Giles-Brown, Program Director, DMS

Dave was instrumental in installing the new display monitors for the DMS program and ensuring they routed properly to the ultrasound machines. This will enable our students to continue learning even when they are being scanned! Dave, Nick and Binh are always so professional and great to work with. Thank you from DMS!

**Nominee: Sharon Fritts, Administrative Assistant to the Dean, Health Professions**

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

Who do you ask when you can't remember what to do next? That'd be Sharon Fritts! She's the most organized of the organized. It's great to have an organizer on the team. When I moved into my current position right as the pandemic began, Sharon shared a very detailed timeline of duties listed by month. Even though I've tweaked it, it still serves me well today. Thanks, Sharon, for being a great teammate!

**Nominee: Lynn Gerton, Assistant to the Vice President, Academic Services**

Nominator: Dr. Joel Dykstra, Interim Associate Vice President, Academic Services

Lynn went above and beyond to help organize our Summer Boost program and get it running the first few days. She stepped in when others were out on vacation to help resolve issues so students could attend and receive services.

**Nominee: Bobbi Henry, Research & Analytics Associate III**

Nominator: Anonymous

Bobbi does so many things behind the scenes at LLCC. Recently when completing a program review, she helped not only with data, but also making the process easier and more enlightening. Her hard work and dedication are truly appreciated!

**Nominee: Don Hohimer, Horticulturist**

Nominator: Karen Sanders, Vice President, Advancement

Don regularly goes above and beyond. Recently, he assisted the Foundation with an event, ensuring that additional plants and flower planters were in place to create a welcoming atmosphere. His forward thinking with the appropriate foliage was greatly appreciated. The beautification of the area was noted by guests!

**Nominee: Jay Kitterman, Culinary & Special Events Consultant**

Nominator: Karen Sanders, Vice President, Advancement

Jay consistently goes above and beyond to ensure that events we host are "class acts!" Recent attendees at an event we hosted were so impressed with the quality, professionalism and preparation of the event thanks to Jay. We know that every detail from catering to welcoming guests will be handled with outstanding customer service. Hats off to Jay!

**Nominee: Jeff Martin, Workforce Recruitment & Placement Coordinator**

Nominator: Lori Large Oldenettel, Enrollment Coordinator, LLCC-Jacksonville

Jeff has a great can-do attitude. He is easy to work with and makes things happen even on short notice. The students enjoy talking with Jeff, and it's great to team up with him at events and high school visits.

**Nominee: Tamie Penning, Systems Administrator I**

Nominator: Matt Shaver, Professor, Media Design

Tamie has been extraordinarily helpful in getting MacBook Pros and MacStudio computers ready and running for the Summer Boost program. Her dedication and professionalism are very much appreciated, and our college is fortunate to have her on our team! Thank you, Tamie!

**Nominee: Jim Pierce, Professor, Engineering**

Nominator: Claire Heffron-McKinney, Student Success Coach II, Student Success

Jim is always willing to assist students, especially those in engineering classes for summer, and work with student success coaches to assist with students' enrollment in his classes. Thanks for all you do, Jim!

**Nominee: Rick Schnetzler, Director, IT Support**

Nominator: Leigh Giles-Brown, Program Director, DMS

Rick provided friendly and excellent support for the DMS A/V upgrade project. He and his team finished the job earlier than I expected and in time for us to highlight our lab during the summer HELPrS program. I am very grateful for the diligence, problem-solving and all-around professionalism Rick shows. Thank you from DMS!

**Nominee: Dr. Scott Searcy, Dean, Mathematics & Computer Science**

Nominator: Claire Heffron McKinney, Student Success Coach II, Student Success

Scott is wonderful to work with. Anytime I have unusual situations or need to explore subs or waivers for students, he is willing to listen and accommodate students' needs. Thanks for all you do, Scott!

**Nominee: Chet Simmons, Building Custodian**

Nominator: Kim Young, Program Assistant, Nursing

The IV Leaguers held a paint night fundraiser in Montgomery Hall. Chet was available to us throughout the event, which was a comfort as the event was held outside of normal business hours. In the end, he was there with a smile. There were definitely paint splatters on the floor in the skills lab when we left Friday night. Upon returning Monday morning, it was all back to pre-party cleanliness. Thank you!

**Nominee: Austin Simpson, Bookstore Stockroom Technician**

Nominator: Amy Williams, Academic Services Coordinator, Academic Services

Austin, with the help of Shawn and Nancy, was willing to look through the 21 boxes of regalia to find the faculty marshal stoles that had inadvertently been packed away. Luckily, they were found in one of the first boxes. I appreciate Austin's willingness to go above and beyond to search for the stoles that I misplaced. His kindness, and that of his co-workers, is much appreciated!

**Nominee: Steve Torricelli, Assistant Athletic Director**

Nominator: Kevin McGrath, Study Tables Monitor

I think Tor deserves a KUDOS award because he seems to have a great impact on student athletes that attend LLCC. The athletes can be distracted from studying with year-round practices and games. He puts in a lot of time and effort to help them stay on top of their schoolwork, which must be difficult due to the large time commitments they make to their sports.

**Nominee: Kim Young, Program Assistant, Nursing**

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

Bubbly, funny and detail-oriented are just a few words that describe Kim. She puts up with my daily nonsense. She serves as an advisor to the IV Leaguer Student Nursing Club, is the driving force behind the ADN pinning ceremony and our overall holiday decorator. This KUDOS is to show appreciation for all she does for students and faculty, but especially for being the best officemate ever!