

Lincoln Land Community College



March 2024 Award Winners

Nominee: Robin Ackman, Curriculum Specialist, Academic Services

Nominator: Natasha Casey, Assistant Professor, Communication

While working closely with Robin over the past few weeks on a CAS-related project, she has been extremely patient in teaching me the ways of LLCC, kind and an absolute joy to work with.

Nominee: Academic Innovation & eLearning

Nominator: Anonymous

AleL has continued to provide great service to the campus community even while being down two positions. Their continual work on behalf of students and in support of the faculty is impressive!

Nominee: Mack Alexander, Building Custodian, Facilities Services

Nominator: Anonymous

Mack, you are awesome at what you do! Your attention to detail and steadfastness help to make you who you are and we are blessed by it. I so appreciate your precision in lining up those desks in my classroom - it puts a smile on my face every time I open L1116's door to see how you have it ready for us each morning. Don't ever change!

Nominee: Vanessa Avery, Administrative Assistant, LLCC - Jacksonville

Nominator: Sarah Beggs, Enrollment Services Representative

Vanessa took our payments the day our systems were down. She was patient, thorough, professional and SO kind. I am thankful I have an ally at the Jacksonville location.

Nominee: Sarah Bailey, Program Assistant, PATH Program

Nominator: Anonymous

Sarah is a great new addition to student services. Showing everyday compassion and empathy makes it easy for her to serve our students. Sarah goes above and beyond by always being available to help anyone. Relatability and life experiences are her biggest assets when helping students in need. Her outgoing personality is a comforting layer to the PATH department and student services. Sarah is a pleasure to work with every day!

Nominee: Sarah Beggs, Enrollment Services Representative, Enrollment Services

Nominator: Shawn, Kelly and Ashley, Records Office

Sarah recently helped the records office with the time-consuming task of preparing diplomas and transcripts for our December graduates.

Nominee: Megan Bierbrodt, Program Navigator, WEI

Nominator: Anonymous

Megan has been a hard-working individual despite having very intensive home problems. Her high-spirited energy and attitude have provided the workplace with high standards to follow. Megan makes advocacy for students in our classroom seem effortless and has spent most of her time recently crunching numbers for our program. She is a great asset for LLCC and WEI.

Nominee: Kristin Booher, Director, Student Engagement

Nominator: Leslie Johnson, AVP, Student Success

January was Stalking Awareness Month and Kristin and Mion partnered up with me to make our programming impactful and engaging. They talked through ideas, picked up supplies, staffed events and made delicious popcorn! I am very appreciative of them and their support. Kudos!

Nominee: Julie Brennan, Assistant Professor, Computer Science

Nominator: Anthony West

I nominate Julie Brennan for a KUDOS award for teaching CSC 130 to us with the DoIT Trainee Cohort. Things weren't easy, from beginning to end, yet Julie made sure to do her part by fixing whatever she could on her part. Kudos to you, Professor Brennan, for sticking it out and helping us get through this. I appreciate you!

Nominee: Julie Brennan, Assistant Professor, Computer Science

Nominator: Lucinda Caughey, Associate Professor, Computer Science

Julie is our liaison with the DOIT IT training program, and it has been a resounding success! We have received excellent feedback from our first cohort of students. Julie has been our lead on course creation for the courses in each certificate. Her efforts standardized course presentation and personalized TEAMS communication across multiple courses to make it easier for the students to progress.

Nominee: Julie Brennan, Assistant Professor, Computer Science

Nominator: Michael Davis

Through kind and considerate encouragement, she has helped me overcome my obstacles to employment in the IT industry. I'm truly grateful I took this course!

Nominee: Julie Brennan, Assistant Professor, Computer Science

Nominator: Anonymous

Julie Brennan's dedication to excellence in teaching and mentorship, coupled with her innovative approach to advancing knowledge in computer science, truly merits recognition with a KUDOS award.

Nominee: Julie Brennan, Assistant Professor, Computer Science

Nominator: Owen Pals

She is so caring and is willing to help you out if you ask and wait and be patient. Also, she can tell you what's wrong and what's right and what to fix!!

Nominee: Ed Brown, IT Trainer/Technical Writer, Information Technology

Nominator: Jeff Eason, Help Desk Specialist II

Ed has been a great addition to the IT Team. He quickly learned the new phone systems and has helped many employees get their new phones set up and working as needed. He has also created several short 'GIFs' and training videos that can visually demonstrate some basic tasks. In addition to his regular role as our IT Trainer, Ed has also filled in numerous times when the Help Desk has been short-handed. Ed's willingness to assist helped us respond quicker.

Nominee: Mackenzie Bryant, Recruitment Specialist, Recruitment & Admissions

Nominator: Karen Sanders, Vice President, Advancement

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Nominee: Philip Burnett, Facilities Maintenance Technician, Facilities Services

Nominator: Anonymous

Kudos for creating the perfect x-ray box! It looks very professional (much better than mine!!) We appreciate your help with that so much!

Nominee: Leslie Catalano, Assistant Professor of Nursing, Health Professions

Nominator: Brooke Greenwood, Nursing Skills Lab Professional

Leslie has been so helpful in the skills lab and making sure that things are organized with upcoming maternity leaves. She has gone above and beyond with stepping up to fill in spaces for open labs and such to help the students. Thanks for everything!

Nominee: Darla Cochran, Workforce Enrollment Specialist, Workforce Institute

Nominator: Karen Sanders, Vice President, Advancement

Darla went above and beyond to help a number of students complete their LLCC Foundation Scholarship application. The extra work and "going the extra mile" that Darla did with prospective students is extremely appreciated!

Nominee: Debra Coet, Academic Success Professional, Center for Academic Success

Nominator: Student Life

When Debra saw that Student Life had a blanket-making service project, she offered her assistance. She probably had no idea how much we would need! She generously gave her time and skills to help us accomplish the goal of donating to Project Linus. Debra is thoughtful, knowledgeable and eager to support students in any way needed. We are thankful to have someone like her at LLCC!

Nominee: Amanda Cobetto, Adjunct CNA Faculty, Health Professions

Nominator: Sandra Chvala, Administrative Assistant to the Dean, Health Professions

I would like to say a heartfelt thank you for your quick thinking and putting your nursing skills into action when I was in need. I am blessed to be here today because of you. You are a wonderful addition to our Health Professions family!

Nominee: Kimberly Conover, Instructor, Nursing, Health Professions

Nominator: Anonymous

Kimberly strives to make the best work environment possible, inside the classroom and beyond. This week Kimberly showed what it is like to be part of the LLCC Family. She listened to her heart and was there for a coworker in need. She goes above and beyond and brings comfort to those who need it. Our department and campus are very fortunate to call her ours! Thank you for all you do Kimberly!

Nominee: Brandon Davis, Enrollment Service Representative, Enrollment Services

Nominator: Shawn, Kelly and Ashley, Records Office

Brandon recently helped the records office with the time-consuming task of preparing diplomas and transcripts for our December graduates.

Nominee: Alexander Dean, Student Support Specialist, Student Services

Nominator: Anonymous

Alex has been an amazing asset to WEI, PATH, and TRIO. He is quick to help any student needing support and is always so welcoming to meet with any student at any time. His willingness to go above and beyond for all his students is a real joy to watch. His passion for his job and the patience he displays is admirable. Supporting students in three programs can be a lot to take on, however, Alex is doing a wonderful job and deserves a KUDOS x3!

Nominee: Mion Denton, Program Assistant, Student Life

Nominator: Leslie Johnson, AVP, Student Success

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Nominee: Rachel Duff, Campus Health & Wellness Coordinator, Human Resources

Nominator: Anonymous

Rachel goes above and beyond to bring health and wellness events and information to our employees. We have done more campus events than we have in the past, and she truly does help foster a healthy and positive work environment for all.

Nominee: Rachel Duff, Campus Health & Wellness Coordinator, Human Resources

Nominator: Kellee Phillips, Student Care Coordinator

Rachel has been very welcoming and helpful during my transition here. She has been there for support, answers any questions I have, and is always willing to help. Thank you for being YOU Rachel!

Nominee: Mike Dunlap, Accounts Receivable/Collection Technician, Finance

Nominator: Anonymous

Mike has gone above and beyond for several students. He makes sure that he answers each of their questions thoroughly. He brightens everyone's day with his sense of humor. It is a joy to work with him.

Nominee: Jeff Eason, Help Desk Specialist II, Information Technology

Nominator: Gailyn Draper, Assistant to the VP, Student Services

Thank you to Jeff Eason for his outstanding IT support and assisting me with IT matters whenever they arise. Jeff consistently goes above and beyond. Recently, during a meeting the battery on my laptop was draining rapidly. I reached out to Jeff requesting a power cord. He was able to locate a cord and brought it to the conference room, allowing me to continue seamlessly. His willingness to lend a hand, even in urgent situations, exemplifies true teamwork.

Nominee: Julie Eason, Assistant to the VP, Administrative Services

Nominator: Gailyn Draper, Assistant to the VP, Student Services

Thank you Julie, for your exceptional dedication to teamwork during my absence due to knee replacement surgery. Not only did she manage her own responsibilities, but she also handled all incoming tasks in my office, including attending meetings and diligently recording minutes for those meetings. Her proactive approach ensured that everything was handled efficiently and I was able to return to work without any backlogs.

Nominee: Kelly Ellis, Student Records Evaluator, Records

Nominator: Anonymous

Thank you for all your hard work and attention to detail while working with the administrative assistants and deans while building all the schedules. Your attention to detail, patience and friendly demeanor have been greatly appreciated.

Nominee: Kelly Ellis, Student Records Evaluator, Records

Nominator: Anonymous

I would like to nominate Kelly Ellis in the records office for her continuous and invaluable assistance this past semester with schedule building for our department. She has made the process easier and never hesitates to reach out if she has a question to make sure things are done correctly. Thanks for all you do!

Nominee: Facilities and IT Staff

Nominator: Tim Ervin, Director, Construction & EHS

I wanted to say a big thank you to everyone in IT and facilities that helped get tables disconnected, computers moved, pianos reconnected, tables reconnected, etc. where we had carpet and paint work done over winter recess. Everyone did a fantastic job and I appreciate all your efforts!

Nominee: Facilities Services - Grounds

Nominator: Anonymous

Kudos to the grounds crew for keeping things cleared and salted and facilities services for keeping us warm! Thank you.

Nominee: Kathi Frieden, Enrollment Services Representative, Enrollment Services

Nominator: Shawn, Kelly and Ashley, Records Office

Kathi recently helped the records office with the time-consuming task of preparing diplomas and transcripts for our December graduates.

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

Nominator: Chris Tople, Program Director, Surgical Technology

Thank you for all your hard work and dedication to the Health Professions department!! You are an amazing asset to the team!!

Nominee: Jeannette Garceau, Writing Center Specialist, English & Humanities

Nominator: Lisa Avendano, Writing Center Specialist

Jeannette has great ideas for special events and for promoting Writing Center services. She enjoys working collaboratively with her team and other departments on campus. She also builds meaningful relationships with students.

Nominee: Fabiola Gonzalez, Student Success Coach, Student Success

Nominator: Anonymous

Faby, thank you for the tremendous amount of work, effort, and support you gave to all the applicants for the radiography program. This next cohort is going to be awesome and that's a big thanks to you! You rock!

Nominee: Danny Guthals, Central Receiving Technician, Campus Services

Nominator: Anonymous

Danny always goes the extra mile delivering packages that come into the dock. He is very personable and fun to talk to when he comes into the office. I look forward to seeing Danny every day, he stops by even when he doesn't have anything to deliver!

Nominee: Megan Hallberg, Enrollment Services Representative, Enrollment Services

Nominator: Shawn, Kelly and Ashley, Records Office

Megan recently helped the records office with the time-consuming task of entering PAs and NPs for those that were missing and helping with diplomas and transcripts for our December graduates.

Nominee: Kerry Harden, Administrative Assistant to the Dean, AleL

Nominator: Anonymous

Every semester, Kerry has gone above and beyond to ensure that classrooms are allocated efficiently, taking into consideration the diverse needs of our faculty and students. Their meticulous attention to detail, proactive problem-solving and ability to manage complex scheduling challenges have significantly contributed to the smooth functioning of our academic programs. She has helped our department time and time again and I truly appreciate all her help.

Nominee: Becky Jane Housman, Nursing Retention Specialist, Health Professions

Nominator: Brooke Greenwood, Nursing Skills Lab Professional

Becky Jane continuously goes above and beyond to help students improve their skills and test scores! She has really stepped into this new role and shaped it into something that is great for the students. Keep up the good work Becky Jane :)

Nominee: Leslie Johnson, AVP, Student Success

Nominator: Shawn Floyd, Course Materials Coordinator – Health Professions

Leslie was instrumental in helping a student, who was visibly upset and thinking of dropping out of her workforce program, get back on track by offering and helping her obtain the needed resources for her to succeed. Leslie happened to be in the bookstore at the same time as the student and took the time to speak with the student, understand what would be most helpful and met with the student the next day to ensure she received the tools that were needed.

Nominee: Nicholas Johnson, Program Assistant, WEI

Nominator: Anonymous

Nicholas Johnson is a great new asset to the Workforce Equity Initiative Program in so many ways. His professionalism never goes unnoticed when serving students and working alongside his colleagues. Nicholas has jumped right into his role going above and beyond to assist students by breaking barriers for them and being the new inspiring face for WEI. It is an honor to work with Nicholas and we are very grateful to have him serving our students.

Nominee: Lisa Lang, Program Assistant, Center for Academic Success

Nominator: Anonymous

Lisa joined our team in January and has quickly become an integral part of our work family. She has brought efficiency and a strong desire to learn all that her job entails. Her welcome smile brightens our day. We are so happy to have her with us.

Nominee: Brandon Lewis, Program Navigator, WEI

Nominator: Anonymous

Mr. Lewis has demonstrated superior time-management, people skills, and outreach for WEI. As the employment navigator, Brandon has been working closely with Workforce and the medical district to ensure that WEI students are employed in the fields that they strive to be in post-WEI. Also, he has been an essential piece in the infancy stages of WEI, ensuring that ICCB will continue to give grants to LLCC due to WEI being a leader in workforce hiring.

Nominee: Brandon Lewis, Program Navigator, WEI

Nominator: Anonymous

Brandon is one of the most inspirational leaders that Lincoln Land Community College has the honor of having. He is a representation of resilience and the work he does for Student Services reflects that every day. Not only does Brandon show compassion and empathy for his students, he goes above and beyond. Impactfully changing student lives unknowingly. A positive attitude, ALWAYS a smile on his face, and an honor to work with! A well deserving KUDOS!

Nominee: Chelsy Lovelace, Enrollment Service Representative, Enrollment Services

Nominator: Shawn, Kelly and Ashley, Records Office

Chelsy recently helped the records office with the time-consuming task of entering PAs and NPs for those that were missing and helping with diplomas and transcripts for our December graduates.

Nominee: Jeff Martin, Recruitment Specialist, Workforce Institute

Nominator: Karen Sanders, Vice President, Advancement

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Nominee: Christopher McDonald, Professor, Political Science

Nominator: Lynn Gerton, Concurrent Enrollment Coordinator

Professor McDonald went above and beyond by alerting the Concurrent Enrollment team and the Student Success Coach about two students who weren't doing well in his College NOW Political Science class. Keeping us informed at this point in the semester is extremely helpful to the high school counselor and the Student Success team. Thank you, Chris, for going above and beyond to help our students!

Nominee: Tisha Miller, Enrollment Coordinator, Outreach Centers, Recruitment & Admissions

Nominator: Karen Sanders, Vice President, Advancement

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Nominee: Karina Moore, Health Professions Recruiter, Recruitment & Admissions

Nominator: Karen Sanders, Vice President, Advancement

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Nominee: Lori Oldenettel, Enrollment Coordinator, Recruitment & Admissions

Nominator: Karen Sanders, Vice President, Advancement

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Nominee: Sarah Payne, Program Navigator, PATH Program

Nominator: Anonymous

Sarah's personality is a great asset to the PATH Program. Her Amazing computer skills have been a phenomenal improvement, making it easier to serve our students more efficiently. Sarah brings a smile to everyone's face and always lends a helping hand. Her positive attitude and compassion for human beings makes it an honor to be her fellow colleague.

Nominee: Dr. Matthew Schownir, Professor, History

Nominator: Chelsy Lovelace, Enrollment Services Representative

Wanted to send a shoutout to Professor Schownir for his outstanding trombone performance on the quad during the Open House. Thank you for stepping up and ridding the campus of our 'friendly' evangelist.

Nominee: Robert Schuerman, Property Control Technician, Finance

Nominator: Jennifer Meyer, Education Services Representative, LLCC – Jacksonville

Robert was helpful and pleasant while working with him on a large clean-up project. We were able to move swiftly through this undertaking with his timely support and communication.

Nominee: Lindsay Shelton, Program Navigator, PATH Program

Nominator: Anonymous

Lindsay is a great asset to student services. She is always willing to help in any situation given and does a wonderful job serving our students. Lindsay always has a smile on her face and is a joy to work with every day! She deserves a KUDOS for always having a positive attitude, understanding the needs of her students, and always showing compassion and empathy!

Nominee: Candace Silas, Director, WEI/PATH

Nominator: Anonymous

The voice of reason, the face of leadership, symbolizing empowerment, Candace represents many things to everyone. She is without a doubt the most impactful woman I have ever had the privilege of knowing. Candace wears many hats and one that she wears often is the Director of WEI/PATH. Impacting the lives of so many students every day. Not only does she serve her students well, but she is also a great mentor to her staff and always pushes us to be ROCKSTARS!

Nominee: Kathy Szamocki, Program Assistant, Social Sciences & Business

Nominator: Anonymous

Kathy has jumped in to help with the ECACE grant administration and has helped smooth out many processes and procedures. She is always willing to jump in to assist and is an outstanding advocate for our students.

Nominee: Kathy Szamocki, Program Assistant, Social Sciences & Business

Nominator: Danyle Watkins, Professor, Early Childhood Education

Kathy has been a great support to the ECE department. She has worked hard to support students in the ECACE scholarship and has supported faculty in creating a welcoming and well stocked classroom space. She is a hard worker and deserves all the Kudos for the work she has done. Thank you Kathy!

Nominee: Kirsten Taylor, Director, Employment & Benefits, Human Resources

Nominator: Leslie Johnson, AVP, Student Success

I am very appreciative of Kirsten. I needed help with a project and she volunteered to help. Kirsten rolled up her sleeves, cleared her calendar and provided much needed support to me and everyone else involved in the project. Thank you, Kirsten!

Nominee: Aiden Tierney, Assistant Professor, Welding, Workforce Institute

Nominator: Bill Harmon, Program Coordinator

Aiden and Adjunct instructor Jon Brandenburg were tremendously helpful in assisting my AFO 208 class with their welding lessons while I was out recovering from surgery. They gave demonstrations, offered advice to students, and volunteered to spend time in the welding lab with my substitute instructor.

Nominee: Jud Walker, Facilities Maintenance Technician, Facilities Services

Nominator: Anonymous

Kudos for creating the perfect x-ray box! It looks very professional (much better than mine!)! The Velcro was a great idea! My program appreciates you!

Nominee: Mac Warren, Assistant Director, Recruitment & Admissions

Nominator: Karen Sanders, Vice President, Advancement

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Nominee: Lindsey Weihmeir, Registration Manager, Enrollment Services

Nominator: Anonymous

Lindsey, thank you for all the hard work you put into getting the applications for the radiography program in and ready to go! There were a lot of them, and I recognize that you worked long hours and even some weekend time taking care of us. For that - a BIG KUDOS to you!

Nominee: Doug Whitaker, Maintenance Operations Supervisor, Facilities Services

Nominator: Anonymous

Thank you so much for taking on the challenge of fixing the x-ray unit and saving the RAD program some service call expenses! You are so very much appreciated!

Nominee: Kim Wilson, Recruitment Specialist, Recruitment & Admissions

Nominator: Karen Sanders, Vice President, Advancement

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