

Lincoln Land Community College



April 2024 Award Winners

Nominees:

Robin Ackman, Academic Services

Dawn Burch, Financial Aid Advisor

Bobbi Henry, Research & Analytics Associate II

Kyla Kruse, Chief Communications Officer

Karie Longhta, AVP, Finance

Megan McCann, Database & Financial Reporting Analyst

Shelly Smothers, Admissions Specialist, Recruitment & Admissions

Nominator: Alison Mills, AVP, Financial Aid

Our VA Office received notification that we would undergo a VA Compliance Review and had less than five days to gather documentation. These colleagues were asked to gather documentation required for the compliance review. Even with the short turn-around time, they did not hesitate to get the documentation to us as quickly as possible. Without their help, we wouldn't have had all the documentation required for the review. Thank you.

Nominee: Carmen Allen, Professor, Computer Science

Nominator: Julie Brennan, Assistant Professor, Computer Science

I wish to express my appreciation to Dr. Carmen Allen for her outstanding coordination of the Dept of Innovation & Tech Trainee Cohort; facilitating comprehensive training and nurturing connections with DoIT. Furthermore, her dedication to fostering relationships with our community employers, demonstrated through initiatives such as the IT Expo and PAC meetings, is truly admirable. These efforts reflect her kindness and unwavering commitment to Lincoln Land.

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Nominator: Greg Matejka, IT Security & Assurance Manager

Carmen hosted a cybersecurity talk by Dr. Derek Reveron, chair of the National Security Affairs Department at the Naval War College. Her initiative brought a renowned expert to campus, offering valuable insights into the vital nexus of cybersecurity and national security. Dr. Reveron's perspective illuminated this complex intersection, enriching our understanding. Carmen's commitment to enhancing LLCC's learning environment deserves applause. Kudos!

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Nominator: Anonymous

I want to send Carmen a Kudo for the thorough ongoing work she has done with the DoIT program. Carmen has been a pillar of strength and organization in gathering/reporting information to help with decisions that need to be made for the continuation of the growing of the DoIT program. Thank you for your tireless work/commitment. Kudos to You Carmen!!

Nominees:

Chris McDonald, Professor, Political Science and Crystal Norris, Administrative Assistant to the Dean, Social Sciences and Business

Nominator: Anonymous

Recently Chris and Crystal took the Honors students to St. Louis for a weekend event. While it was lots of work, it was really appreciated by the students who joined in. Kudos to both of you!

Nominee: Megan Bierbrodt, Program Navigator, WEI

Nominator: Anonymous

Megan offers guidance and support to her students and team. She leads with her heart and her dedication to uplifting others is apparent in everything she does.

Nominee: Kristin Booher, Director, Student Engagement

Nominator: Katrina Quattlander, Library Circulation & Engagement Coordinator

We appreciate Kristin's positive attitude and help with making our National Library Week activities a success! Thank you for your help with supplies and overall support, we appreciate you and all you do!

Nominee: Dave Bretscher, Director, Facilities Services

Nominator: Bryan Goers, AVP, Enrollment Management

I watched Dave stop and pick up trash off the road while he was walking from one meeting to another. I think a dozen people must have walked right past it without thinking anything about it and he didn't even hesitate to pick it up.

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

Nominator: Michelle Pulce-Flynn, Director, Grant Development & Administration

Ed went beyond my expectations in showing me how to fix some issues with my fillable pdf documents. He made the changes for me but showed me how to address certain quirks in creating pdf forms. I am very appreciative.

Nominee: Lucinda Caughey, Associate Professor, Computer Science

Nominator: Julie Brennan, Assistant Professor, Computer Science

Lucinda's outstanding contributions to LLCC have been invaluable, particularly in her role as an advocate for student success & academic excellence. Her efforts have enriched the educational experience of our students & enhanced the overall learning environment. Her remarkable leadership, innovative ideas, & collaborative spirit have left a mark on our community. Her relentless pursuit of excellence & her commitment to empowering others is impeccable.

Nominees: Health Professions Success Coaches

Nominator: Sonja Spencer, Associate Dean, Nursing

Susan, Fabi, Haylee, and Deanne have dealt with changes to student assignments and while acclimating to this, they continued to communicate with one another and the students, providing the best guidance possible. I work closely with each one of these ladies and I couldn't appreciate them more! It's a thankless job and I want to let them know that continued transparency, effective communication, and student support does not go unnoticed by our office.

Nominee: Nichole Coffey, Student Accounts Manager, Finance

Nominator: Alison Mills, AVP, Financial Aid

I reached out to Nichole when we determined an error had been made with a disbursement date for module 4 loans. Nichole did not hesitate to make a special exception to run a separate refund process to ensure these students received their refund in a timely manner even though it took a lot of extra work on her end. I appreciate Nichole's dedication to our students and her willingness to help our office in a moment's notice! Thank you, Nichole!

Nominee: Josh Collins, AVP, Business Relations, Advancement

Nominator: Marina Wirsing, Career Coach, Advancement

Josh Collins is an incredible asset to LLCC, Advancement, and as a supervisor. He leads with compassion and isn't afraid to roll up his sleeves and do whatever task or project that needs completion. His work ethic is outstanding, and I appreciate how he recently helped me through a very tough season at home and work. Thank you, Josh, for everything you do to make LLCC a great place to work!

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

Nominator: Scott Searcy, Dean, Mathematics & Computer Science

Stephanie has labored diligently to establish a Person Testing Center on the LLCC campus. This resource is highly valuable for our Computer Science students who are seeking to earn their CompTIA certificates.

Nominee: PRM Department

Nominator: Katrina Quattlander, Library Circulation & Engagement Coordinator

We'd like to thank the PRM Department for all your help with National Library Week promotions! We know it was a busy week around campus and we appreciate you all taking the time to help promote Library services. Thank you!

Nominees:

Mike Dunlap, A/R Collections Technician, Finance

Kim Eddings, Director, Accessibility Services, Student Services

Gianna Hines, Staff Training & Development Coordinator, Human Resources

Jennifer Roberts, A/R Collections Technician, Finance

Marina Wirsing, Career Coach, Advancement

Nominator: Christine Marietta, Administrative Assistant, LLCC-Litchfield

These colleagues presented at the Litchfield Reg Prep Day on April 19 to a total of 55 students. Thank you for assisting our LLCC-Litchfield students with options on paying tuition, accessibility services and resources, financial aid, career explorations and programs at LLCC!

Nominee: Jeff Eason, Helpdesk Specialist II, Information Technology

Nominator: Anonymous

Jeff is always very responsive in times I have needed helpdesk assistance. There was a day that I was really busy and I needed to pick up an item from the helpdesk. I wasn't sure when I was going to be able to get down there. Jeff must have realized I was swamped at the moment, and he showed up at my office. Thank you, Jeff, for foreseeing what was needed in the moment and going the extra mile to help us out! Kudos to You!!

Nominees:

Sean Edmondson, Accounting Technician, Finance

Kassie Thompson, Accounting Technician, Finance

Nominator: Alison Mills, AVP, Financial Aid

After finding some loans that didn't transmit appropriately for Module 4, Sean & Kassie agreed to help Nichole Coffey get the refunds to the students affected. Sean had to do extra work for this special refund process to ensure students received their refunds in a timely manner. I appreciate their dedication to our students and their willingness to help our office in a moment's notice. Thank you.

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

Nominator: Gretchen Conway, Associate Professor, Occupational Therapy

Nick is always willing to go the extra mile and help out his co-workers. He also is very willing to extend a hand to help out students in other programs. I appreciate your help with updating some of the OTA student's medical documents each Spring semester. Thanks for your help.

Nominee: Shawn Floyd, Course Materials Coordinator – Health Professions

Nominator: Anonymous

She is a vital source of information and support for both her co-workers and students. She often goes out of her way to help others and offers encouragement when she senses someone is struggling.

Nominee: John Freml, Director, Faculty Development, AleL

Nominator: Tiffany Elliott, Academic Support Program Coordinator

John has provided a broad range of highly useful workshops covering a diverse array of topics and skills to LLCC faculty and staff. In developing programming he is conscientious of our campus needs, faculty interests, as well as national trends. The available live workshops and on-demand resources are an incredible asset to the college's local professional development efforts.

Nominee: Fabiola Gonzalez, Student Success Coach

Nominator: Lisa Clanton, Student Success Coach

Faby is the epitome of a team player. I was meeting with a mother/son duo who were primarily Spanish speakers. I asked Faby if she was available to sit in to ensure clear communication. Without hesitation, Faby was on her way across the hall. Once Faby joined us the mother/son team lit up, they felt seen and heard. They wouldn't have to "struggle" through a language barrier to achieve their desired outcomes. This is just one example of her contributions.

Nominee: Corrine Hinton, Dean, English & Humanities

Nominator: Karen Sisk, Professor, English

She is a great leader that has increased our productivity and given us focus as a department.

Nominee: Justin Knoll, Research & Analytics Associate I

Nominator: Alison Mills, AVP, Financial Aid

Justin worked extensively to ensure our NPSAS report was completed accurately and timely. I appreciate Justin taking the reins on this reporting process and ensuring all aspects went smoothly. Thanks, Justin!

Nominee: Sarah Payne, Program Navigator, PATH Program

Nominator: Lindsay Shelton, Program Navigator, PATH Program

Sarah has been a great asset to the PATH Team and continues to amaze us with her Excel expertise. Over the past six months here, she has created a PATH Dashboard that has up to date program data that has streamlined our reporting measures. She is a great teammate and is a pleasure to work with.

Nominee: Leanne Roseberry, Library Acquisitions Specialist

Nominator: Anonymous

Leanne, your helpful attitude and extra level of dedication helped make our recent Library events a possibility! Thank you for going the extra mile to make sure the Library has what it needs, your efforts are truly appreciated!

Nominee: Leslie Ross, Librarian (Professor)

Nominator: Anonymous

Thank you Leslie for another fun year hosting the Edible Books Festival! Staff and students alike enjoy this creative and delicious event and we appreciate you for your extra efforts and this element of fun you bring to the Library!

Nominee: Lori Smith, Financial Research Analyst

Nominator: Michelle Pulce-Flynn, Director, Grant Development & Administration

She was so gracious in helping me secure a table for my office. That may not sound like a big deal, but it was! She carried the table (superwoman!) and helped me move my furniture in my office. Now every time I come into my office it makes me smile. From day one, she has always been so helpful and gracious to me.

Nominee: Tiffany Sunderlin, Athletics Program Specialist

Nominator: Sarah Frey, Website and Social Media Writing Coordinator

After the Homecoming Royals were announced at the Homecoming games, I had asked Tiffany if she could gather both athletes after the game as PRM needed a photo of the two athletes together for a press release and social media. Tiffany captured the photo for us and sent it via email that next morning. I appreciated her initiative in making the photo-op happen for me! She went above and beyond to help the PRM team.

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Nominator: Kellee Phillips, Student Care Coordinator

Tiffany goes above and beyond to make sure all our student athletes are taken care of. She answers any and all questions without judgement and gives a very detailed and informative response. She will work late to make sure that our athletes' needs are met and she does not always receive the appreciation she deserves. Thank you for being YOU, Tiffany!

Nominee: C.C. Carola Tietjen St. Magnus, Academic Success Professional

Nominator: Anonymous

C.C. is a one-of-a-kind, adventurous instructor with innate patience that goes way beyond the extraordinary! She is willing to dive into learning a subject matter that is not in her already vast knowledge base.

Nominee: Chris Tople, Program Director, Surgical Technology

Nominator: Karina Moore, Recruitment Specialist, Health Professions

Thank you, Chris, for being an outstanding Program Director, Instructor, and Colleague to so many here at LLCC. Your sincerity and dedication to your students is remarkable. You not only teach students medical content, but also the importance of compassion for others, and the significance in prioritizing mental health for all in the medical field and life in general. You are so appreciated!

Nominee: Binh Trinh, IT Specialist

Nominator: Anonymous

I want to send Binh a Kudo to acknowledge that whenever he has helped me he has been very professional and very nice to work with. He makes sure that everything that is needed is working correctly. Thank you Binh for the help you have provided me and for being so easy to work with. Kudos to you!

Nominee: Binh Trinh, IT Specialist

Nominator: Rick Schnetzler, Director, IT Support

On 4/27, Binh went well above and beyond to come in on short notice and fix technical issues with the Foundation Gala prior to the event commencing.

Even though we thought the issue was fully resolved, Binh went even further to find the real root cause of the problem and to make sure that the presentation went the way it was intended.

Nominee: Mack Alexander, Building Custodian, Facilities Services

Nominator: Leigh Giles-Brown, Program Director, DMS

Mack is a great and friendly resource for the college. He is always pleasant and very diligent about keeping the DMS lab spotless in Logan Hall. I appreciate his communication and awesome work ethic. Thanks so much, Mack! DMS appreciates you!

Nominee: Amy Williams, Academic Services Coordinator

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

In her role as Academic Services Coordinator, Amy has shown excellent leadership and communication skills. The academic calendar project has been a huge undertaking for all involved. Amy has managed to keep the Academic side of the college in the loop. She has stayed on top of things and made sure the new process is understood. I have appreciated her patience during this time.

Nominee: Dallas Wright, Assistant Professor, Computer Science

Nominator: Julie Brennan, Assistant Professor, Computer Science

Dr. Dallas Wright is not only a pivotal figure in LLCC's Cyber Program & DoIT Trainee Initiative but his experience, support & guidance within his department is most valuable. His willingness to assist colleagues and provide mentorship showcases his commitment to fostering a collaborative and thriving academic community. Dr. Wright's forward-thinking approach to the future of CS ensures that LLCC remains at the forefront of technological education.