

Lincoln Land Community College



## June 2024 Award Winners

**Nominee: Gary Bach, Academic Technical Support Specialist, AleL**

Nominator: Leigh Giles-Brown, DMS Program Director

Gary came to my rescue one evening after work hours when I was looking for technical support for the A/V system in Trutter. He was leaving for the day and was walking to his car when I asked him for help. He graciously helped me figure the system out in time for the DMS pinning ceremony presentation. I am grateful to Gary and think he's a superhero for taking the time after his workday to help a damsel in distress! :-)

**Nominee: Sarah Bailey, Program Assistant, PATH Program**

Nominator: Sarah Payne, Program Navigator, PATH Program

Sarah is great working with students and helping them with their needs. Sarah supports PATH students with her good customer service. She is always available to listen to students when they show up on campus, offering them snacks and help around the campus if they need it. She bonds with students and her empathy and understanding ensure the students are supported. The program assistant is a big role and she is able to fill it.

**Nominees:**

**Debra Bell, Facilities Services**

**Dan Jett, Facilities Services**

Nominator: Jason Dockter, VP, Academic Services

When an immediate deep clean of an office was needed, Debbie and Dan stopped what they were doing, came over to evaluate what was needed, and worked together to ensure the office was prepared for a new employee. The results were outstanding and helped get our new staff member's first day off to a much better start. Thanks!

**Nominee: Debra Bell, Custodial Operations Supervisor, Facilities Services**

Nominator: Kim Young, Program Assistant, Health Professions

Thank you for your forethought to the anticipation of the temperature combined with the expected body count attending the recent ADN Pinning Ceremony and turning the air conditioner to a cooler setting the day prior, so as to avoid sweltering temps during the ceremony. We very much appreciate your attention to the details!

**Nominees:**

**Nick Bergh, IT Specialist, Information Technology**

**Adam Kurfman, IT Specialist, Information Technology**

Nominator: Kim Young, Program Assistant, Health Professions

Thank you for your support at the SP24 ADN Pinning Ceremony! We very much appreciate taking time from your weekend to support our event. The event was held on a Saturday, and Nick and Adam volunteered to work outside of normal hours. The event itself consisted of a lot of moving parts and there were some issues with the livestream which we would not have been able to resolve without their support.

**Nominee: Mike Dunlap, Financial Aid Advisor, Financial Aid**

Nominator: Nichole Coffey, Student Accounts Manager

Mike recently accepted a new position at the college (CONGRATS!). Student Accounts was going to be very short-handed, but Mike did not hesitate to come fill in for us for a couple of days. We appreciate you more than you know, Mike! Thanks so much for being willing to help out in ways that are above and beyond!

**Nominee: Matt Combs, Duplication and Mail Center Specialist, Campus Services**

Nominator: Student Life

Matt has often honored last minute requests for us. He also has reprinted items without being asked because he takes such pride in them being right and wanting us to have things that look perfect. We may not even notice a slight color difference, but he picks up on it and adjusts! For Juneteenth, we had signs ready to go but then decided they needed to be trimmed. That was taken care of within a couple of hours!

**Nominee: Police Department**

Nominator: Amy Williams, Academic Services Coordinator

I wanted to give a shout out to the Police Officers. They were at the BoS Center for the commencement ceremony patrolling around making their presence known. Then back in full force on main campus Saturday morning for the Girls On The Run/Stride event. I know that they are here 24/7, 365 days per year, but I wanted to recognize their effort for two large events in a very short time frame.

**Nominee: Sean Edmondson, Bookstore Operations Manager, Campus Services**

Nominator: Anonymous

Sean has been really instrumental with helping me learn the ins and outs of my job. He always had time, even though he was doing his new job and helping me with mine. He always helped me with a smile and positive attitude. He has also shown me what to do and also in what order to do it to help maximize my time each and every day. Without his guidance and knowledge, I wouldn't be as far along in my job as I am.

**Nominee: Elizabeth Fines-Workman, CMN Adjunct Instructor, Communication**

Nominator: Dee Krueger, Director, LLCC-Taylorville

From March Madness to Lettuce Taco about Finals, Elizabeth is always available to help with LLCC-Taylorville events. Elizabeth goes far and beyond her teaching duties. Elizabeth assisted with all Student Life events at LLCC-TAYLORVILLE and encouraged her students to participate. Thanks for always pitching in! LLCC-Taylorville appreciates you!

**Nominee: Shawn Floyd, Course Materials Coordinator – Health Professions, Campus Services**

Nominator: Anonymous

Since day one I have her as a source of knowledge on combing through the systems and learning what to do on the computer. She is always willing to answer any questions I have. She also makes sure to introduce me to all the fellow staff members, so I do not feel alone or disconnected. She has just made me feel really connected to my job and the College very quickly and she deserves a KUDOS for it.

**Nominee: Jamie Glick, Education Services Representative, LLCC-Taylorville**

Nominator: Dee Krueger, Director, LLCC-Taylorville

From March Madness to Lettuce Taco about Finals, Jamie Glick has really taken Student Life to a new level at LLCC-Taylorville. Jamie's clever ideas are never ending. Jamie coordinated the Solar Watch Party and Edible Book Party. Students and faculty enjoyed watching the Illini on the big screen during March Madness. Thanks for organizing an event filled spring semester!

**Nominee: Ed Higginson, Police Officer**

Nominator: Kim Young, Program Assistant, Health Professions

At a recent ceremony, we had reason for concern due to a student's ongoing domestic matters. With no prior notice than the day of, Officer Higginson, calmed concerns by being present at the entrance of our event. He even locked the doors to enter the building and remained in the lobby during the ceremony in case of any issues. All went smoothly with no uninvited guests causing a disruption. Thank you, Officer Higginson, for being there just in case!

**Nominee: Alison Mills, Assistant VP, Financial Aid**

Nominator: Nichole Coffey, Student Accounts Manager

When Mike was hired in the financial aid department, our office became unusually shorthanded. We needed coverage for a couple of days and Alison graciously let us "borrow" Mike. Given the time of year, she could have understandably said "no", but she was more than willing to help out where it was needed. Thanks for being you, Alison! Always such a pleasure to work with you!

**Nominee: Samuel Penning, System Administrator III, Information Technology**

Nominator: Anonymous

Samuel has a lot of institutional knowledge and experience so he has a heavy workload - yet somehow he is always responsive and professional. He is a great coworker and much appreciated.

**Nominee: Robert Schuerman, Property Control Technician, Finance**

Nominator: Kimberly Williams-Wilson, Recruitment Specialist

Thank you so much for driving the van for the Summer Open House. It meant a lot to prospective families who needed to get to various places on campus without walking in the heat!

**Nominee: Facilities Services**

Nominator: Amy Williams, Academic Services Coordinator

The Facilities Services staff transported much of the equipment and supplies to and from the BoS center for commencement. When attending the Girls On The Run/Stride event on main campus Saturday morning, they were also working to ensure the campus looked great and general maintenance during the event. I just wanted to recognize the work that is done behind the scenes to make events like this such a success.

**Nominee: Lindsay Shelton, Program Navigator, PATH Program**

Nominator: Sarah Payne, Program Navigator, PATH Program

Lindsay goes above and beyond for the PATH program. She works tirelessly to ensure the students receive the most support possible. She is able to pivot and regroup in the face of constant changes. I am so happy to have her as part of the team. Lindsay works tirelessly to ensure we are on top of our budget and PATH students receive the most support possible. She comes in work early and stays late to make sure all of the numbers add up. She goes through the budget line by line and accounts for every penny, using our resources wisely.

**Nominee: Daniel Szabados, Police Officer**

Nominator: Kimberly Williams-Wilson, Recruitment Specialist

Special Thanks for always being willing to cook out for our Open Houses!

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

Nominator: Kim Young, Program Assistant, Health Professions

Kathy has been an asset to the Social Sciences and Business Department! She volunteered to help clean out the crime lab even though she wasn't required to do so. Always willing to help out and lend a hand when necessary. She goes above and beyond daily!

**Nominee: Facilities Services**

Nominator: Kim Young, Program Assistant, Health Professions

A great big thank you goes out to the Facilities team for working extra hard the weekend of Commencement. We thank you for setting up Cass Gym to hold the ADN Pinning Ceremony, fabulous work as always! We want to extend an extra show of gratitude for the efforts taken to get the LLCC photo back drop and LLCC block letters back to campus after commencement and setup for the pinning ceremony the following day. We very much appreciate this diligence!

**Nominee: Leonard Veith, Building Custodian, Facilities Services**

Nominator: Anonymous

He is and has always been helpful and dependable for me when I have asked him for facility assistance either for my office or on behalf of our department. My most recent request was to see if my carpet could be vacuumed in my office. He asked me to fill out a work order form and said he could clean the carpet. Within a few days, it was done. People commented on how much better the carpet looked. I think the number one way he goes above and beyond is with his specific consistence and presence of his help over the years. I can understand that it takes a lot of people to help keep the campus clean and set up for events. I thank him for his help.

**Nominee: Kimberly Williams-Wilson, Recruitment Specialist, Recruitment & Admissions**

Nominator: David Leitner, Professor, English

Kim has been an indispensable advisor to LLCC's Black Student Union. In that role, she has moved LLCC closer to its stated strategic goal to "Identify and revise practices that contribute to equity gaps." She tirelessly organizes and attends BSU activities, including BSU fest, an open mic reading, multiple Juneteenth events, and the all-black rodeo. She recruits, inspires, and motivates great students and is a delight to work with!