

Lincoln Land Community College



## Early Fall 2024 Award Winners

**Nominee: Robin Ackman, Academic Services**

Nominator: Anonymous

All her hard work and countless hours spent on the academic calendar subcommittee! Without her knowledge, we couldn't have done it all.

**Nominee: Mack Alexander, Facilities Services**

Nominator: Tammy Kuhn-Schnell, Dean, Library

Mack is a joy to talk to, and he clearly takes pride in his work. Over the summer, Mack kept the library posted of extra cleaning duties that he was completing and how they may impact students and staff. He is a great communicator.

**Nominee: Kim Alexander, Accessibility Specialist, Student Success**

Nominator: Randi Riemann, Director, Accessibility Services, Student Success

Kim has been such a huge help and blessing as we make the transition in Directors at Accessibility Services! She has been instrumental in keeping things running smoothly this semester and is a tremendous asset to our office and students. Thank you for all that you do!

**Nominee: Megan Bierbrodt, Program Navigator, WEI**

Nominator: Anonymous

Megan's dedication to supporting students is evident in the way she connects, encourages, and offers guidance. She adds a personal touch with each person and is always available to help with school issues, life issues and everything in between.

**Nominee: Susan Boehler, Student Success Advisor**

Nominator: Anonymous

With the semester starting back up, the Student Success Coaching office has been extremely busy. Susan has stepped in multiple times, without hesitation, to assist students who are not assigned to her. This is a huge benefit to students, as it reduces the amount of time they have to wait in the lobby to meet with a Success Coach. Susan cares deeply about the success of our students. We are grateful to have her on the Coaching team!

**Nominee: Robine Bolen, Building Custodian, LLCC-Beardstown**

Nominator: Bree McClenning, Education Services Representative

Robine has been instrumental in moving the location of the Beardstown Center this past summer. There were lots of to-do lists and deadlines on top of her everyday duties and she was willing to help where needed. I am thankful for her positive attitude and willingness to get the job accomplished. Kudos to Robine!

**Nominee: Kristin Booher, Director, Student Engagement**

Nominator: Kimberly Williams-Wilson, Recruitment Specialist/BSU Advisor

Just a thank you for all the long hours you put in to ensure all the clubs are taken care of...All the Sam's Club and Walmart pick-ups are greatly appreciated and noticed!

**Nominee: Ira Bradley, General Maintenance Technician, LLCC-Jacksonville**

Nominator: Katie McDannald, Administrative Assistant, LLCC-Jacksonville

We're so thankful to have Ira at LLCC Jacksonville now! He's a great addition to our staff and does a great job of keeping everything looking great. I'm especially thankful for his help last week, moving filing cabinets and making the faculty room look great! Thanks Ira!

**Nominee: Nancy Brawner, General Merchandise Technician, Campus Services**

Nominator: Anonymous

Nancy continually is positive and pleasant with the students, team members and other staff even during the most stressful time of the semester. She has a positive attitude and promotes that atmosphere daily with her actions. She also does a great job of making sure that there are school supplies and the required materials for the classes.

**Nominee: Deborah Brothers, Professor, English**

Nominator: David Leitner, Professor, English

Deborah has organized and inspired an amazing LitFest! It is a great event for the college and for the humanities in general.

**Nominee: Natasha Casey, Assistant Professor, Communication**

Nominator: Anonymous

Kudos to our fearless leader and all her hard work leading the academic calendar subcommittee! Without her direction, we couldn't have done it all.

**Nominee: Jennifer Davis, Laboratory Coordinator, Natural and Agricultural Sciences**

Nominator: Lisa Volk-Draper, Chemical Hygiene Officer & Laboratory Supervisor

Jennifer went above and beyond helping with the annual honey harvest ensuring that our dual credit visitors from Lanphier HS had an excellent experience.

**Nominee: Rachel Duff, Employee Health & Wellness Coordinator, Human Resources**

Nominator: Christine Hart-Foster, Parent Educator, Child Development Center

Rachel was very helpful in helping us educate our families at a Family Education event on First Aid for Families. She was very informative, and all of our families enjoyed her presentation! She went beyond her normal duties that day, especially after working all day at the Workforce Event.

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

Nominator: Anonymous

Sean continuously strives for and promotes a positive work environment, while also being supportive to all team members. The bookstore is better because of the new leadership.

**Nominee: David Ferrill, Information Technology Specialist**

Nominator: Jennifer Ramm, Professor, Chemistry

We had an issue with a piece of equipment in our classroom that made it more challenging to teach effectively. Even though the ticket was not assigned to him, David noticed that the issue had not been resolved and took it upon himself to solve the problem. He resolved it immediately, which made it much easier to present information to our students. We appreciate his help and concern!

**Nominee: David Ferrill, Information Technology Specialist**

Nominator: Carley Young, Retention Specialist, TRIO Student Support Services

I recently found myself with several computer issues that left me unable to complete my daily tasks on my laptop. Dave was quick to respond and was extremely helpful with getting my laptop fixed. I just wanted to publicly give a shout-out to Dave and the rest of the IT team. Without them, none of us would be able to get the majority of our work done. :-) Thank you, Dave!

**Nominees: Elizabeth Fines-Workman, Adjunct Instructor, Communication  
Scott Grundy, General Maintenance Technician**

Nominator: Jamie Glick, Education Services Representative

Assisting with and supporting the Welcome Week student lunch and other student activities at LLCC-Taylorville.

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

Nominator: Anonymous

Shawn goes above and beyond to help every student – not just the students under her purview – but every student she sees in need. She is extremely knowledgeable in all areas of the Bookstore and keeps updated on new ways to improve and help facilitate better customer service. She is an asset to the Bookstore and the campus as a whole.

**Nominees: Kathi Frieden, Enrollment Services Representative**

Nominator: Lynn Gerton, Concurrent Enrollment Coordinator

Thank you so much for the extra help to collect all the dual credit signatures and applications for our registration process this fall! I couldn't have done it without you! Thank you for putting up with me when things were a little crazy!

**Nominee: Lynn Gerton, Concurrent Enrollment Coordinator**

Nominator: Lindsey Weihmeir, Registration Manager

Lynn has been working her tail off visiting high schools and collecting all the needed information for the dual credit process to run smoothly. She has been a great communicator between the high schools and the registration team. Lynn has been going the extra mile for the last few months and always is friendly and helpful, even in the midst of chaos!

**Nominee: Michael Hanson, LLCC Police Sergeant**

Nominator: Kimberly Williams-Wilson, Recruitment Specialist, BSU Advisor

Thank you for donating the items to BSU to build the boat. It was greatly appreciated!

**Nominee: Andy Hemstock, Course Materials Coordinator – Workforce Institute**

Nominator: Shawn Floyd, Course Materials Coordinator – Health Professions

Andy has been a great addition to the bookstore. He quickly learned his position and is eager to learn any new components of his job, while also promoting the bookstore. He is always friendly and positive and an integral part of the team.

**Nominees: Rebeccas Housman, Nursing Retention Specialist; Delaney Patton, Nursing Skills Lab Professional; Amanda Peabody, Assistant Professor, Nursing**

Nominator: Bridgette Hudson, Professor, Nursing

Bringing together and executing a successful ADN Bootcamp this fall!

**Nominee: Marcie Leonard, Assistant Professor, Nursing**

Nominator: Rebekah Housman, Nursing Retention Specialist

I want to thank you for your consistent unwavering support of our students. Your approach to educating them, putting them at ease, prioritizing their needs, and connecting with them on their level is something all educators should aspire to achieve. I also want to express my gratitude for unofficially mentoring and guiding me over this past year. You are an asset to our department and this college, and I'm blessed God put you in my path.

**Nominee: Chelsy Lovelace, Administrative Assistant to the Dean – Workforce Institute**

Nominator: Sarah Beggs, Enrollment Services Representative

Chelsy has applied her extensive registration expertise to enhance the Truck Driving program, streamlining the registration process and ensuring it is audit-ready and efficient. She is always punctual and brings a cheerful attitude to every task, making her a valuable asset to the team.

**Nominee: Keri Mason, Director, LLCC-Jacksonville**

Nominator: Tim Ervin, Director, Construction & Environmental, Health & Safety

Keri was extremely helpful coordinating 2 major projects this Summer at the Jacksonville and Beardstown campuses. We moved the Beardstown Campus into new leasable space in the same building and have a major renovation to CNA classroom in Jacksonville. Keri (and her team) helped coordinate movers, schedules, and other logistical things that made both projects go smoother than I had anticipated!

**Nominee: Keri Mason, Director, LLCC-Jacksonville**

Nominator: Bree McClenning, Educational Services Representative

Kudos to Keri for being supportive of me while my dad was sick and when he passed away. I had to take time off for very sad circumstances during a hectic transition of moving the Beardstown Center to a new location and Keri was always kind and understanding. She was quick to work in Beardstown to help while I was away and had flowers sent all the way to Libby, MT, for my dad's funeral. This kind gesture will never be forgotten. Thank you, Keri and Team!

**Nominee: Bree McClenning, Educational Services Representative**

Nominator: Tim Ervin, Director, Construction & Environmental, Health & Safety

Thanks so much to Bree for being excellent to work with while moving our entire Beardstown Campus this Summer. Getting this done was not easy and she was flexible, accommodating and very helpful.

Without her it wouldn't have gone as well as it did, thanks Bree!

**Nominee: Cleo Moore, LLCC Police Officer**

Nominator: Kimberly Williams-Wilson, Recruitment Specialist, BSU Advisor

Thank you for helping grill the hamburgers and hot dogs for the BSU Kickback. They enjoyed that better than pizza!

**Nominee: Crystal Norris, Administrative Assistant to the Dean – Social Sciences & Business**

Nominee: Kalith, Dean, Social Sciences & Business

Crystal has volunteered for the last two years to be the administrative support for the Honors Program.

She has worked to support the students and even chaperoned one of the trips! She is incredible with the students and her support of the program.

**Nominee: Crystal Norris, Administrative Assistant to the Dean – Social Sciences & Business**

Nominee: Kathy Szamocki, Academic Services Assistant.

Crystal did a wonderful job initiating a potluck for all classified staff. It was a wonderful opportunity to get us all together to meet & share ideas.

**Nominee: Sarah Payne, PATH Program Navigator**

Nominator: Sarah Bailey, Program Assistant, WEI/PATH program.

Sarah's commitment to student success is evident in everything she does. She is constantly using her skills to develop resources and tools that support PATH students in reaching their goals. Her expertise in managing complex data has been crucial to the reporting and goals of the PATH team. Thank you for everything you do!

**Nominee: Cheri Reardon, Director, Campus Services**

Nominator: Shawn Floyd, Course Materials Coordinator – Health Professions

While acting as Interim Director and accepting the position full time, she has continuously promoted a positive work environment by not only listening to her team members but hearing them also. Cheri also welcomes new ideas for the bookstore. We are a better team because of her and her positivity as a whole.

**Nominee: William Running, Adjunct Instructor, Chemistry**

Nominator: Jennifer Ramm, Professor, Chemistry

Bill is always willing to go above and beyond for his students and colleagues. During the summer of 2024, we did not have a lab assistant for chemistry. To make up for this, Bill put in extra time to clean equipment and help maintain the chemistry labs. The chemistry faculty appreciate his dedication and hard work!

**Nominee: Lindsay Shelton, Program Navigator**

Nominator: Sarah Bailey, Program Assistant, WEI/PATH

Lindsay's commitment to helping students to succeed shows in everything she does. Her attention to detail has been instrumental in managing resources to help as many students as possible. She always goes the extra mile to make sure things run smoothly for both the PATH team and her students.

**Nominee: Candace Silas, Director, WEI/PATH**

Nominator: Sarah Bailey, Program Assistant, WEI/PAtH

Candace creates an environment where everyone feels supported and empowered to do their best work. She leads with both strength and empathy. She handles pressure with grace and is able to pivot quickly to overcome challenges and plan for success.

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

Nominator: Shawn Floyd, Course Materials Coordinator – Health Professions

Austin's diligence in verifying invoicing and receiving of textbooks and supplies for the bookstore is appreciated. Austin does not hesitate to help wherever is needed without complaint. His positive and team-oriented attitude is welcome and contagious.

**Nominee: Caleb Sims, Building Custodian**

Nominator: Student Life

The carpet in the Student Life office needed some attention...but it never seemed to make it to the top of our list to request a cleaning. One day we walked in, and everything looked (and smelled!) fresh in our front area. The carpet had been cleaned and stains removed without us even requesting it! We asked around and found out that Caleb had done it, and we are so grateful! Thanks to Caleb for going above and beyond!

**Nominee: Custodial Staff**

Nominator: Debra Bell, Custodial Operations Supervisor

Just taking a moment to commend the custodial staff on a job well done for the event set ups and regular duty workloads. Your dedication and friendliness are appreciated.

**Nominee: Kathy Szamocki, Academic Services Assistant**

Nominator: Lynn Gerton, Concurrent Enrollment Coordinator

Thank you so much for the extra hours and help to collect all the dual credit signatures for our registration process this fall! I couldn't have done it without you! Thank you for putting up with me when things were a little crazy! Looking forward to working with you even more next year!

**Nominee: WEI/PATH Program Team**

Nominator: Laurel Bretz, AVP, Continuing, Corporate & Professional Education

The PATH/WEI Team was instrumental in the success of LLCC's CMA partnership with Memorial Health. PATH/WEI's support of our first cohort of students directly attributed to their academic and personal success in the program.

**Nominee: Lisa Volk-Draper, Chemical Hygiene Officer & Laboratory Supervisor**

Nominator: Teresa Liberati, Professor, Biology

Lisa works diligently to respond to numerous needs and requests by the faculty. She has listened to concerns and has strengthened the environment within lab spaces that needed some attention, including making trips to the Outreach Centers. She is responsive to requests for classes and is very knowledgeable about issues that relate to the operation of lab spaces.

**Nominee: Mac Warren, Assistant Director, Recruitment and Admissions**

Nominator: Lynn Gerton, Concurrent Enrollment Coordinator

Thank you so much for the extra help collecting dual credit signatures at Rochester! I appreciate you going above and beyond your workday to help make collecting signatures at Rochester go as smoothly as possible.

**Nominee: Amanda Wiesenhofer, Director, Library Digital & Technical Services**

Nominator: John Freml, Director, Faculty Development

Amanda went above and beyond in helping me license several films for my online HUM 110 class. Even though several of the films were not available in Kanopy, she never told me "no" and instead found different places to license them. She has also been helpful in providing viewership statistics after they were assigned in class. Amanda's efforts helped me eliminate textbook costs for my students completely and instead utilize free OERs and library resources.

**Nominee: Stephanie Wilson, Webstore Technician**

Nominator; Shawn Floyd, Course Materials Coordinator – Health Professions

Stephanie joined the bookstore right before one the busiest times, she jumped right in and quickly learned the components of her job. She is a great addition to the team.