

# McKinley Health Center



## Gold Coin Recipients 2021

Over the years, McKinley adopted a tradition of recognizing McKinley staff who go above and beyond what they are expected to do in their role. These individuals are dedicated and passionate about working at McKinley and serving our diverse student population. A gold challenge coin has been engraved with an image of McKinley's building along with the mention of our values of safety, quality and service. Please join us in recognizing this year's coin recipients.



## Karen Chumbley

Karen's career at McKinley Health Center began in 1992, having witnessed plenty of changes over the years, be it from structural upgrades throughout the building into total changes in the clinics here at McKinley. The changes in leadership and fellow co-workers over the years she has been a part of - oh, the stories she could tell. Whether working in a medical clinic or on a Saturday in East 1, she is always busy and looking out for the best interest of the patients.

Karen has grown by leaps and bounds in the past few years, stepping up to assist whenever she can. She is not afraid to tackle any job that is given to her. Offering suggestions to make the flow of the unit better or just overall to make the day to day workings of the clinic run smooth. She has become a valued part of the International Check In process in the past few years and has continued to grow to assist with other projects including COVID testing and Flu Outreach.

Never one to be shy or quiet---Let's give a Big Shout Out to Karen Chumbley for her hard work and dedication to McKinley Health Center.



## Jill Sprau

Jill was a biology teacher (and in typical teacher fashion, she maintained a 4.0 in college!!!!) before returning to school in the healthcare field. She worked at OSF and Carle prior to coming to McKinley 10 years ago. Staff have used the following words to describe her: a great colleague and team player, fair, willing to assist wherever needed, makes amazing cakes! She is honored for her recent contributions at McKinley and DIA around the nouvelle coronavirus.

Jill Sprau willingly accepted “operations” duties in the Lab in 2020 and performed exceedingly well as we faced testing challenges this Spring, Summer and Fall. She coordinated offsite specimen collection for DIA athletes at the stadium, students/faculty/staff at CRCE, Rabies titers for Vet Med staff as well as an electronic interface with Carle’s Lab - all while continuing to perform bench duties in McKinley’s Laboratory. Please join me in congratulating Jill!!



## Ashley Peters

Ashley Peter's is a dynamic dietitian at McKinley Health Center in the Health Education Unit. She has been with us for the past four years making an impact on our campus community. Ashley stays up to date on the field of dietetics, trends as well as social media messaging around nutrition and diets.

She has a warm and inviting personality that helps establish welcoming relations with her clients, peers, students and colleagues. Her passion to share nutrition information and educate about eating well balanced meals is a core component to the work she does at McKinley and across campus. Ashley is actively engaged on the Eating Disorder Treatment Team. She coordinates and manages McKinley's Nutrition Peers who are students from the Food, Science and Human Nutrition Department on campus.

Her creativity and love for the work she does has driven many unique outreach opportunities that have resulted in new collaborations, increased student participation and programs that will continue moving forward. Her initiative to connect with the campus cultural houses and ISSS has linked students with experiences that broadened their understanding of personal nutrition and helped many international students with the transition of living in the US and navigating our grocery stores. You may have checked out Ashley on McKinley's YouTube so see some of McKinley's Kale Yes cooking series where she features easy tips to incorporate healthy foods into meal planning. Whether it is in front of the camera or in person, Ashley's personality draws you in and instantly makes you feel comfortable and welcomed. Thanks Ashley for all you do to keep students well to excel!



## Chris Thompson

Chris worked within McKinley Health Center for about six years and has helped continuously move the needle for the IT department. He has sometimes taken a more 'behind the scene' role to keep operations going but has never shied away from engaging in a difficult conversation with colleagues at McKinley, the Senior Leadership Group, or even across campus – all in the name of ensuring McKinley's operations remain stable.

In the past several months, Chris has used their finely tuned leadership skills and abilities to help create and support some of the most critical tools used to facilitate the SHIELD COVID-19 testing program on campus. Not only has he played a pivotal role in the campus's testing programs, but he also played a critical role in the Mediat (electronic health records) migration that was completed in January.

Late nights and early mornings have become the norm, and this person has continuously stepped up to the plate to deliver home run after home run. There is no doubt that both the McKinley Health Center and the campus have significantly benefited from this person's ability to lead successful efforts with passion.

I am pleased to provide a Gold Coin to Chris Thompson for his hard work and dedication to McKinley over the past six years and especially during this year's pandemic.

## Melvin Fenner

This has been a truly extraordinary year with its share of opportunities and successes. Through it all, Melvin has kept his eye on what was important. He has extraordinary organizational skills, a purpose driven work ethic, and unrelenting dedication to the University of Illinois students and the University of Illinois System.

Melvin continues to lead the IT departments efforts at McKinley with integrity and vision, empowering each member to learn, grow, and take ownership of projects that better McKinley, our campus, and beyond. He has worked numerous evenings and countless weekends to bring the very best to McKinley and the University at large.

With his involvement in the SHIELD Team's efforts to develop and deploy COVID-19 testing on campus and his input on the development of the health components for the Safer Illinois app, he has played and continues to play a critical role in helping to make the campus safe for our students, faculty, and staff.

Thank you for your steadfast commitment to Illinois, Dr. Melvin Fenner.

