

2022 ATHENA Finalist

Dr. Linh Nguyen



Dr. Linh Nguyen (Dr. Lynn Win)- She/Her is an instructor in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry at Northern Illinois University (NIU). Dr. Nguyen earned her Ph.D. in Computational Chemistry at Duquesne University and her MS and BS degrees in Chemistry at the University of Oklahoma.

Dr. Nguyen was awarded the 2022 Excellence in Online Teaching Award at NIU for her effort in reconstructing the general chemistry course to incorporate adaptive learning and inclusive teaching that narrows the equity gap.

Dr. Nguyen is a mother, a spouse, a local activist, and a past President of the League of Women Voters of DeKalb County. As President of the League of Women Voters during the 2020 election, Dr. Nguyen revitalized the League. Under her leadership, numerous voter registration events and candidate forums were put on throughout DeKalb County.

An immigrant from communist Vietnam, Dr. Nguyen has a unique awareness of American citizens' responsibilities and privileges. Her life experience inspires her to pursue more transparency and accountability in government. As a scientist, Dr. Nguyen sees opportunities for electronic improvements to make elections and records access more user-friendly and efficient.