

The COLLEGE VOICE

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Registration Status Reports

To view registration status reports, go to the [Institutional Research](#) link on [Faculty and Staff Resources](#).

Working @ LCCC

Duplicating Center and Mail Room Service Window Hours
8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Lobby Hours
7:30 a.m. – 7 p.m., Monday through Thursday; 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Friday.

Courier services Monday through Friday to all sites.

Bookstore Hours
Monday-Thursday: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Friday: 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday: CLOSED.

Library Hours
7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Wellness Center Fall Hours
Monday through Thursday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Friday: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday: CLOSED.

*All hours subject to change.

President's Cabinet Members Open Office Hours

President Dr. Ann D. Bieber
Appointments can be made via Zoom. Email Tracy Bean at tbean@lccc.edu to schedule an online meeting.

VP Dr. Cindy Haney
1st and 3rd Mondays from 4 to 5 p.m. and 2nd and 4th Thursdays from 4 to 5 p.m. Email Ronnie Blue at rblue@lccc.edu to schedule a Hangouts meeting.

VP Larissa Vorta
Access virtual office hours on Mondays from 3 to 5 p.m., Tuesdays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., and Thursdays from 12:30 to 2 p.m., or email lvorta@lccc.edu to arrange a scheduled meeting.

VP Stefanie Nester
1st and 3rd Thursdays from 10 to 11 a.m. and 2nd and 4th Fridays from 9 to 10 a.m. Email Maria Bowen at mbowen@lccc.edu to schedule an online meeting.

Interim Dean Dr. Jodi Rowlands
Wednesdays, 9 to 9 a.m. or 4 to 5 p.m. Email jrowlands@lccc.edu to schedule a meeting.

Interim Dean Elke Reichardt
Wednesdays from 3 to 5 p.m. Email elreichardt@lccc.edu to schedule online meeting.

Dean Dr. Kelly Trahan
Mondays from 3 to 5 p.m. Email ktarahan@lccc.edu to schedule an online meeting.

CIJ Joshua Mitchell
Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to noon. Email jmitchal10@lccc.edu to schedule online meeting.

Dean Scott Aquila
Email saquila@lccc.edu to schedule an online or face-to-face meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Middle States Co-Chairs and Self-Study Timeline



The Steering Committee, Verification of Compliance and Standards Working Groups co-chairs have been finalized for the Middle States Commission on Higher Education reaccreditation process. That list can be viewed [here](#).

The Self-Study timeline for 2025 – 2027 can be viewed [here](#). Stay tuned to College Voice for future updates. In the meantime, if discussions regarding the Self-Study occur within the course of committee, division or department meetings, please document those within meeting agendas and minutes.

An Invitation: Spring 2025 Inclusion Event – Shine His Light

During the Spring 2025 semester, a series of Inclusion Events will be offered to the LCCC community entitled Restore: Offerings to Inspire Compassionate Conversations.

To begin, in January 2025, we will celebrate Martin Luther King Day with a weeklong event: Shine His Light!

Would you like to reflect upon Dr. Martin Luther King's words of hope, peace and love? If so, please consider receiving an inspiring email (January 20-23), featuring a quote, reading or short video to highlight Dr. King's message. Shine His Light will culminate on Thursday, Jan. 23 from 12-1 p.m., with a gathering for personal and collective reflections of Dr. King's eternal relevance. To indicate your wish to participate and receive a daily email from January 20-23, please complete [this Google form](#) by Jan. 9.

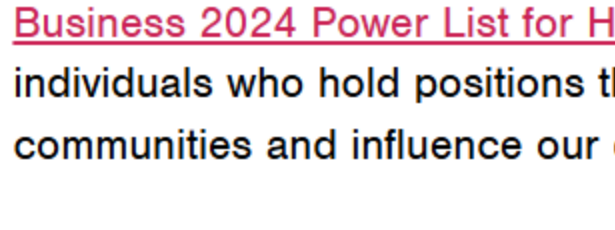
Class Pass

At the Fall Open House, in collaboration between admissions and faculty, class passes were handed out to prospective students as an opportunity for them to sit in on a class to really experience what LCCC is like. Admissions is happy to report that the first class pass was used on Dec. 3. Thank you to Prof. John Loughman for hosting our quest!

Dr. Bieber Named to Higher Ed Power List

LCCC president Dr. Ann D. Bieber has been named to the [Lehigh Valley Business 2024 Power List for Higher Education](#). Dr. Bieber is one of the individuals who hold positions that give them the ability to shape our communities and influence our quality of life through education.

Incomplete Grade Recovery Session for Fall 2024



If you are assigning an Incomplete (I) grade for the Fall 2024 semester, you can communicate that with your students and enroll them in the Incomplete Grade Recovery Session that will take place during the Winter Session, which begins on Dec. 16, 2024 and ends on January 17, 2025. Upon enrollment, students will be assigned a Recovery Success Coach who will communicate with you and your students to recover the incomplete work before the Spring 2025 semester begins. We strongly urge you to require that students complete their work with the help of a coach before Jan. 17, 2025. Students are more successful when they are held to an earlier due date, and they can progress and enroll in the upcoming semesters.

In order to enroll your students, please complete the Incomplete Grade Recovery Session [enrollment form](#). It is imperative that you fill this form out completely so the process can begin. All questions can be directed to Dr. Melanie A. Turrano, Professor of English and Coaching Commons Coordinator, at mturano@lccc.edu.

New phone? Update MFA

Reminder! If you receive a new phone this holiday season, you'll need to update your MFA app before discarding your old phone. For additional steps, please visit – [How to Enroll in Okta Verify](#).

Payment Processing for December

Accounts Payable will process the last check run for 2024 on Thursday, Dec. 19. Please have any invoices that need to be paid before the end of the month to the Finance Office no later than Monday, Dec. 16, by 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 3 will be the first Accounts Payable check run for 2025. Please reach out to Accounts Payable at ap@lccc.edu if you have any questions.

Review Employee Address

To ensure accurate communication regarding payroll (W-2) and other LCCC correspondence, please review your profile information in Bannerweb Employee Self Service. To update a home address, please complete a Residence Certification Form and submit to LCCC's HR department. Please note there is a form for main campus and one for other campus sites.

[Main Campus Form](#)

[Other Campus Sites Form](#)

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

Human Resources News

New I-9 Form

The new version of the I-9 has been released. Please begin using the new version for all new hires. The form can be viewed [here](#).

Nominate a Colleague for Spotlight on Excellence

Is there a faculty or staff member you know who helped smooth over an unexpected bump during a project or event? Do you know someone who went above and beyond to provide excellent customer service? Human Resources invites you to nominate that person for a Spotlight on Excellence recognition. Recognized members of the college community will be announced in the College Voice and will receive a token of appreciation for a job well done. Please use the [nomination form](#) to spotlight the excellence of a fellow employee!

Slip, Trip and Fall Prevention

Slips, trips, and falls account for a large percentage of medical incidents on campus and are the result from some a kind of unintended or unexpected change in the prevention between the feet and the ground or walking surface. [AttachedWord](#) are tips to aid in the prevention of slips, trips and falls.

Quick Reference for Medical Emergencies on Campus

If serious injury or illness occurs on campus, CALL 911. After you call 911, call Public Safety at x1169 to inform them you called 911. Public Safety will report to where the injured person is until arrival of the ambulance. For minor injury or illness, trained personnel should provide basic first aid care. Call Public Safety at x1169. All Public Safety officers are trained in first aid and CPR/AEDS.

No employee shall transport another employee/student to an emergency facility or hospital.

All New Employees:

The college's online training program is specifically designed for the busy professional but keeps in mind the college's requirements for training. It is a convenient, easy way to complete our new hire training series at LCCC.

A. Required Online Trainings

Below are the four online trainings that will be emailed to you from Knowbe4. This is a single sign-on system that will enable to you log in using your portal username and password. These online trainings must be completed within the first 30 days of hire.

If you want your completion certificate for each training placed in your personnel file, please print it out and send to the Human Resources office, otherwise Human Resources maintains a database of your completed trainings.

FERPA – Privacy and Security Awareness

Protected Classes – Intro to Discrimination

Intro to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the Workplace

Creating Strong Password – Security Awareness Training

B. Run-Hide-Fight Video

To view this video, go to the [Department of Public Safety website page](#) and click on the Run-Hide-Fight video link.

If you have any questions, please contact Human Resources at x1107 or x1108.

Online Learning News

View the [November edition](#) of the Online Learning Newsletter. This edition includes information about our training programs, a great article on "How to Hold a Better Class Discussion," and an on-demand RSI discussions webinar. There is also a page on some events around the Lehigh Valley this month. If you have any questions about anything in this edition contact us at OnlineLearning@lccc.edu.

Online Learning Courses Available

Register online for our live and self-paced trainings. Trainings include: Canvas Course Certification, Remote Course Certification, Excellence in Instruction, Zoom, Canvas Studio, Blooms Taxonomy, and more!

Office Hours

Schedule a meeting with Rachel Peters to ask any questions on training, course development, professional development, and other tools/topics.

Digital Badges

Faculty and staff will have the opportunity to receive digital badges to display on LinkedIn, email signature and other areas, highlighting their professional achievements and commitment to continued learning. A number of different badges are available to anyone who completes the required training or series of trainings. The training requirements for each badge are outlined on the flyer. If you have any questions about the digital badges or the requirements for them please contact onlinelearning@lccc.edu.

REMINDERS

Reaccreditation Call for Working Group Volunteers



As noted in previous editions of College Voice, LCCC is entering the reaccreditation process with the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE). This process consists of two parts: the Self-Study Report, which is due in 2026, and the on-site visit, which will occur in 2027. In meeting the quality standards of MSCHC accreditation, institutions earn accredited status, assuring students and the public of excellence in higher education.

The Self-Study Report will be developed through seven Working Groups. Each Working Group corresponds to a standard identified by MSCHC. Information on each standard can be viewed [here](#). To achieve the most successful outcome, the college is seeking your volunteer participation on one of the following Working Groups:

- Standard I: Mission and Goals
- Standard II: Ethics and Integrity
- Standard III: Design and Delivery of the Student Learning Experience
- Standard IV: Support of the Student Experience
- Standard V: Education Effectiveness Assessment
- Standard VI: Planning, Resources, Institutional Improvement
- Standard VII: Governance, Leadership and Administration

If interested in serving on one of the Working Groups please reach out to Scott Aquila, Accreditation Liaison Officer (ALO), at saquila@lccc.edu.

Strategic Innovation Grant Now Open

The Strategic Innovation Grant is designed to encourage faculty and staff innovation to enhance the lives of our students and college community and improve educational delivery. Consideration will be given to progressive, inventive, creative ideas that transform curriculum, college activities, student life, partnerships, and/or support services. Funding is available for projects requiring less than \$22,795. The amount awarded may differ from the requested amount, but will not exceed the amount budgeted annually by the college. Click [here](#) for more information including the criteria, deadlines, and the application.

Students Attend Women in STEM Event

On Nov. 12, students Azelia Castillo, Lorianne Colon, Orlando Davila, and Crystal Galban Arocho joined Dr. Deepika Khilnani in attending the WISDOM (Women in Science Demonstrating Outstanding Merits) and WISE (Women in Science and Engineering) Forum at the Da Vinci Science Center. The event focused on leadership, diversity, and empowering women in STEM. They participated in workshops and attended panels covering topics such as workplace inclusivity and supporting underrepresented groups in science and engineering. It was an inspiring and insightful experience for all who attended.

LCCC Foundation – Employee Annual Appeal Update

Thank you to all employees and faculty for a strong start to our 2024-2025 annual employee appeal to support the LCCC Foundation. Through the month of October we have annualized commitments totaling \$13,837 by 51 participants. We appreciate the tremendous generosity of all participants. Thank You!

As noted in an earlier version of the College Voice, we're looking to raise \$15,000 in annual commitments through our employee appeal in support of students and college initiatives. Remember, donations can be made anytime on the [LCCC Foundation page](#) of the website or via the monthly email sent in October, November and December.

A thank you reception will be held later in 2025. Personal invitations will be sent to all annual employee appeal participants. More details will follow in a future College Voice edition. Again, thank you!

Neurodivergent ERG

Supported by LCCC, this Employee Resource Group provides an affinity space for sharing the unique experiences of neurodiverse faculty and staff. Neurodiversity recognizes those whose brains work or process in ways divergent from the status quo, which brings different strengths and challenges to the workplace and everyday life. This includes people with ASD, ADHD, dyslexia, or self-identified. If you are someone who identifies as neurodivergent, join this group to explore the challenges as well as the assets a neurodiverse community brings to campus while navigating within a neurotypical environment. This space will also explore practices that support neurodiversity in the workplace.

To join our November meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 6, please contact Eric Werley at erwerley@lccc.edu and/or Thomas Simko at tsimko@lccc.edu for the Zoom meeting link.

SPIRIT & WELLNESS

Holiday Jazz Yoga

Join us for Holiday Yoga on Thursday, Dec. 5 at 2:30 p.m. in Berrier Hall Dance Studio (BH 101). This session will consist of a 45 minute slow vinyasa flow set to holiday jazz music. Bring a mat or towel and water. Limited mats are available. Email Lacey Timony at ltimony@lccc.edu to register. All abilities welcome. Modifications available.

Wellness Center Fall Hours

Wellness Center fall hours will be effective through Friday, Dec. 6.

The Wellness Center will be open this fall for the following hours:

- Mondays-Thursdays 9 a.m. – 5p.m.
- Fridays 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Saturdays and Sundays Closed

*All hours subject to change

The Wellness Center will be closed on the following dates:

- Monday, Dec. 23 through Wednesday, Jan. 1

Wellness Center winter hours will be Monday, Dec. 9 through Thursday, Jan. 23 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Spirit Committee Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events, brought to you by the LCCC Spirit Committee!

December

- Friday, Dec. 6 – Holiday Wreath-Making with the President
- Wednesday, Dec. 11 – Spirit Day: Cane Tamed for Holiday Breakfast
- Wednesday, Dec. 11 – Candy Cane Lane Holiday Breakfast
- Wednesday, Dec. 18 – Virtual Office Bingo

January

- Wednesday, Jan. 8 – Virtual Office Bingo
- Friday, Jan. 24 – Spirit Day: LCCC Swag
- Wednesday, Jan. 29 – Hot Cocoa and Cider Day

For questions about any upcoming events, please reach out to Tina Dowling-Hackett at tdowlinghackett@lccc.edu or Ginny Hertzog at vhertzog@lccc.edu.