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Marketing Project Requests

LCCC's College Relations staff can turn your creative ideas into reality. Whether it is an event, a new program, a website update, a social media campaign or beyond, our staff will work with you to get the best results.

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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 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. Bleher
Appointments can be made via Zoom. Email Tracy Bear at tbear@lccc.edu to schedule an online meeting.

VP Dr. Cindy Hanesy
1st and 3rd Mondays from 4 to 5 p.m. and 2nd and 4th Thursdays from 4 to 5 p.m. Email chanesy@lccc.edu to schedule a meeting.

VP Larissa Verta
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 lverta@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 snester@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.

Dean Tonisha Taylor
Mondays from 10 to 11 a.m. or 4 to 5 p.m. Email ttaylor13@lccc.edu to schedule an online meeting.

Interim Dean Andrew King
Tuesdays from 10 to 11 a.m. or 4 to 5 p.m. Email kinga@lccc.edu to schedule a meeting.

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

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

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

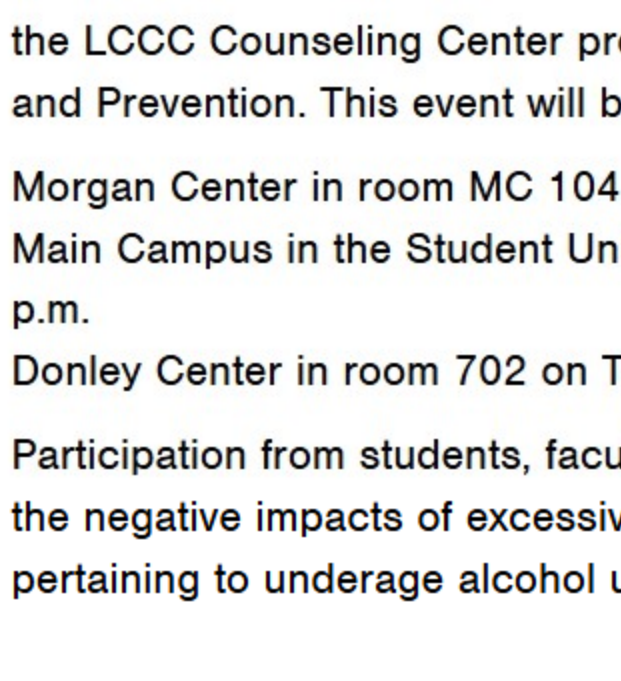
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Innovative Insights: An LCCC WLD Series – Webinar #2, A Reminder

The LCCC CTE Learning Specialists want to remind everyone at LCCC that the second video in our spring Watch-Learn-Discuss webinar series, "Helping Students Move From Shallow To Deep Learning: Practical Strategies For Success," is available [here](#). You can watch and learn on your own, and you are invited to join us for a 30-minute discussion via Zoom tomorrow, Feb. 28, at 10 a.m. ([Add to calendar](#)). The direct link to the discussion can be found [here](#). More information is available [here](#).

Questions? Email mspink@lccc.edu. We hope you can join the discussion!

Welcome to Sen. McCormick Staff



Nathan Gerace, district director for Sen. Dave McCormick's Tamaqua office, visited LCCC on Feb. 25 and met with faculty and staff to learn about LCCC programs and services.

Pictured: Nathan Gerace and Karen Wroting in the nursing simulation lab.

CHOICES: Alcohol Abuse Awareness and Prevention

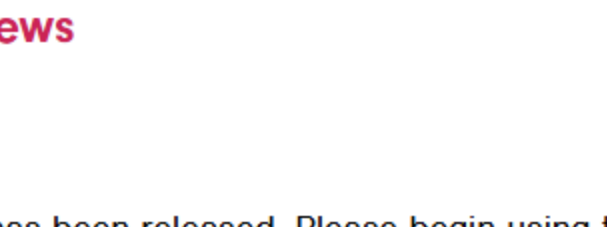
In collaboration with the PA Bureau of Liquor Enforcement, Public Safety and the LCCC Counseling Center present CHOICES: Alcohol Abuse Awareness and Prevention. This event will be held at all three campus locations:

Morgan Center in room MC 104 on Tuesday, March 4, from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Main Campus in the Student Union on Tuesday, March 11, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Donley Center in room 702 on Thursday, March 13, from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Participation from students, faculty and staff are welcome as we learn about the negative impacts of excessive alcohol consumption, the related laws pertaining to underage alcohol use and the consequences of alcohol abuse.

First Tuesday Coaching Conversation with Faculty Coaches



March's First Tuesday Coaching Conversation will be held virtually on Tuesday, March 4, at 2:30 p.m. and will feature "Mindfulness" with Wendy Barron.

Please stop by to enjoy 30-40 minutes of mindful meditation and discussion to help center you and make you a stronger teacher and professional. Join the Zoom [here](#).

Free Fastnachts and Beads – Mardi Gras Spirit Day

Join the LCCC Spirit Committee for Spirit Day on Tuesday, March 4, by wearing Mardi Gras colors! From 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., there will be free Bakery Nook fastnachts, coffee and Mardi Gras beads available in SSC 120 and at the Tamaqua and Allentown sites. For more information, contact Tina Dowling-Hackett at tdowlinghackett@lccc.edu or Ginny Hertzog at vhertzog@lccc.edu.

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 prevent 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 contact between the feet and the ground or walking surface. [Attached Word](#) 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 you to 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 [Winter](#) edition of the Online Learning Newsletter. This edition includes information about our training programs, a great article on creating active virtual learning communities in asynchronous courses and ideas to try, and an Accessibility, Usability, and New ADA Ruling training. We want to recognize our badge winners from the Winter on page 3 and there is 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

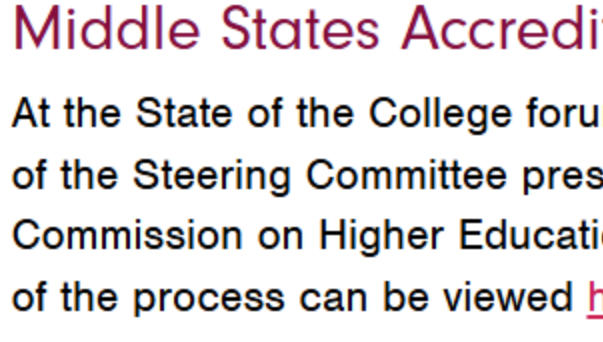
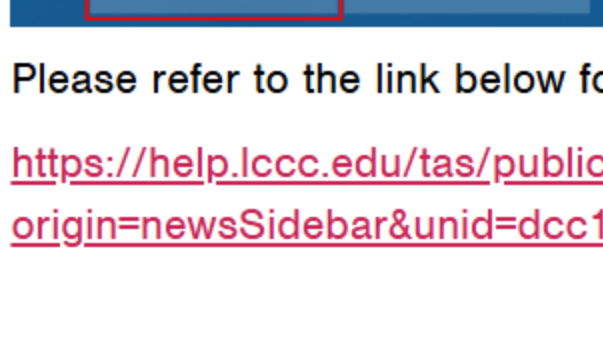
Faculty and staff will have the opportunity to receive digital badges to display on LinkedIn, email signature and other areas, highlighting their professional achievements and commitment to continued learning. A number of different badges are available to anyone who completes the required training or 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

Accept the New Security Certificate for Wi-Fi Access

Starting Feb. 26, you may be prompted to accept a new security certificate to access LCCC Wi-Fi. If you are prompted, please accept the certificate to get connected. This is a valid prompt and it is safe to trust/accept this new certificate.

Below are screenshots of what you might see.



Please refer to the link below for more detail.

<https://help.lccc.edu/its/public/sap/content/detail/knowledgeitem?origin=NewsSidebar&unid=dcc13f5215848e3a104bd6523d26219&news=true>

Middle States Accreditation Update

At the State of the College forum in January, Dean Scott Aquila and members of the Steering Committee presented an overview of the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) accreditation process. A timeline of the process can be viewed [here](#).

There are seven key stages to this process. We are currently in the second stage, which consists of the creation of a Self-Study Design (SSD) that has been submitted to MSCHE for review. The Steering Committee will receive feedback on the SSD in April during a campus visit by Dr. Ryan Hartnett, MSCHE VP for Institutional Field Relations. The Steering Committee will then incorporate the feedback into the SSD and resubmit for review. Once the Self-Study Design has been approved by MSCHE, it will be made available on the [website](#).

Questions and feedback regarding the accreditation process can be directed at any point in the process to msche@lccc.edu.

Updates on the accreditation process will be provided as the Steering Committee and Working Groups move through all stages.

ePortfolio Showcase Coaches Needed

The 2025 ePortfolio Showcase and Awards event is scheduled for Friday, March 28, at noon, in the Community Services Center.

Career Development is seeking faculty, staff, and administration as volunteers to serve as ePortfolio coaches. We currently have more than 38 students participating. We would be honored if you would consider taking on the role of coach. As a coach, you will be reviewing ePortfolios that will be in the showcase. Coaches will offer suggestions for improvements, and serve as a consultant on student presentations.

Career Development's goal is to connect students with coaches to boost our student's skills and confidence to showcase their ePortfolios. If you are interested in being an ePortfolio Showcase coach please complete the [Coaching Interest Form](#). All Coaching Interest Forms are due by Feb. 28, by 5 p.m. Any questions please email eportfolio@lccc.edu.

Fall 2025 Course Schedule Posted to Website

The course schedule for Fall 2025 has been posted to the College website, and can be viewed [here](#). Registration for Fall 2025 will open on Friday, March 7 for Veteran students and on Monday, March 10 for all students.

Nominations Open for 2025 Spirit Awards

The LCCC Spirit Committee is inviting nominations for the LCCC Spirit Award for each of the following groups: ESP staff, Administrators and Faculty which will be presented at the Employee Appreciation Ceremony in May.

Spirit awards are given annually to eligible regular full and part time ESP Staff, Administrators and Faculty. The Spirit Committee will select one award recipient in each category. The Spirit Award honors a staff or faculty member who demonstrates enthusiasm and an optimistic approach to work and creates an inclusive and supportive environment. Previous recipients of the award are not eligible.

To nominate a colleague, use [this form](#). Please use the following criteria to nominate a colleague; be prepared to offer examples of how the employee exhibits these criteria:

Positive Attitude – Consistently maintains an optimistic outlook, even during challenging situations; brings enthusiasm and energy to the workplace; helps to create a supportive environment.

Team Collaboration – Actively contributes to teamwork, supports colleagues and promotes a sense of unity; works well with others to achieve shared goals and fosters a cooperative environment.

Workplace Culture Contribution – Demonstrates commitment to fostering a positive company culture; engages in activities that promote inclusivity, diversity and respect within the college.

Going Above and Beyond – Regularly exceeds expectations in terms of performance and initiative; takes on additional responsibilities or offers to help others without being asked.

Leadership and Inspiration – Inspires others through actions and words, helping to motivate and encourage teammates; demonstrates leadership qualities, whether in formal or informal capacities.

Supportive and Empathetic Behavior – Shows genuine care and concern for the well-being of colleagues; actively listens and provides emotional support or encouragement when needed; serves others and always willing to help; inspires and encourages others.

Creativity and Problem-Solving – Brings innovative ideas to the table and helps solve problems creatively; encourages others to think outside of the box and embrace new approaches.

Commitment to the Organization's Values – Consistently aligns behavior with the company's mission, vision and values; demonstrates ethical behavior and acts with integrity.

Overall Positive Impact – Has a lasting, positive influence on the workplace environment, boosting employee morale and creating a sense of community.

The deadline to submit nominations is Friday, March 14 at 5 p.m. If you have questions, contact Tina Dowling-Hackett (tdowlinghackett@lccc.edu) or Ginny Hertzog (vhertzog@lccc.edu).

Raffle Basket Donations for the Spring Cash Bingo

The Foundation is seeking raffle baskets or raffle basket donations for our upcoming Spring Cash Bingo event on Saturday, April 26. We are looking for a variety of donations from completed, themed baskets to products and items that can be packaged together. The baskets will be displayed and raffled at the bingo event. Feel free to donate your items/basket as an individual or as a department.

If interested, please reach out to Emmalee and Rick at Foundation@lccc.edu no later than Wednesday, March 21. We appreciate your support.

Schedule a Career Development Job Fair Presentation for Spring 2025

Career Development is excited about our upcoming job fairs being held in:

Schnecksville on April 10, in the Community Services Center in the CSC ballroom from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Tamaqua/Morgan Center on March 11, in the Lobby 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Allentown/Donley Center on March 13, on the Lower Level 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Job fairs are great opportunities for our students to network with professionals, research employers, and career paths, and practice skills they've been learning in your classrooms.

Registrations for our Morgan and Donley Center are at full capacity (which includes a waiting list), and we are anticipating registration of over 85 employers for Schnecksville. All sites will have a diverse mix of employers to meet the needs of our programs.

Career Development would greatly appreciate it if you would encourage students to attend. We would also be happy to visit your classes briefly to promote the Job Fair. If you have a 5 to 10-minute (max) opening at the beginning or end of your class please complete [this form](#) to schedule a job fair presentation.

Presentations in Allentown will be held between Feb. 24 through March 7. Presentations in Schnecksville will be held between March 24 through April 7.

Transfer Fair

LCCC is excited to announce a Transfer Fair this semester for students, alumni, and the public will be held on Wednesday, March 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Community Services Center. This event will feature representatives from a variety of colleges and universities who will be available to answer questions about transferring from LCCC to a four-year institution.

The flyer for the event can be viewed and downloaded [here](#).

SPIRIT & WELLNESS

Step Aerobics

Weekly Step Aerobics is hosted every Wednesday from 12 – 12:45 p.m. in Berrier Hall Dance Studio. Step Aerobics is open to all faculty, staff and students with an ID card. For any questions or concerns, please contact Lacey Timony at LTimony@lccc.edu or 610-799-1181. Sign up [online](#).

Spirit Committee Upcoming Events

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

March

Tuesday, March 4 – Free Fastnachts and Bead Necklaces / Spirit Day: Mardi Gras

April

Friday, April 4 – Spirit Day: Day at the Ballpark

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