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THE COLLEGE VOICE

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Thank you,
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LCCC's College Relations staff can turn your creative ideas into reality. Whether it is a flyer, a video, a social media post, a poster, a social media campaign, or a photo shoot, we want to help you achieve the best results.

Submit Your Marketing Project Request

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Registration Status Reports

To view registration status reports, go to Administrative Services and then to Institutional Research.

Working @ LCCC

Duplicating Center and Mail Room Service Window Hours
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Lehigh Parkway
7:30 a.m.- 7 p.m. Monday
7:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Tuesday - Friday

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Academic Hours
Monday-Thursday: 8 a.m.-8 p.m., Friday: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
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Library Hours
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Monday-Thursday: 8 a.m.- 7 p.m.
Friday: 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.
Saturday: 8 a.m.- 12 p.m.
and Sunday: CLOSED

All hours subject to change.

President's Cabinet Members Open Office Hours

Dr. Jeff Bieber
President's Cabinet, Dr. Bieber invites Dean Chad Trexler and Dr. Jeff Bieber to join him for coffee and conversation.

VP Dr. Cindy Gomez
VP and Dr. Gomez invite 1 or 2 students to join her for coffee and conversation from 9 to 9 a.m. Email Nicole Bieber at nbieber@lccc.edu for a time slot.

VP Larissa Davis
VP Larissa Davis invites students from 10 to 11 a.m. and Dean Jim Hodge invites students from 11 to 12 p.m. Email Dr. Jim Hodge at jhodge@lccc.edu for a time slot.

Interim Dean Dr. Jodi Kovalsky
Interim Dean Dr. Jodi Kovalsky invites students to join her for coffee, by appointment. Email Jodi Kovalsky at jkovalsky@lccc.edu.

Dean Tonisha Taylor
Dean Tonisha Taylor invites students to join her for coffee, by appointment. Email Tonisha Taylor at ttaylor@lccc.edu for a time slot.

Interim Dean Andrew Fong
Interim Dean Andrew Fong invites students to join him for coffee, by appointment. Email Andrew Fong at afong@lccc.edu for a time slot.

Dean Dr. Kelly Trahan
Dean Kelly Trahan invites students to join her for coffee, by appointment. Email Dr. Kelly Trahan at ktrahan@lccc.edu for a time slot.

CIO Joshua Mitchell
CIO Joshua Mitchell invites to meet. Email jmitchell@lccc.edu for a time slot.

Dean Scott Aquila
Dean Scott Aquila invites students, by appointment. Email Dr. Aquila for a time slot.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Black History Month 2025 - African Americans in Bethlehem and the Lehigh Valley Banner Project

Each year, the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) identifies a theme for Black History Month. This year, the theme is African Americans and labor, which encompasses all the ways in which "Black people have contributed to the economic life of the nation." In honoring this month, we will highlight aspects of this theme. This week, we are focusing on the "African Americans in Bethlehem and the Lehigh Valley Banner Project." Which is on display in the Northampton County Courthouse Rotunda until Feb. 28.

The banner project features nine unique stories, including African American workers in the Lehigh Valley and the employment discrimination they faced prior to the 1964 Civil Rights Act, which inspired the development of many civil rights organizations. The project also highlights key individuals such as Esther King, who has been an outspoken force in Bethlehem for more than fifty years.

Learn more about Esther M. Lee here.

Visit the Banner Project:
Northampton County Courthouse Rotunda
669 Washington Street
Easton, PA 18042

Souper Bowl Cook-off Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the 2025 LCCC Spirit Committee Souper Bowl Cook-off!

First Place: Tomato Basil (Facilities) – $100 Amazon Gift Card
Second Place: Meatball Soup (Maintenance) – $75 Amazon Gift Card
Third Place: Curry Soup (Gaulton Hulfman) – $50 Amazon Gift Card
Best Theme: Peanut Soup (Transportation) – $25 Amazon Gift Card

Thank you to all who participated in the cook-off, and thank you to all who attended!

LCCC Hosts Art Portfolio Event

LCCC will host a Portfolio Transfer Event for students in the Arts, Communication, and Design programs on Tuesday, Feb. 18 from 1-3 p.m. in the Student Union. Representatives from various colleges and universities will be available to answer questions about student portfolios and the transfer process from LCCC to four-year institutions. They will provide insights into portfolio requirements, offer advice on building a portfolio, and discuss opportunities for students pursuing art programs at four-year schools.

Students are invited to bring digital laptops/tablets or physical copies of their portfolio for review by the college and university representatives.

Please RSVP to Lisa Snyder.

Spirit Committee Virtual Bingo

Join the LCCC Spirit Committee for virtual bingo on Wednesday, Feb. 12, from 12 – 1 p.m. Register now for one of the 25 open spots! For more information, contact Tina Dowling-Hackett at tdowlinghackett@lccc.edu or Ginny Hertzig at ghertzig@lccc.edu.

Coalition of Area Community Colleges and PASSHE Universities Benefits Students

Lehigh Carbon Community College and the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) are advancing transfer partnership reforms that will make college more affordable and more accessible for Pennsylvania college students. With the support of Governor Josh Shapiro and a bipartisan coalition of legislators, Act 81 of 2024 guarantees junior-level seats at community college graduates at PASSHE institutions. The new transfer partnership was signed by presidents representing a strong regional effort in eastern Pennsylvania that encompasses Lehigh Carbon Community College, Northampton Community College and Luzerne County Community College in partnership with Kutztown University, East Stroudsburg University and Bloomsburg University.

Each community college is working with their PASSHE regional transfer partner to determine initiatives that will help students access their most affordable pathway to a college degree. The innovative transfer partnerships will expand student access to affordable pathways to graduation, eliminating a PASSHE school and make more scholarship opportunities for students to help reduce the cost of earning a college degree in Pennsylvania.

Looking to this geographic strategy, the partnership pathways will be for Lehigh Carbon Community College to Kutztown University, Northampton Community College to East Stroudsburg University, and Luzerne County Community College to Commonwealth University.

For the full press release, click here.

LCCC Holds Information Session for Education Programs

LCCC will host an information session this spring for students interested in pursuing a career in education. A virtual session is set for 6 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 20.

The information session will highlight the college's Education programs and will be led by Education faculty and members of the education team. The session will also highlight transfer opportunities and career paths associated with the program.

The full press release can be viewed on the website.

Early Childhood Student Sonya Geisinger Honored with Prestigious VOICE for Children Award

The Pennsylvania Association for the Education of Young Children (PennAEYC) recently honored Sonya Geisinger, a second-year Early Childhood Education AAS student at LCCC, with the Prestigious of the 2025 VOICE for Children Award. This award recognizes an early childhood educator who honors early care and education professionals who go above and beyond in grassroots advocacy and public policy efforts.

In addition to being a tireless advocate for family childcare programs, workforce sustainability, and equitable access to high-quality early learning, Sonya is a dedicated and exemplary student. Sonya is currently one of nearly 40 early childhood degree students who receive fully funded tuition through the PASSHE PDG grant for early childhood educators. While managing her role as the assistant director and sole educator of Sonya Sue Geisinger's Daycare, she is also completing her Director's Credential coursework at the same time as her academic degree and maintains an outstanding level of academic excellence, professionalism and leadership. Her work ethic, participation and commitment are both respected by both her peers and faculty in the Teacher Education Department, and she is equally admired by the children and families she serves.

Sonya will be formally honored at the VOICE for Children Award Banquet in Hershey, PA, on April 4. Her fellow LCCC Teacher Education Coordinator and Instructor Megan Stella will present her award.

Please join us in celebrating Sonya's incredible achievements and this well-deserved honor!

Student Support Class Visits

Educational Support Services and Disability Support Services would like to remind everyone of the wide range of educational support services available to students at LCCC. Our goal is to provide students with the support they need to thrive, both academically and personally. Throughout their college journey, students may face challenges that impact their success, and we want to have a significant impact on their overall academic success and well-being. To make this process easier, we offer short class visits where we can briefly present the various support services available to them.

If you're interested in having us visit your class to share this information, please reach out to us at educationalsupportservices@lccc.edu or 610-799-1156 to schedule a convenient time.

Thank you for helping us ensure that all students have the resources they need to succeed!

LCCC Phontoms Outing on Feb.16

There are only a few tickets left for the LCCC Alumni Night at the Phantoms on Feb. 16 at the PPL Center. The Alumnist will take us the Wilkes-Barre Scranton Penguins. Game starts at 3:05 p.m. Secure your ticket here.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

Human Resources News

Sick LV Form

The new version of the LV has been released. Please begin using the new version for all new hires. The form can be viewed here.

Academic A Colloquy 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 award. Nominations will be reviewed by a committee and announced in the College Voice and will receive a token of appreciation and a gift card. Please use the nomination form to spotlight the excellence of a fellow employee!

Bi-Monthly Wellness Tips and Reminders

Steps, Keys, and tests account for a large percentage of medical incidents on campus and are a sign that there is a need for a conversation or concentrated change in the contact between at-risk and the process or working surface. #stepsafeliv@ are tips to aid in the prevention of slips, trips and falls.

Quick Reference for Blood Borne Pathogens Exposure
If working/open on Sunday or Monday, call 911. After you call 911, call Public Safety at x1199 to inform them you will be EMS Public Safety will meet the responder (which is EMS) at the entrance.
If working/open Tuesday-Friday, report personnel absent provide basic first aid cares. Call Public Safety at x1199. All Public Safety officers are trained in basic first aid.

The employee shall transport another employee/student to an emergency facility or hospital.

All New Employees
Lehigh Carbon 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 Training
Below are the four online trainings that will be emailed to you from Knowbe4. This is a single training that will be assigned to you. It will be a 90 day training assignment. Please complete the entire training or have the completed within the first 90 days of hire.

If you cancel your completion certificate for each training placed in your personal 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 Passwords – Security Awareness Training

A Run-How-Right Video
To view this video, go to the Department of Public Safety website page and click on the Run-How-Right video link.

If you have any questions, please contact Human Resources at x1157 or x1198.

Online Learning News

View the Winter edition of the Online Learning Newsletter. This edition includes information about the training programs, a guide to using the Leading Learners Journal, Canvas Course Checklist, and a reminder about to try, set up Accessibility, Simplify, and New ADA Rating training. We want to recognize our badge earners from the Winter and Spring classes on a page on some events around the Lehigh Valley this month. If you have any questions about anything in this edition contact ctl@lccc.edu or jmartinez@lccc.edu.

Online Learning Courses Available
Canvas Training Courses – Self-paced trainings: Trainings include: Canvas Course Certification, Bonus Course Certification, Canvas Assignments, Canvas Quizzes, Discussions, Bonus Training, and more!

Office Hours
Schedule a meeting with Rachel Peters to ask any questions on training, course development, professional development, and other technicalities.

Digital Badges
Faculty and Staff have the opportunity to receive digital badges to display on LinkedIn, email signature and other areas highlighting their professional development 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 Blog. If you have any questions about the digital badges or the requirements for them please contact ctl@lehighcarbon.edu.

REMINDERS

Internship / Volunteer Fair

Join Career Development on Tuesday, Feb. 11, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Student Union for our Spring 2025 Internship & Volunteer Fair. This event is a fantastic opportunity for students, staff, and faculty to explore ways to give back to the community and connect with local organizations. In addition to community connection, students will have the chance to network and find internships that align with their academic program and career goals. Internship opportunities and volunteer work are great ways to help them gain valuable experience.

Your involvement will make a difference – we look forward to seeing you there!

Snow date: Feb. 13. If you have any questions please email careerservices@lccc.edu.

Spring Cash Bingo

Want to win some cash?

We're excited to announce the opening of registration for the 2025 LCCC Foundation Spring Bingo to benefit student scholarships.

This year's event will be on Saturday, April 26, starting at 1 p.m. in the Community Education Center. Event attendance will be limited to 250 participants. With the size of the space, we are anticipating the event to fill up quickly.

This year, all games will award cash prizes to winners. We will also have a basket raffle and other small games of chance, food and drinks available.

Register today to ensure your space gets reserved. We appreciate your consideration of supporting LCCC student scholarships through this fundraiser. A flyer with additional information is attached.

Guidance for Interaction with Federal Agencies and Law Enforcement

The college continues to obey all federal and local laws and will follow guidelines provided by the college attorney for responding to the presence of law enforcement on campus and how that impacts our college community. The situation is evolving, so the college will continue to monitor the situation. This document outlines steps for LCCC faculty and staff to follow if Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents come to campus.

If a member of the college community is approached by a local, state or federal agency or officials requesting access or information regarding students or employees, please direct the individual to the Public Safety Office on main campus in the office on duty at the relevant location (Lehigh Campus, Tamaqua, Dorney). Please also directly contact Eric Minnich, Safety / Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, at 484-220-0465 or 610-574-5945. At the time, local law enforcement will probably not accompany federal law enforcement.

The Safety / Emergency Management Coordinator will ask for proof of identification and any applicable documents.

The coordinator will notify the Vice President of Finance and Administrative Services, who will determine additional steps, including notifying the Executive Team, College Relations and the college attorney.

The college will comply with requests to the best of its ability according to the law and extract violating FERPA protections.

If a student must be taken from class for any reason, college personnel will protect the student's dignity, when possible.

College Relations will release general information advising of an encounter without identifying information or specifics. Media requests will be directed to College Relations. If you have a concern or are aware of an upcoming visit by law enforcement, please work with the LCCC Office of Public Safety to ensure the point of contact regarding the presence of law enforcement on college property.

Please refer students who have questions or concerns to the Office of Public Safety, publicsafety@lccc.edu or 610-799-1199.

Finance Office is Offering Training

Do you need a refresher on how to create a requisition? Are you a little rusty of how to keep on with your budget? Would you like to review the invoice payment processes? Will you be traveling for the college in the near future and need to review the travel policies?

Please fill out the Finance Training Request Form located in the portal under Finance and Forms Guide Request Form.

You can also email any of the Finance Office staff to set up a training session.

Spring Open House

Spring open house will be held on April 3, from 5-7 p.m., in the Community Services Center. We will be hosting our departments and academic programs to host tables. We are looking for any new ideas or activities for this event. Please email Jennifer Aquila at laquilajennifer@lccc.edu with your ideas.

LCCC Counseling Center Spring Workshop Series

When things do not go the way we want them to go, it can be hard to keep at it, especially when our feelings or our expectations might be telling us to quit. When you want to quit, but you decide to keep going anyway, that is called persistence. Join us for our workshop on Tuesday, Feb. 11, or Wednesday, Feb. 12, in the Student Union, for an enlightening workshop on how to build your resilience muscles, so that you can face whatever comes your way with more confidence. A flyer for the event is attached here for you to share with your students.

Revolutionary Love Event at the 3EDI Center

On Wednesday, Feb. 12, at 2:30 p.m. Professor Anne Gere invites all students from her Women & Gender Studies course will host an open mic event at the 3EDI Center titled "Revolutionary Love." Creating a safe space, students will share Kaur's "Revolutionary Love" TED Talk and last week' essay "Love as a Practice of Freedom," students will present their original poetry and spoken word pieces. This will be a hybrid event; if you cannot attend in person, please consider attending virtually to support our students. RSVP here.

For questions contact Dean Tonisha Taylor at ttaylor13@lccc.edu.

SPIRIT & WELLNESS

Step Aerobics

Weekly Step Aerobics will start on Wednesday, Feb. 5, from 12 – 12:45 p.m. in Bernar Hall Dance Studio. Step Aerobics will continue each Wednesday and 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 Pancakes and Bead Necklaces / Spirit Day: Mardi Gras

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

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