

# The COLLEGE VOICE

December 23, 2024

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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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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:rblue@lccc.edu) to schedule a Hangouts meeting.

**VP Larissa Verto**  
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 [jasciuler@lccc.edu](mailto:jasciuler@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 [m Bowen@lccc.edu](mailto:m Bowen@lccc.edu) to schedule an online meeting.

**Interim Dean Dr. Jodi Rowlands**  
Wednesdays, 8 to 9 a.m. or 4 to 5 p.m. Email [jrowlands@lccc.edu](mailto:jrowlands@lccc.edu) to schedule a meeting.

**Interim Dean Eike Reichardt**  
Wednesdays from 3 to 5 p.m. Email [EReichardt@lccc.edu](mailto:EReichardt@lccc.edu) to schedule online meeting.

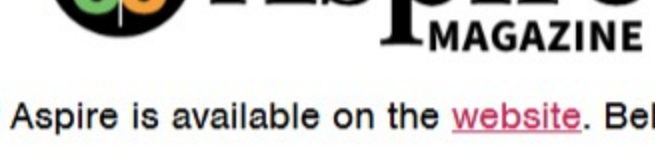
**Dean Dr. Kelly Trahan**  
Mondays from 3 to 5 p.m. Email [KTrahan@lccc.edu](mailto:KTrahan@lccc.edu) to schedule an online meeting.

**CIO Joshua Mitchell**  
Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to noon. Email [jmitchell@lccc.edu](mailto:jmitchell@lccc.edu) to schedule online meeting.

**Dean Scott Aquila**  
Email [Saquila@lccc.edu](mailto:Saquila@lccc.edu) to schedule an online or face-to-face meeting.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### New Edition of Aspire



The new edition of Aspire is available on the [website](#). Below, find links to each story.

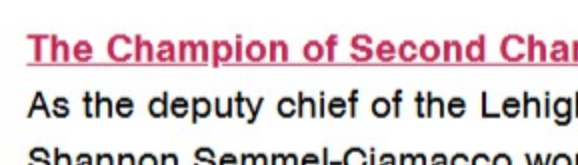
**Internship Program Provides Social Media Training for Students**  
This fall, four LCCC students learned what it takes to create an engaging social media platform with content that communicates the full spectrum of the student experience on campus.

**Foundation is Everything**  
Devon Francis says LCCC set him up for success, going all the way back to his fundamentals of writing course in 2001. "I literally still have a piece of paper with punctuation help and writing advice that my professor gave to me. I used it as a guide all through my bachelor's program," says Francis. "It's those basics that give you a foundation, and your foundation is everything."

**Student Employees: Building Skills, Confidence and Community**  
The notion of working at a college as a student may conjure images of mundane tasks such as filing and data organization, but students working across LCCC are getting the chance to work in diverse areas such as social media content creation, art gallery exhibits, science labs and IT support, just to name a few.

**The Champion of Second Chances**  
As the deputy chief of the Lehigh County Juvenile Probation Department, Shannon Semmel-Ciamacco works with youthful offenders to try to arrive at positive outcomes. But serving others and making situations better have been guiding lights for Semmel-Ciamacco her whole life. In many ways, Lehigh Carbon Community College has been part of her journey almost from the start.

### Alumni Board Presents Legacy Scholarship



On Monday, Dec. 16, members of the LCCC Alumni Association Board presented the \$1,000 Alumni Legacy Scholarship to Azella Castillo. Castillo is studying biology at LCCC and plans to transfer to a four-year institution to pursue a bachelor's degree in biology. Her long-term goal is to become a scientist and work in a microbiology lab. The Alumni Legacy Scholarship is awarded to a deserving student or students who wish to pursue their education at LCCC and are children or grandchildren of an LCCC graduate.

## ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

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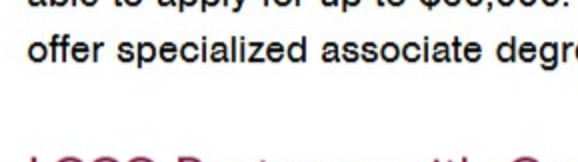
### LCCC Receives \$40,000 It's On Us Grant

LCCC has received \$40,000 as part of Gov. Shapiro's \$1.6 billion in It's On Us PA grants to combat campus sexual assault. The college was one of three in Lehigh County to receive funds (Cedar Crest College-\$40,000 and Muhlenberg College-\$37,868) and one of only three community colleges in the state. A total of 44 colleges, universities and other postsecondary institutions received funds across Pennsylvania.

The national It's On Us campaign was created by the Obama Administration to raise awareness about sexual assault, teach participants that assault includes non-consensual sex, advise them on how to identify dangerous situations, empower them to intervene, and urge them to create an environment of support for victims and survivors.

It's On Us PA is a statewide campaign that invites education leaders and all Pennsylvanians to be part of the solution to protect students from sexual violence. Eligible institutions and schools with 10,000 or fewer students were able to request up to \$40,000; those with more than 10,000 students were able to apply for up to \$60,000. Private licensed career schools that do not offer specialized associate degrees could request up to \$10,000.

### LCCC Partners with CareerLink and Community Services for Children to Launch Inaugural CDA Practicum Program



Lehigh Carbon Community College (LCCC) has proudly partnered with CareerLink Lehigh Valley and Community Services for Children (CSC) in Allentown to establish the inaugural Child Development Associate (CDA) practicum program. This innovative initiative aims to equip parents of children attending CSC with the skills and knowledge needed to become early childhood educators.

As part of their final assignment in the first course of the program, participants recently completed family research presentations at CSC's downtown Allentown location. The event provided an excellent opportunity for aspiring early childhood educators, industry professionals, and community supporters to connect, celebrate progress, and strengthen the growing impact of the CDA practicum program.

The program was created with the vision of empowering future educators to build nurturing learning environments. As an apprenticeship-inspired model, it combines hands-on training, mentorship, and classroom instruction, and offers a structured pathway for participants to earn their CDA credential. In addition to this newly launched collaboration, LCCC currently operates a CDA practicum program with the Early Childhood Education Professional Development Organization (ECE PDO). To date, more than 50 students have successfully completed their CDA or earned hours toward their associate degrees through LCCC's program.

LCCC's CSC-CDA practicum program extends its heartfelt gratitude to the following individuals whose generosity and commitment to early childhood education have been instrumental in the program's success. Their support is helping shape a brighter future for children in our community:

- Karen Lockard, CareerLink
- Sandra Genzel, Vice President, Preschool Services, CSC
- Nyanda Finley de Santos, Director, Family and Community Engagement, CSC
- Dr. Kelly Trahan, Dean of Education, Arts, Computer Science, Online Learning, and the Center for Innovation and Learning, LCCC
- Megan Strella, Teacher Education Department Coordinator, LCCC
- Elizabeth Shope, Special Projects Coordinator, LCCC

Through collaborations like these, LCCC continues to foster community partnerships that ensure quality education and workforce development for the next generation of educators.

## Updates to myLCCC Tiles

Season's greetings, myLCCC users!

On Tuesday, Dec.17, we will be updating the names of various tiles in myLCCC. These changes are shown below:

### BannerWeb → 'Self Service'



### Alert → 'Messages'



### Omnilert Notification System → 'Emergency Alerts'



### Faculty/Staff Only: Emergency → 'Emergency Resources'



Have thoughts on these changes? Please let us know [here!](#)

Happy Holidays,  
LCCC IT

## State of the College Forum Set for Jan. 21

The spring semester State of the College forum is scheduled for 9 – 11 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 21, and will include a wide-ranging update from Dr. Bieber; the Executive Team; Scott Aquila, Melanie Turrano and Jennifer Myskowski, steering committee co-chairs for our Self-Study Design for the Middle States re-accreditation process. The forum will be held in the Community Services Center ballroom. Although a virtual option is available, everyone is encouraged to attend the forum in person to build energy together at the beginning of the semester and promote collegiality as we embark on the integral accreditation process.

Come early for a continental breakfast starting at 8:30 a.m. and catch up with colleagues in preparation for a busy spring semester.

Information will be provided on the newly formed State Board of Higher Education, legislative updates, the Governor's 2025 upcoming budget address, the college's budget, facilities renovations, public safety updates, enrollment, information technology developments, and academic programs (new, low enrolled, workforce). The Executive Team update will be followed by a presentation on Middle States accreditation.

## Testing Center Winter Break Hours of Operation

The Testing Center hours for Dec.16 – 23 and Jan. 2 – 10 will be:

Mondays through Thursdays: 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
Fridays: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

## 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.

## SPIRIT & WELLNESS

### Weekly Yoga

Starting in the spring semester, weekly yoga classes will be held in Berrier Hall, Dance Room. Classes will be every Thursday at 2:30 p.m. Email [LTimony@lccc.edu](mailto:LTimony@lccc.edu) to register.

### Wellness Center Winter Hours

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

The Wellness Center will be closed on the following dates:

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

### Spirit Committee Upcoming Events

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

#### January

Wednesday, Jan. 8 – Virtual Office Bingo

Friday, Jan. 24 – Spirit Day: LCCC Swag

Wednesday, Jan. 29 – Hot Cocoa and Oler Day

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