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## LCCC Students Named 2022-2023 All-Pennsylvania Academic Team Members

Lehigh Carbon Community College students Emma Hope of Tamaqua and Evangelique Myers of Whitehall have been named members of the 2022-2023 All-Pennsylvania Academic Team, sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa (the international honor society for two-year colleges), the Coca Cola Corporation, the State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) and the Pennsylvania Commission for Community Colleges (PACCC). The students were recognized with other award recipients state-wide in Harrisburg on March 27.



Emma Hope, graduate of Tamaqua High School, is a psychology major at LCCC as well as president of the Student Government Association. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and Psi Beta, the national honor society for psychology majors at two-year schools. She is in the Honor Scholars

Program at LCCC and is a peer mentor for the First Year Experience. She has volunteered at numerous college events including New Student Convocation, Open House, Spirit Week and the Service and Activities Fair. Hope plans to continue her education in psychology at Kutztown University.

In addition, Hope has been named a 2023 New Century Transfer Pathway Scholar and will receive a \$2,250 scholarship. Selection was based on the score earned in the All-USA Academic Team competition, which received more than 2,400 applications this year. Nominations were evaluated on academic achievement, leadership, service and significant endeavors. Hope received the highest score in Pennsylvania and is the only recipient from the Commonwealth.

The New Century Scholar program is sponsored by the Coca-Cola Foundation and the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation, with additional support provided by the

American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) and Phi Theta Kappa. Hope and other recipients nationwide will be recognized at the AACC Convention in April in Denver.



Evangelique Myers lives in Whitehall and graduated from Dulles High School in Texas. She is a biology and chemical technology major at LCCC. She is the Honors in Action Chair for Phi Theta Kappa, serving as the lead scholar to research, plan and implement the chapter's project. In

addition, Myers has volunteered at the college as a tour guide for Open House and for numerous PTK outreach and awareness events. She also represented LCCC at the PTK Middle States Region, Summer Leadership Conference and Regional Convention and completed the PTK Edge Research course. She is also a peer mentor for the First Year Experience. Myers plans to continue her studies in biology and chemical technology at West Chester University.

Selection for the academic team is competitive and students must have completed at least 36 credits at a community college and earned a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher. Community college presidents or their designated nominators may submit no more than two nominations per campus for this award. An independent panel of judges considers outstanding academic rigor, grade point average, academic and leadership awards, and engagement in college and community service in the selection process.

Each member of the All-Pennsylvania Academic Team receives a full two-year scholarship to any of the universities in the PASSHE system and competes at the national level for scholarships from the All-USA Academic Team and the Coca-Cola Community College Academic Team. ■

## LCCC Tamaqua Expands Services for Students with Food Insecurity

The Tamaqua site has received a grant from the Pennsylvania Hunger Free Campus to expand services for students experiencing food insecurity. The Cougar Cabinet, in partnership with Helping Harvest, will open March 20 and will offer prepackaged pantry boxes and a selection of grocery staples. The site is also working with St. Luke's Health Care Network for lunch and learn programs and distributing earth boxes to expand access to healthy foods and increasing personal care items.



All members of the LCCC community are welcome to visit the cabinet once a week. Hours are subject to change each semester due to staff availability.

12:45-4 p.m., Mondays  
11 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Tuesdays  
4-5 p.m., Wednesdays  
4-5 p.m., Thursdays  
11 a.m.-1 p.m., Fridays

Also, pantry boxes are available at the Morgan Center front desk during regular business hours of 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday-Thursday; and 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday. All visits are free and confidential.

First-time patrons of the food cabinet need to complete the [declaration of need](#) form. Once the form is submitted, all patrons simply complete the log sheet upon entry to the pantry.

The LCCC Tamaqua Cougar Cabinet is located in room 203 of the Morgan Center. Cougar Cabinet appointments are also available upon request by calling 570-668-6880 or emailing [morganreception@lccc.edu](mailto:morganreception@lccc.edu). ■

## LCCC Earns 2023-24 Military Friendly® Schools Designation

Once again, Lehigh Carbon Community College has earned the title of Military Friendly® School based on both public data sources and responses from a proprietary survey. The college received Silver designation for its work to assist veterans and active military and their families. The full list will be published in the May issue of G.I. Jobs Magazine and is on [www.militaryfriendly.com](http://www.militaryfriendly.com).

More than 1,800 schools participated in the 2023-24 survey with 530 earning special awards for going above the standard. The MFS designation identifies a school that provides service members and their families with information about post-military education and career opportunities, including on-campus veterans programs, credit for service, military spouse programs and more. Institutions are rated on student retention, graduation, job placement, loan repayment, persistence (degree advancement or transfer) and loan default rates for all students and specifically for student veterans.

LCCC continues to provide resources and support services to more than 400 active military and veteran students, including their spouses and dependents, to meet their specific needs while attending college. Resources include veterans' lounges at both the Schnecksville and Tamaqua campuses, preferred scheduling, scholarship opportunities and a dedicated Veterans Support Team to provide the resources needed to successfully transition to college. The LCCC Veterans Club provides an opportunity to find support, a purpose and make connections with fellow veteran and military students. In addition, the Veteran Advisory Board ensures LCCC remains current on relevant veteran-related issues. Students can also join SALUTE Veterans National Honor Society that recognizes academic achievements.

Institutions nationwide are named Military Friendly® Schools after completing a survey that asks about military support on campus, employment outcomes and graduation. Founded in 2001, Viqtor is a service-disabled, veteran-owned small business that connects the military community to civilian employment, educational and entrepreneurial opportunities.

For more information on LCCC's veterans programs, contact Ariel Van Dam, assistant director of returning adults and veterans, at [avandam@lccc.edu](mailto:avandam@lccc.edu) or 610-799-1545. ■

# Prospective Students Invited to LCCC Spring 2023 Open House on April 13

Prospective students and their families are invited to Lehigh Carbon Community College's in-person spring open house on Thursday, April 13, in the Community Services Center on the college's main campus in Schnecksville. The open house will be held from 6 to 8 p.m.

Admissions and financial aid representatives, academic advisors as well as faculty program coordinators will be on hand to answer questions. The open house is an excellent opportunity for prospective students of all ages to learn about degree and career programs, tour the campus, learn about scholarship opportunities and how LCCC can pave the way for an exciting and rewarding career or transfer to earn a bachelor's degree. Families are encouraged to attend with their prospective student.

- Meet with faculty coordinators about degrees and the many programs that interest you
- Learn about the LCCC admissions process, advising, transfer options, placement testing, athletic opportunities and more
- Attend presentations on financial aid and scholarships (offered in both English and Spanish), educational support and the Honors program
- Learn about classes and campus life
- Take a campus tour

Interested students should register at [www.lccc.edu/openhouse](http://www.lccc.edu/openhouse) or contact the LCCC Admissions Office at 610-799-1575 or [admissions@lccc.edu](mailto:admissions@lccc.edu). ■

## Admissions Book Wins Design Award



The new Admissions View Book, designed by the college's ad agency 3Seed Marketing, Design and Interactive, won a Silver Addy from the Greater Lehigh Valley American Advertising

Federation at the ceremony in March. The view book is the main recruitment piece and features LCCC students as well as infographics, a welcome from Dr. Bieber and information of interest to prospective students. Concept was developed in coordination with Admissions and College Relations. ■



## Driving into a New Career

When Lehigh Carbon Community College business management student Lauren McChesney saw the "for sale" sign in front of oldest drive-in movie theater in the U.S., she thought there was no way she and her partner, Matthew McClanahan, would have a chance to purchase such a landmark. Now the co-owner and business development director of Shankweiler's Drive-in Theater, she's ready to make her mark in the Schnecksville community.



"I worked in medical social work for a long time," McChesney says. When she met her partner at a drive-in theater, she realized she wanted to change career fields. Her interests began to shift to marketing and sales, and after a successful run in the medical industry, she joined her partner's business full time. Together, they manage The Moving Picture Cinema. "The whole goal," McChesney says, "is to bring the same drive-in experience to places that don't have access to it." The Moving Picture Cinema has shown films all over Bucks and Montgomery Counties.

Even with the success of their business, McChesney had always dreamed of managing her own drive-in theater. She knew she couldn't pass up the opportunity to purchase Shankweiler's once it was up for sale, so she and her partner began the process. "That's really why I went back to school," she says, "so I would know how to do things like hiring people. I had already written a business plan, but [LCCC helped] with finessing that."

McChesney's business classes also helped her beyond the technical side of running a drive-in. "We're constantly meeting with people now," she says. "I'm definitely in a place where I feel more confident speaking to the business aspect of our goals, whereas, at the beginning, I was just terrified."

At the conclusion of the purchasing process, McChesney was ecstatic to open Shankweiler's to the community with open arms. The opportunities for partnerships within Schnecksville, she says, couldn't wait. "We really want to partner with a lot of charitable groups in our area, like education...Shankweiler's should be a mainstay of the community." She hopes more members of the LCCC community will visit this historic theater.

Read more in the most recent edition of *Aspire* [here](#). ■

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## Important Dates for April 2023

- April 7** College Closed, No Daytime or Evening Classes
- April 11** Dual Enrollment Virtual Information Session, 5-5:30 p.m.  
Financial Aid Help Sessions Morgan Center, 5, 6 or 7 p.m.
- April 13** Spring Open House, 6-9 p.m.
- April 19** Financial Aid Help Sessions Donley Center, 5, 6 or 7 p.m.
- April 26** Education Programs Information Session, 6-7:30 p.m.

## Staff vs. Student Basketball Game

On March 9, LCCC hosted the 2nd Annual Staff vs. Student basketball game. After an exciting back and forth game, the staff were victorious for the second year, defeating the student team, 62-60. Additional photos can be viewed [here](#). ■



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