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LCCC Expands Mobile Manufacturing Training Capability

The LCCC Center for Workforce and Leadership Development has purchased and outfitted a second mobile lab for manufacturing certificate training. The lab is equipped to teach Industrial Automation Level 1 and prepare students with the next generation of skills for a computer-driven, data-intensive, advanced manufacturing workplace.

The mobile lab will service Northern Tier manufacturing clients, where sending students to the main campus may prove costly and time prohibitive. Our first mobile manufacturing lab has been serving clients since 2018. The addition of a second lab will help meet the growing demand for maintenance technician training.



New LCCC Electrical and Computer Engineering Degree Prepares Students for Lucrative Careers

Students attracted to both electrical and computer fields will be able to prepare for careers in the combined electrical and computer engineering industry through a new associate degree program at Lehigh Carbon Community College. The A.A.S. in Electrical and Computer Engineering Technology is designed to prepare students for technical positions in growing fields such as telecommunications, biomedical, manufacturing and energy production.

The program will be available starting in the Fall 2023 semester.

Students will develop the skills to analyze, design and implement electrical and computer systems.

Graduates will be qualified for jobs such as electrical and computer engineering technician, electronics technician, software engineering technician, systems and hardware development technician, assistant system designer and installer, industrial maintenance technician, quality control technician or technical writer.

The program can be completed in as little as four semesters. Industry support for this new program is strong, with promising options for employment.

For more information, contact Admissions at 610-799-1575 or Admissions@LCCC.edu. ■

Aspira Scholarship Recipients



The recipients of the Aspira Scholarship gathered on January 19 for lunch, introductions, and day one of mentorship training. The Aspira First Year Experience course is designed to support Hispanic and Latino/a/x students as they make their transition to college. It is a free ten-week course that introduces students to campus services, covers topics such as study skills and time management, and also explores topics of Latino/a/x identity and community. The course includes a component in which Aspira students mentor incoming first-year students. For more information, please contact Natalie DeRosa, Latinx Support Coordinator, at nderosa@lccc.edu or 610-799-1792.



New Student Convocation

New students had a chance to meet with representatives from all student service departments, visit the bookstore and receive a tour of campus during the spring new student convocation held on January 20. ■







LCCC Featured in Al Dia

The Philadelphia-based Al Dia publication has featured LCCC in two recent articles.

An article written by Renata Kaminski for the Dec. 12 issue highlights the scarcity of Hispanic Serving Institutions in Pennsylvania while shining a light on Lehigh Carbon Community College as one of the three Pennsylvania schools to receive the designation. The article can be viewed here.

For the Jan. 17 issue, writer Jennifer Hernandez covered the LCCC Spring Convocation ceremony, as well as the college's initiatives to support its mission of growing Latinx student success. Hernandez highlights the HSI Task Force that has been formed to develop and implement the supports needed to serve students in accordance with the Seal of Excelencia, for which LCCC will apply. The article may be viewed here.

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Important Dates for February 2023

- Feb. 1 **Bookstore Pop-Up Shop at Donley Center**
- Feb. 17 **Campus Visit to Bucknell University**
- Feb. 20 Dual Enrollment Information Session 1 - 3 p.m.
- Feb. 20 Virtual Admissions Information Session 5 - 6 p.m.
- Feb. 20 Admissions Information Session at Tamagua Site 10 a.m. - Noon
- Feb. 28 HVACR Class Shadow: Air Conditioning and Refrigeration 1 from 6 - 9 p.m.

Admissions Fast Track Event

To help students get registered for the spring semester, LCCC held a Fast Track Registration event on January 19. The event provided prospective students with the opportunity to get assistance completing all required steps to enroll without the need for an appointment. Students who attended were able to receive assistance with the following:

- Completing the application for Spring 2023
- Meet with admissions and financial aid representatives
- Meet with an advisor
- Register for classes
- Set up a payment plan through the Business Office

A total of 41 students attended the event with 30 students registering for the spring semester.

Classes began January 23. ■

Equity Center Construction



Construction of the new Equity Center is underway. The center will be housed on the second floor of the Academic Resource Center and will provide a welcoming,

sanctuary space, providing resources and support to deepen understanding of identity, intersectionality, equity, inclusion and belonging, while working to address conditions that create disadvantages. Programming will include lunch and learn series, book discussions, speakers, displays of student work, student-led discussions, and acknowledgement of different celebrations. Student clubs will also be able to hold regular meetings in the space. On a daily basis, the space will be open to students to take a break and play games and other available activities.

The Equity Center is projected to open in late August of 2023. ■