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LCCC Hosts Tony Boyle Memorial Golf Classic

The LCCC Foundation will host the Tony Boyle Memorial Golf Classic on Monday, Oct. 2, at The Club at Twin Lakes in Allentown.

The registration fee is \$250 for an individual golfer, which includes 18 holes of golf with green fees, cart, continental breakfast, lunch and a promotional gift. Golfer registration begins at 8 a.m. Golfers will play a scramble format with a shotgun start at 9:30 a.m. and conclude with cocktails and a lunch buffet.

Sponsorship and advertising opportunities are still available, ranging from the \$10,000 title sponsor level to tee sponsor for \$250, with a variety of levels in between. Golfers will also have the opportunity to purchase a super ticket package, which includes a five-person one-week stay at a vacation home in Pinehurst, NC, providing unlimited access to courses 1-6 including the famous #2 course.

All proceeds for the event will benefit the Promise and Aspira Scholarships at LCCC.

For registration or event details, contact JoEllen Rooney, Alumni and Events Manager, at 610-799-1929, JRooney@lccc.edu or visit www.lccc.edu/specialevents. ■



LCCC Offers Saturday Office Hours for Fall Registration

For the convenience of students who are registering for the Fall 2023 semester, LCCC will hold virtual office hours on Saturdays, Aug. 19 and Aug. 26, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., to help students with services they need to be ready for the fall semester. Contact information for each of the services available is below.



The following services will be offered via email or phone on Aug. 19 and 26:

- Admissions – 610-799-1575 or Admissions@lccc.edu,
- Academic Advising – schedule an [appointment](#) online. (Appointments must be scheduled in advance – no one will be available to answer phone calls or emails on those days.)
- Financial Aid – 610-799-1133 or finaid@mymail.lccc.edu
- Make tuition payment or set up payment plan – Business Office, 610-799-1592 or bursar1@mymail.lccc.edu
- Registration/Student Records – 610-799-1171 or registrar@mymail.lccc.edu

All tuition payments are due at time of registration. Current students can register or make payment online through the portal <http://my.LCCC.edu/>.

Fall classes begin Aug. 28, and students can register through Sept. 5. For more information, visit www.lccc.edu or contact LCCC at 610-799-1575. ■

Alumni Profile: Amanda Sodl

Amanda Sodl had a list of criteria for the colleges she was considering: close to home and affordable were at the top; an Honors Program would be “nice to have.” Lehigh Carbon Community College checked every box.



Sodl was unclear of her path beyond selecting a school. “I didn’t know what I wanted to major in.

I figured starting at a community college was a good fit. I had the resources to explore and figure out what I wanted to do before I felt really pressured into making decisions.”

While Sodl knew she wanted to be in the Honors Program, having seen her older brother participate in the program, a meeting with her academic advisor the first semester helped Sodl chart her course for a math major. Sodl recalls, “She was trying to help me choose a direction for the Honors Program, either STEM or liberal arts. She saw my SAT scores and grades. I did really well in the math courses. She said, ‘If you like math, it would be a great path for you to go down.’”

After earning her associate degree in 2021, Sodl transferred to Muhlenberg College for many of the same reasons she’d chosen LCCC—affordability, proximity to home, familiarity with the school and a family connection. Her older brother had also chosen Muhlenberg after LCCC. “It felt right,” she admits. “I liked the campus. It’s in a really nice community and it reminded me of my high school.” The transfer process was “pretty seamless,” she said. “I had a clear idea of where I wanted to transfer to so the process was easy for me.” She would advise any student planning to transfer to, “Contact the schools they are interested in

and ask for an evaluation of exactly how their LCCC credits will transfer; I did this for Muhlenberg and Cedar Crest College and it helped me a lot in making my decision.” LCCC prepared her for various aspects of attending a four-year school. “It helped to have the social interaction at LCCC that I did, on a smaller campus with lots of people from different backgrounds. It was a good way to integrate myself into college. Sometimes when students transfer, they are overwhelmed or overstimulated, but I feel I had a really smooth transition.”

Thanks to LCCC, Sodl felt prepared for the demanding courseload at Muhlenberg. “I think the courses I took at LCCC, specifically the path I went down, was a good base for being a math major. I had courses at LCCC that aren’t offered at Muhlenberg. The fact that I’d been exposed to different types of math gave me an advantage. I was taking courses at Muhlenberg and had seen some of the concepts, where my classmates hadn’t.”

Sodl was part of a team of presenters from Muhlenberg at this year’s Joint Mathematics Meeting (JMM), the largest mathematics meeting in the world. The conference is hosted annually in early January by the American Mathematical Society, and features presentations and breakout sessions from over a dozen partners. “The topic dealt with Almost Pythagorean Triples, a number theory project. I was interested in it, and the conference was a cool experience. It was really interesting to meet people who all have a passion for math. It’s kind of hard—if I want to have a deep conversation about something math-related, I have to find a certain audience,” she said.

Looking ahead, Sodl plans to attend graduate school and pursue a doctorate in math. Sodl advises others, particularly women in STEM fields, to stay true to themselves, “Stick to what you want and focus on your own goals. No STEM field is easy, so it’s trying at times, especially for females. External pressures might make you feel you shouldn’t be doing what you’re doing. Sometimes I’m the only one who notices I’m the only female in the room. Remember, your thoughts matter. If you’re pursuing a STEM field, you’re probably prepared for it.” ■



LCCC Sponsors Tamaqua Summer Concert

Enjoy a relaxing evening of free musical entertainment as part of the Tamaqua Area Chamber of Commerce Summer Concert Series at the LCCC-sponsored concert on Thursday, Aug. 31. The McGeehan Duo will be performing from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the historic Tamaqua Train Station platform. It is free to attend, and spectators should bring their own chair or blanket. The concert will be held weather permitting. Food trucks will be on site. For more information, go to www.tamaqua.net. ■

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Important Dates for August 2023

- August 2** Continuing Student Virtual Information Session, 10 a.m.
- August 3** Art, Rhythm and Tasting Event, 3-6 p.m., Rothrock Library
Transfer/Guest/Visiting Student Virtual Information Session, 2 p.m.
- August 7** Returning Adult Student Virtual Information Session, 4 p.m.
- August 8** Dual Enrollment Virtual Information Session, 5 p.m.
- August 10** Continuing Student Virtual Information Session, 11 a.m.
- August 14** Transfer/Guest/Visiting Student Virtual Information Session, 10 a.m.
- August 16** Continuing Student Virtual Information Session, 3 p.m.
- August 23** Adjunct/Part-Time Faculty Convocation
General Student Virtual Information Sessions, 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.
- August 28** Fall Classes Start

Lehigh Valley CDA Apprenticeship Celebration

The inaugural Lehigh Valley CDA Apprenticeship Celebration took place on Thursday, June 22, at Northampton Community College. During the ceremony, CDA apprentices who have successfully completed their program at Lehigh Carbon Community College and Northampton Community College were recognized. The event included a graduation and awards ceremony. The event speaker was Liz Knouse, Director, ECE Professional Development Organization at the PA State System of Higher Education, who encouraged attendees to, "Be their best self in the field with the knowledge that the first step, the hardest of steps, was accomplished."



The CDA Apprenticeship Program was established with the vision of equipping early childhood educators with the necessary skills, knowledge and confidence to create nurturing learning environments. This unique program combines hands-on training, mentorship and classroom instruction, providing aspiring educators with a structured pathway to obtain a Child Development Associate (CDA) credential. ■

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