



2024 Commencement

On May 15, the 57th Lehigh Carbon Community College Commencement ceremony was held at the PPL Center in Allentown. There were 487 graduates in attendance. More photos can be viewed on our [Flickr](#). ■



Nurse Pinning Ceremony

On May 15, 132 graduates from the Practical Nursing and Nursing programs held their pinning ceremony.

Additional photos can be viewed on the LCCC [Flickr](#). ■



Student Awards and Recognition Ceremony

Students involved in clubs and organizations were recognized at the annual end of year ceremony. The Class of 2024 Academic Awards were also presented.

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LCCC Receives Grant from Dollar General Literacy Foundation to Support English Language Learners

For the third year in a row, LCCC has received a grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation (DGLF) to support LCCC's adult literacy program.

The \$8,000 grant will allow LCCC to continue providing adult literacy programming at the Donley Center in downtown Allentown. Specifically, funds will provide English language learners with additional online resources to develop their reading, speaking and digital literacy skills, all of which are critical to obtaining employment.

LCCC's adult literacy program helps non-native speakers develop essential language skills so they can be successful in the community and workplace. Classes are held 2-4 days per week in-person, through remote learning or in a hybrid format at LCCC's downtown Allentown site.

LCCC received a grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation in 2023 to purchase an online learning platform to enhance instruction for the college's English language learners. More than 200 ESL students utilized the online learning tool in the first year with 93% of students accessing resources outside of class time to practice their language skills. With the foundation's additional support, LCCC will expand its usage of its online learning platform so that more ESL students have the opportunity to develop their language proficiency and enhance their life skills, digital literacy, work readiness and civics education.



This local grant is a part of the Foundation's \$10.6+ million donated to support adult, family and summer literacy programs in the 48 states in which Dollar General operates. With these grants, the DGLF has helped more than 20 million individuals achieve their educational dreams since its inception in 1993.

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation supports organizations that increase access to educational programming, stimulate and enable innovation in the delivery of educational instruction and inspire a love of reading. Each year, DGLF awards funds to nonprofit organizations, schools, and libraries within a 15-mile radius of a Dollar General store or distribution center to support adult, family, summer and youth literacy programs.

For more information on LCCC's literacy programs, contact Allison Ludlow, assistant director of literacy, aludlow@lccc.edu.

LCCC Student Receives Prestigious Jack Kent Cooke National Transfer Scholarship



Marie Victoire Alexis, a graduating student at Lehigh Carbon Community College, is one of 60 high-achieving community college students from across the nation selected to receive the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation's Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship. The highly competitive national scholarship aims for Cooke Scholars to complete their undergraduate educations

with as little debt as possible. The award, which is last dollar funding after all institutional aid, can provide Marie with as much as \$55,000 a year to complete a bachelor's degree.

Marie, an international student from Haiti, was one of only three students from Pennsylvania to receive this scholarship. She also received the All-USA Academic Team Scholarship, the All-PA Academic Team Scholarship, and was named a 2024 New Century Transfer Pathway Scholar from Phi Theta Kappa honor society.

A psychology major, Marie served as president of the LCCC Student Government Association and vice president of the college's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. Marie was also a peer mentor with the First-Year Experience, was an Honors Scholar and was selected to participate in the Bucknell University Summer Program in 2023. She was also a member of the Student Advisory Council for Equity, Inclusion and Belonging. As an international student, Marie took advantage of numerous opportunities to overcome challenges and to be an involved member of the student community.

She graduated from LCCC in May 2024. She plans to enter Bucknell University in the fall to major in psychology.

Nearly 1,700 applications from over 380 community colleges were received this year. Applicants were evaluated on their academic performance, financial need, persistence, community service and leadership quality. leadership qualities. The full list of recipients is available [online](#).

Dual Enrollment Student Receives Full-Tuition Scholarship

Congratulations to Amaiya Kavachery, LCCC dual enrollment student, on receiving a four-year, full-tuition scholarship to Cedar Crest College. Kavachery is the first of two students in the Future Educators program at LCTI.



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Important Dates for June 2024

June 12 Nursing Info Session, 5-6:15 p.m.

June 18 Virtual Returning Adult and Veteran Info
Session, 5:30-6 p.m.

LCCC and Drexel University Sign Agreement to Streamline Transfer Admissions

Graduating students from LCCC have an additional option for continuing their higher education thanks to an agreement between LCCC and Drexel University.

The agreement between the two institutions is designed for eligible graduates of programs with undergraduate equivalents at Drexel. Engineering students from LCCC will be

able to enter any of the 10 Drexel Engineering programs. And, any LCCC graduate with an associate degree can enter the Drexel General Studies program.

In addition, the Drexel Promise scholarship, which began in the fall 2023, offers a 50% tuition scholarship at Drexel to eligible community

college graduates. To be eligible for the promise scholarship, students must be enrolled full-time at Drexel, take courses on-campus and maintain a minimum

2.0 cumulative GPA for a maximum of 12 academic quarters.

For information about transferring from Lehigh Carbon Community College, contact Fauzia Graham, LCCC's transfer advisor, at fgraham@lccc.edu or call 610-799-1691.

For information on Drexel University's transfer options, contact April Torgun, director, Transfer Admissions, at Drexel University, alk35@drexel.edu, or call 215-895-6449. Information on the Promise Scholarship is available [here](#). ■



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