Upcoming Events

March 17  Professor Mary Walters, a Harvard University Sociologist, to speak about Immigrant Dreams and American Realities: Race, Legal Status and the integration of Immigrants and Their children in the Lisa Scheller-Wayne Woodman CSC at 4 p.m.

March 21  Raising the Paw event to benefit the Jennifer L. Snyder Memorial Veterinary Technician Scholarship Fund.

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF UPCOMING ACCREDITATION REVIEW VISIT BY THE ACEN: Lehigh Carbon Community College (LCCC) wishes to announce that it will host a site review for continuing accreditation of its Practical Nursing (PN) program by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN). You are invited to meet the site visit team and share your comments about the program in person at a meeting scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2015, at the main campus, located at 4525 Education Park Drive, Schnecksville, PA 18078. Written comments are also welcome and should be submitted directly to:
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Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing
3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850
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In January, President Obama announced a nationwide proposal for tuition-free education at community colleges across the U.S.

With the release of the announcement and statement from the President, local media from the Poconos, Northern Tier region, the Lehigh Valley’s Morning Call, as well as their Washington D.C. affiliate, and specifically NBC’s Philadelphia affiliate, NBC 10 News, contacted Lehigh Carbon Community College for reactions on how the proposal would benefit those in the Lehigh Valley.

“Many of the students we have at our community college are first-generation students. Our five locations go from urban to rural so the students who would benefit would reflect those populations. I believe this opportunity will also help increase high school graduation,” noted Dr. Ann D. Bieber.

Dr. Ann D. Bieber spoke at length with the NBC 10 News affiliate, which broadcast their segment live from the main campus in Schnecksville. Dr. Ann D. Bieber commented on how beneficial the proposal, termed The College Promise, would be for all students, veterans and returning adults to fulfill their educational aspirations.

The proposal detailed qualifying criteria for students of all ages, not just recent high school graduates would benefit from the proposal as long as they maintain a 2.5 grade point average.

According to the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC), one of the most positive features of the Promise plan is that it would allow students to use their federal student aid, such as Pell Grants, to pay for books, equipment, transportation, and living expenses. Although community college remains a bargain—tuition for a full-time, full-year student averages $3,347—the cost of attending college includes many expenses beyond tuition. States would have to participate in the program in order for colleges to be eligible. They would be required to provide matching funding, engage in certain specific policies including performance-based state funding and commit to some type of postsecondary education maintenance of effort. AACC has long supported policies designed to prevent states from dis-investing in higher education. Not all community college programs would be eligible for the Promise plan’s free tuition. They would have to meet certain specified standards, to be determined.
Alumni Association Receives Donations

LCCC Foundation received a $500,000 gift that will provide scholarships to area students. The gift from the Donald B. and Dorothy L. Stabler Foundation will set up a permanently endowed scholarship fund to support students who want to learn skills that will significantly increase their earning power.

The Stabler scholarships will support both credit and non-credit students from Lehigh County who are economically disadvantaged. The primary focus will be residents of the City of Allentown, with preference to graduates from the Allentown School District.

“The generous contribution from the Stabler Foundation will open doors for many people who may think they can’t afford to attend college or pursue career training,” said Dr. Ann D. Bieber. “Many high school students and low-income residents who are most in need of good employment opportunities find the cost of education or workforce training prohibitive. In addition, preparing people for the workforce will benefit employers in the area who need qualified and skilled workers.”

The Foundation also received a $2,500 check from the Nationwide Alumni Association. This program directly benefits the Krisko Agency.

LCCC Featured on Lehigh Valley’s PEAK TV

Lehigh Valley’s own PEAK TV, a locally produced television show on WFMZ Channel 69, aired a special continuing education segment featuring Lehigh Carbon Community College’s Bachelor of Applied Science program. The segment included interview footage with LCCC President Dr. Ann D. Bieber, LTCI Director Sandy Himes, David Semmel, an LCCC BASTL program student and Director of Bachelor of Applied Science Program Vincent Basile.

An interview with Nancy Dischrit, Executive Director of the Lehigh Valley Workforce Investment Board, on the importance of career education, completed the segment.

The segment, titled Continuing Education, may be viewed and downloaded at http://vimeo.com/114909810.

Additional Parking Near Donley Offers Convenience to Students and Faculty

To provide students and faculty additional parking availability in downtown Allentown, Lehigh Carbon Community College came to a mutual agreement with the Allentown Parking Authority to secure parking for students, faculty and staff in the Fountain Parking Lot.

This parking lot is available from 5 p.m.-10 p.m., Monday through Thursday. An LCCC parking pass must be displayed in the vehicle. The passes are available in the security office for any students or faculty members who do not already have one. Please also be advised, violators parking at the lot outside of that time range will be subject to being towed.

LCCC criminal justice graduate and veteran Nicole Hughes (pictured in the Phantoms jersey) was honored at a recent Phantoms hockey game at PPL Center in Allentown.

During the second period of the game, an announcer welcomed Nicole as she stood on a platform in front of the roaring and supportive crowd and players.

A brief bio was read about the LCCC alumna as military pictures of her were shown on the jumbo board.

Nicole was part of the Veterans and Criminal Justice Club at LCCC and plans to participate in the Disney co-op program. Since 2008 she has served as a military police officer for the Pennsylvania Army National Guard.

Keynote Speaker Addresses Faculty and Staff on the Importance of Entrepreneurial Mindset

Gary Schoeniger, CEO and Founder of The Entrepreneurial Learning Initiative, presented his entrepreneurial mindset research to faculty and staff in early January.

He addressed attendees on the importance of the Entrepreneurial Mindset for today’s students and workforce demands. Schoeniger recanted experiences during his 15 years of research and interviews with such entrepreneurs as the Craigslist founder and most poignantly, Clifton Taulbert, Pulitzer nominee and co-author of Who Owns the Ice House: Eight Life Lessons from an Unlikely Entrepreneur.

Schoeniger developed entrepreneurial education and training programs for academic, corporate, government and non-government clients worldwide.

Schoeniger led the design and development of the Ice House Entrepreneurship Program through a partnership with the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation.

Veteran Recognized at Hockey Game

With the help of the college community, Phi Theta Kappa was able to collect 288 pounds of food to donate to Second Harvest Food Bank of the Lehigh Valley. The students are continuing to collect donations for the organization through the Backpack Buddies Collection, which provides a backpack full of nutritional foods for school-age children to take home on the weekends. The students will be collecting cereal in January and February.

These children depend on the government-subsidized breakfast and lunch programs during the school year and are at risk for limited food availability over the weekends.

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