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Marketing Project Requests

LCCC's College Relations staff can turn your creative ideas into reality. Whether it is an event, a new program, a website update, a social media campaign or beyond, our staff will work with you to get the best results.

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Registration Status Reports

To view registration status reports, go to the Institutional Research link on [Faculty and Staff Resources](#).

Working @ LCCC

Duplicating Center and Mail Room
Service Window Hours
8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Lobby Hours
7:30 a.m. – 7 p.m., Monday through Thursday; 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Friday.

Courier services Monday through Friday to all sites.

Bookstore Hours
Monday-Thursday: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Friday: 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday: CLOSED.

Library Hours
7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Wellness Center Hours
Monday through Friday: Varies in May, please see Spirit and Wellness Section; Saturday and Sunday: CLOSED.

*All hours subject to change.

President's Cabinet Members Open Office Hours

President
Dr. Ann D. Bieber
Appointments can be made via Zoom. Email Tracy Bear at tbear@lccc.edu to schedule an online meeting.

VP Dr. Cindy Haney
1st and 3rd Mondays from 4 to 5 p.m. and 2nd and 4th Thursdays from 4 to 5 p.m. Email Ronnie Blue at rblue@lccc.edu to schedule a Hangouts meeting.

VP Larissa Verta
Access virtual office hours on Mondays from 3 to 5 p.m.; Tuesdays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.; and Thursdays from 12:30 to 2 p.m., or email lverta@lccc.edu to arrange a scheduled meeting.

VP Stefanie Neester
1st and 3rd Mondays from 10 to 11 a.m. and 2nd and 4th Fridays from 9 to 10 a.m. Email Maria Bowen at mbowen@lccc.edu to schedule an online meeting.

Interim Dean Dr. Jodi Rowlands
Wednesdays, 8 to 9 a.m. or 4 to 5 p.m. Email jrowlands@lccc.edu to schedule a meeting.

Dean Tonisha Taylor
Mondays from 10 to 11 a.m. or 4 to 5 p.m. Email ttaylor@lccc.edu to schedule an online meeting.

Interim Dean Andrew King
Tuesdays from 10 to 11 a.m. or 4 to 5 p.m. Email aking@lccc.edu to schedule a meeting.

Dean Dr. Kelly Trahan
Mondays from 3 to 5 p.m. Email ktahan@lccc.edu to schedule an online meeting.

CIO Joshua Mitchell
Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to noon. Email jmitchell@lccc.edu to schedule online meeting.

Dean Scott Aquila
Email saquila@lccc.edu to schedule an online or face-to-face meeting.

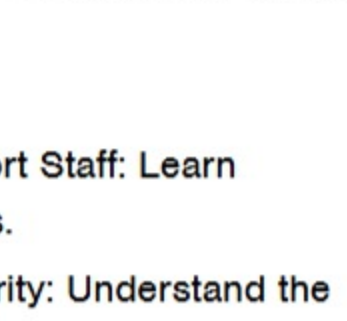
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Level Up with AI: Summer Webinars at LCCC

LCCC is offering a fantastic AI Learning Series to help you harness the power of artificial intelligence, including Google Gemini. Full session agendas, dates, and registration are available today.

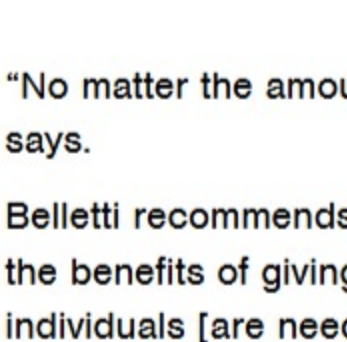
Registration is required. Choose from any or all of these 1-hour webinars:

- Leveraging AI and Gemini at LCCC: Discover how AI can boost efficiency and engagement for all LCCC faculty and staff.
- The AI-Infused Classroom for Teaching and Learning: Explore using Gemini and NotebookLM to revolutionize teaching and student engagement.
- Working Smarter with AI for Administrative and Support Staff: Learn practical AI applications to streamline your daily tasks.
- AI Considerations – Ethics, Bias, and Academic Integrity: Understand the critical ethical aspects of AI in education.
- Increase Efficiency with Gemini for Google Workspace: Unlock advanced AI features to supercharge your Google Workspace productivity.



Don't miss out on this opportunity to gain valuable AI skills! Click here to register. The full schedule can be viewed [here](#).

Vince Beletti Employee Spotlight



"I've always had a desire to be philanthropic," Vince Beletti, CTE Success Coach and LCCC Foundation donor, says. He describes his decision to donate to the Foundation as an easy one, as it both supports the college and its students directly.

In giving back to the community he loves, Beletti donates primarily to the Cougar Cabinet, LCCC's food pantry on campus, which combats student hunger.

"No matter the amount given, it's important to support the needs of others," he says.

Beletti recommends that all employees learn more about the Foundation and the benefits of giving back. "The Foundation [facilitates] a worthy cause...more individuals [are needed to] support the needs of our students and the college," he says.

Thank you, Vince, for your care and contributions to our students' success!

LCCC Spirit Night at the Lehigh Valley IronPigs

Come on out to Coca-Cola Park on Friday, August 22 to see the Lehigh Valley IronPigs take on the Durham Bulls!

First pitch is at 7:05 p.m. with the gates opening at 5:45 p.m.

Each ticket purchased through this [link](#) will include \$2 of ballpark credit on the barcode.



Four Head Start Parents Earn CDA Through LCCC's Inaugural Apprenticeship-Inspired Program



After nine months of dedicated coursework, coaching, and on-the-job training, four remarkable Head Start parents have officially completed their Child Development Associate (CDA) credential through an innovative, apprenticeship-inspired program at Lehigh Carbon Community College (LCCC).

This program marks the first of its kind at the college, created specifically to support working parents pursuing careers in early childhood education. Each participant successfully completed the required college-level coursework, passed the CDA exam, and completed a formal observation to earn their nationally recognized credential.

The program was made possible through a dynamic collaboration between LCCC, CareerLink Lehigh Valley, and Community Services for Children (CSC). CareerLink provided funding for tuition, fees, and materials, while also offering career mentorship to support the participants as they navigated college-level coursework and prepared for the next step in their professional journeys. Meanwhile, CSC offered on-the-job learning placements in their Head Start classrooms and weekly support from trained coaches who served as mentors throughout the experience.

LCCC designed and delivered a flexible, hybrid course structure tailored to meet the needs of working parents. Weekly online sessions, community-of-practice meetings, and individual coaching helped build student confidence and competence while grounding the program in developmentally appropriate practice and reflective teaching.

The program culminated with a joyful recognition event at LCCC's Downtown Allentown campus, where faculty, coaches, mentors, and family members gathered to honor the achievements of the inaugural cohort.

Special thanks to:

Dr. Kelly Trahan, Dean of The Center for Workforce Development, Arts, Education, and Technology
Ms. Megan Strella, Teacher Education Department Coordinator
Ms. Elizabeth Shope, Teacher Education
Special Projects Coordinator
Our community partners: CareerLink Lehigh Valley and Community Services for Children, whose support, collaboration, and shared vision made this inaugural cohort possible.



We look forward to building on this success in future semesters and continuing to celebrate the incredible impact of parent-scholars who are shaping the future of early learning.

911 Misdiales

Since the beginning of 2025, there have been over 20 accidental 911 calls placed from our campuses.

These calls, while unintentional, place an unnecessary strain on the 911 center and our responding police departments.

When placing a call to an outside line, you only need to dial nine and then your number.

If you dial 911 inadvertently, let the dispatcher know it is a misdial and also let Public Safety know (we will be calling and visiting you to verify).

If you have any questions, please contact Eric in Public Safety.



New Social Media Specialist

The Office of College Relations and Student Life is pleased to welcome River Mason to LCCC in the position of Content Developer and Social Media Specialist.

Social media requests, including requests for photography, can be submitted using the [Social Media Request form](#).

River can be contacted at rmason8@lccc.edu ext. 1718.



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REMINDERS

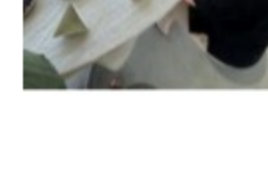
LCCC Spirit Committee Plant Fest

Outdoor Pavilions, Main Campus

Join the Spirit Committee for an unforgettable experience that combines the love of plants, creativity and community. Create a beautiful frame using succulent cuttings and accents of colorful reindeer moss, all displayed on a wooden easel. Great for a desk or windowsill display.

Wednesday, July 23, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., come and go as you please.

Limited to 50 participants. Pre-registration required by July 14. [Click here](#) for more information and to sign up.



Self Study Design Approved by Middle States Commission on Higher Education

Lehigh Carbon Community College is pleased to share some exciting news: our Self-Study Design has been officially approved by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE). This marks a significant milestone in our reaffirmation of the accreditation process and reflects the dedication, collaboration, and thoughtful planning of our entire college community.



Self-Study is more than a requirement—it is an opportunity to reflect on who we are, assess how well we are meeting our mission, and chart a course for continuous improvement. The approved design outlines a clear roadmap for this process, and we are well-positioned to move forward with confidence and integrity.

We extend our sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to the development of the Self-Study Design, especially the Tri-Chairs, the Steering Committee, and all those who provided feedback and insight. Your commitment to academic excellence, institutional effectiveness, and student success shines through in this work.

As we begin the next phase of the Self-Study, we invite and encourage continued engagement across the college community. Accreditation is a college-wide endeavor, and every voice matters.

Together, we will ensure that LCCC not only meets the standards of excellence expected by MSCHE but continues to grow as a vibrant, student-centered institution.

[Click here](#) to learn more and stay connected with our progress.

Advisors Needed for LCCC Clubs

There are currently several LCCC clubs that are seeking a faculty or staff member to serve as an advisor for their group for the fall semester and beyond. These groups provide opportunities for students to pursue special interests, develop interpersonal and leadership skills, meet other students, work with faculty and staff and take advantage of learning experiences that exist outside the classroom. The activities sponsored by student groups enrich the total educational experience and quality of campus life.

As advisors, faculty and staff members have an excellent opportunity to work with college students in a non-classroom environment, enriching student-staff/faculty interaction. We know from experience and research that this interaction has a positive effect on student retention and graduation. The following groups are currently in need of an advisor or co-advisors:

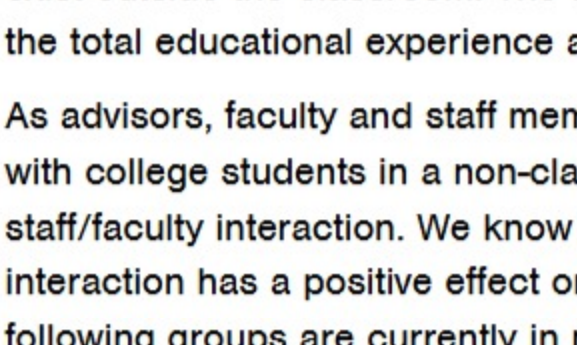
Anime Club
Latin@ Leadership Club
Outdoors Club
Veterans Club

For more information about these clubs and the responsibilities of serving as an advisor, please contact Daniel Melin at dmelin@lccc.edu.

Winter 2025 Course Schedule Posted to Website

The course schedule for Winter 2025 has been posted to the College website, and can be viewed [here](#). Registration for Winter 2025 will open on Friday, July 11 for Veteran students and on Monday, July 14 for all students.

PRISM: LCCC's LGBTQ+ Employee Resource Group



As we wrap up June's LGBTQ+ Pride Month, remember that pride and support continue year-round! The PRISM ERG is here to connect, support, and uplift LGBTQ+ faculty and staff. Whether you're looking for community, resources, or professional advice, we're here for you.

Our next meeting will be held on Friday, July 18 at 1:30 p.m. If you'd like to join, please email prism@lccc.edu to receive the meeting invite for July. We can't wait to welcome you!

Book Your 25Live Room Reservations for 2025-2026

As the new fiscal year is upon us, all staff and faculty must ensure that any events and/or meeting spaces are reserved in 25Live for 2025-2026 year. Please contact Tara Frana at tfrana1@lccc.edu ext. 1175 or JoEllen Rooney at jrooney@lccc.edu ext. 1929 if you have any questions about room reservations.

Fiscal Year 2025 Year End Deadlines

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May 9 – Grant Purchase Requisitions
May 30 – College Purchase Requisitions
June 13 – Last day for FY24/25 credit card and W.B. Mason purchases
June 16 – Travel reimbursements – Allentown and Tamaqua sites
June 16 – Student stipends
June 18 – Final FY24/25 payroll pay date – contracted staff
June 20 – Last day to submit:
-Duplicating jobs
-Travel Reimbursements – Main Campus
-Employee Reimbursements – Main Campus
-Bookstore Vouchers
June 30 – All FY24/25 goods & services "received"
July 7 – All FY Accounts Payable invoices must be approved and submitted to the Finance Office
July 10 – Final FY24/25 Accounts Payable check run
July 17 – Final FY24/25 payroll pay date – timcard staff (paydays of June 29-July 12)

Rothrock Library - New Arrivals

Looking for your next read? Click [here](#) to see our New Arrivals. Simply click on the book cover and "Place a Hold." Books can be sent to your mailbox. Please contact the library at x. 1150 if you have questions.

SPIRIT & WELLNESS

Wellness Center Hours for July

Please note the wellness center hours for the month of July.

The fitness center is closed Fri. July 4 for the Holiday.

Mon Jun 30 – Wed Jul 2: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

July fitness center hours dependent upon student worker availability and intramural activities

Mon: Fitness Center 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Tue: Cornhole 12 – 1:30 p.m.

Wed: Cornhole 12 – 1:00 p.m.

Thur: Yoga 12 – 12:30 p.m.

Fri: Hike 12 – 1:00 p.m.

* For the most up to date hours, check the calendar and bulletin board in Berrier Hall next to the weight room entrance

Spirit Committee Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events, brought to you by the LCCC Spirit Committee!

July

Wednesday, July 2 – Band Tees Spirit Day

Wednesday, July 2 – Mister Softie Ice Cream

Wednesday, July 23- Plant Fest

August

Friday, August 22 – Tie Dye Spirit Day

For questions about any upcoming events, please reach out to Tina Dowling-Hackett at tdowlinghackett@lccc.edu or Ginny Hertzog at vhertzog@lccc.edu.



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