The COLLEGE VOICE

October 22, 2026

Submit Your College Voice News

All College Voice submissions are due by 12 p.m. Wednesday for Thursday's edition. Special exceptions will apply. Please ensure all applicable links and attachments are included in your submission, and all information, links and attachments in your submission are correct and accurate.

Thank you,
Office of College Relations

College Voice Submission

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To view registration status reports, go to the Institutional Research link on Faculty and Staff Resources.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PTK Students Awarded Distinctions of Excellence at MSR Convention



LCCC's chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society attended the Middle-States Regional Convention on Saturday, Oct. 10, at Delaware Technical Community College, where they were awarded several awards of distinction.

Honors In Action Project Award

Honors In Action Topic Distinction Award

Paragon Award for New Advisors (awarded to Daniel Melin, Director of Student Life)

The chapter also received recognition as a 2025 5-Star Chapter of Excellence, a standard by which PTK International recognizes chapters that have gone above and beyond in achieving both Honors In Action and College Projects, participating in regional networking events, and making significant efforts toward student professional development, among other achievements.

Congratulations to our amazing PTK students!

Annual Benefits Open Enrollment 2027 is happening now!

Open Enrollment healthcare materials were sent out earlier this week. If you are a benefits-eligible employee, please check your inbox for an email from Tammy Nolan, Associate Director of Human Resources.

Please review the materials and complete any enrollment changes by the November 13, 2026, deadline.

SGA Attends ASGA National Summit

LCCC's Student Government Association attended the 2026 American Student Government Association National Summit in Washington, D.C., earlier this month, where they networked with SGAs across the nation, participated in leadership development workshops, and explored the educational enrichment of our country's capital. They will utilize what they learned during the three-day conference to improve campus life and better advocate for student needs. Congratulations to our SGA on a successful professional development opportunity!



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 Bean at tbean@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 vblue@lccc.edu to schedule a meeting.

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

VP Stacey Betz
1st and 3rd Thursdays from 10 to 11 a.m. and 2nd and 4th Fridays from 9 to 10 a.m. Email Maria Bowen at mbowen4@lccc.edu to schedule an online meeting.

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 Dr. Tonisha Taylor
Mondays from 10 to 11 a.m. or 4 to 5 p.m. Email ttaylor13@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 aking7@lccc.edu to schedule a meeting.

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

CIO Joshua Mitchell
Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to noon. Email jmitchell10@lccc.edu to schedule online meeting.

Dean Scott Aquila
Wednesdays 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.; Thursdays 2 to 4 p.m. Email saquila@lccc.edu to schedule an online or face-to-face meeting.

Open Conversations With The President- Donley



City of Allentown Halloween Walking Parade



Join us on Saturday, October 31, as we represent LCCC during the City of Allentown's HALLOWEEN WALKING PARADE from 11 a.m.- 2 p.m. The Donley Center will set up a table and chairs on Hamilton St. between 10th and 11th Street to hand out candy & trinkets to parade participants and interact with the community. You are welcome to bring family or friends. Show your Cougar pride by wearing LCCC swag or a costume.

Volunteers needed for the following shifts and responsibilities:

- 10am -11am- Help with setup. (table, chairs, candy, etc.)
- 11am to 1pm- Candy distribution and interaction with the community
- 12 pm- 2 pm – Candy distribution and interaction with the community
- 2 pm- 3 pm- Help with cleanup (remove table and chairs)

Volunteer sign-up form

In addition to volunteers, we need Candy and LCCC Swag Donations to distribute at the parade. Send candy to Donley, attention to Gladys Malpica.

Saturday, October 31st, 2026 (Rain date: Sunday, November 1st)

Halloween Walking Parade in Downtown Allentown (9th to 12th and Hamilton St.) – (11:00 am – 2:00 pm)

Cybersecurity Awareness Month: Navigating AI at Work — Partner or Threat?



While AI tools can save time and make daily tasks easier, they also come with real security risks. Accidental data leaks, inaccurate information, and sophisticated scams are among the main risks associated with modern artificial intelligence.

Before sharing sensitive information, always ask yourself: "Should that go in AI?" Protect our campus by adopting a zero-trust approach, minimizing data sharing, and verifying outputs. For specific organizational guidance, please refer to the LCCC Policies and Regulations Manual (Policy No. 3-233, 'Artificial Intelligence (AI) Guidelines') available here.

Want to learn more about navigating AI safely at work? Click here

Fall Floral Arranging



The Spirit Committee invites all faculty and staff to a Fall Floral Arranging event! Don't worry about allergies—all flowers are faux. Each participant will receive a mason jar and twinkle lights, along with their choice of a variety of seasonal flowers and decorative adornments to customize their arrangement. **Please bring your own glue gun if you plan to use one.**

Main Campus Event

Tuesday, 11/10, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in SSC 120.

Morgan Center Event

Monday, 11/9, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in MC 106

Donley Center Event

Friday, 11/13, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in DC 701.

While supplies last, sign up by 11/2. We will also be offering coffee; there is no need to sign up if you just want to drop in for a cup. Your arrangement will be perfect for your holiday table or to give as a host gift! If you have any questions, please contact Jennie Hontz at jhontz@lccc.edu.

Fit & Flavor: Hike and Make Your Own Trail Mix

For the final Fit & Flavor activity, LCCC's Recreation Sports and Wellness Team is hosting a 30-minute Trexler Nature Preserve hike on Tuesday, November 3, followed by a make-your-own trail mix station. If you are interested in participating, please fill out this google form so we can get a better idea of the headcount.

Participants, please arrive at Berrier Hall promptly at noon so we can begin our hike!

Open Conversations With The President- Morgan



Spark Student Success: Schedule a Brief Fall 2026 Career Presentation

The Career Development Center is gearing up for our Schnecksville Fall 2026 Career Fair on Thursday, November 12th (10 a.m. – 2 p.m.), and we want to partner with faculty and step inside the classrooms!

Building on our hugely successful visits at Allentown and Tamaqua, our team is offering quick 5- to 10-minute presentations for your in-person or remote classes. These short visits demystify the professional world, helping students turn their classroom learning into real-world internships, jobs, and industry connections.

Help inspire your students and book a quick class visit today.

Transfer Events at Donley and Morgan

Interested in transferring to a four-year college or university to earn your bachelor's degree?

Join us and representatives from various colleges and universities for an informative session on the transfer process! Learn about the steps to transfer to a four-year institution, explore the many transfer partnerships LCCC has to offer, and discover the opportunities available to help you reach your academic goals.

Morgan Center

November 4, 2026, 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m., Lobby

Donley Center

November 10, 2026, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Lobby

Win Prizes at the SGA Halloween Fest Costume Contest!

Join the LCCC Student Government Association for our annual Halloween Fest event on Thursday, Oct. 29, from 12 – 4 p.m. in the Student Union! Enjoy craft activities, free food, a spooky photo booth, and more.

Our annual costume contest will start promptly at 2:30 p.m., and the top three prizes are available in both the student and faculty/staff contests. All are encouraged to participate. If interested, show up at the Student Union in your best costume by no later than 2:15 p.m. on the day of.



For more information or questions, please contact Daniel Melin at dmelin@lccc.edu. We hope to see you there!

Genio (AI-Powered Note-Taking) Pilot Project Outcomes

During the 2025–2026 academic year, the Disability Support Services (DSS) office piloted Genio Notes (formerly Glean) to evaluate how AI-driven accommodations lower academic barriers and enhance learning for students with learning challenges.

What is Genio Notes? Genio Notes is an AI-powered study platform that automates lecture capture, allowing students to focus on active listening and comprehension rather than frantic note-taking.

Key features include:

- Audio & Slide Sync: Automatically aligns recorded lecture audio with imported PowerPoint/PDF slides and student notes.
- Speech-to-Text & Summaries: Generates searchable transcripts, live captions, and AI lecture outlines.
- Active Recall ("QuizMe"): Automatically converts lecture content and transcripts into self-testing quizzes.
- Timestamp Tagging: Allows one-click tagging (e.g., Important, Review, Task) during live classes.

Key Student Impact & Outcomes

The pilot demonstrated high platform engagement, reduced academic stress, and a significant shift toward effective study habits:

- Higher Academic Performance: Students who integrated AI study tools into 51–75% of their study time achieved the highest average semester GPA at 3.65.
- Transition to Active Learning: Pre-use data indicated widespread struggles with note-taking and exam preparation. Post-use, students shifted from passive note-taking to active study routines and reported greater exam readiness.
- High Post-Class Persistence: Platform analytics showed 1,925 class views across 1,367 recorded sessions, demonstrating that students frequently revisit and replay complex lecture segments for clarification and exam prep.
- Mastery via Retrieval Practice: Students generated 292 self-testing quizzes (averaging over 13 quizzes per student), adopting active recall as a core study habit rather than a one-time task.
- Reduced Cognitive Load & Obstacles: Difficulties with capturing fast speech, deciding what to write, and making sense of notes post-class dropped significantly, leading to lower self-reported academic stress.
- In-Class vs. Post-Class Usage: Students favored letting Genio record during class so they could focus entirely on listening, preferring to utilize transcripts, slide sync, and quizzes during post-class review.

Next Steps (2026–2027 Strategy)

Building on Year 1 outcomes, DSS plans to scale successful "superuser" study habits to the broader student body, refine guidance for using the live classroom tool, and further optimize AI integration to boost accessibility and academic performance across disciplines.

LASSI Lesson: Self-reported Information Processing

The Learning and Study Skills Inventory (LASSI) asks students to self-report various aspects related to college success. During Fall 2025, students enrolled in these courses (BUS 109, CIS 119, EDU 114, EGR 102, PSY 105, RSS 102, and SDS 106) reported key strengths and areas for improvement in Informational Processing (INP).

The LASSI INP measure assesses their self-reported ability to use images, verbal expression, organization, and reasoning as learning strategies to learn new material. Students noted strengths in finding relationships between what they are learning and what they already know (Q3); relating new information to their general knowledge (Q18); and translating what they are studying into their own words (Q22).

Students' lowest INP-related question scores were seeing what they are studying in everyday life (Q35) and not practicing new principles they learned recently in class (Q10). Real-world examples and encouraging time on task might help students strengthen their INP.

Questions? Contact Michael Spinks and Katy DeLong at thelassi@lccc.edu. Check back next week for more insights!

November Virtual Bingo



Join the LCCC Spirit Committee for virtual office bingo on Wednesday, November 18, starting at Noon by signing up here! This event is limited to the first 25 sign-ups.

Please sign up to play bingo here.

For more information, contact Ginny Hertzog at vhertzog@lccc.edu or Ronnie Blue at vblue@lccc.edu.

SPIRIT & WELLNESS

Spirit Committee Upcoming Events

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

October 29 – Spirit Day; Dress in Halloween Costumes

November 10 – Fall Floral Arranging
November 18 – Virtual Bingo
November 19 – Mindfulness Series (RSVP Required)

December 9 – Holiday Breakfast
December 10 – Mindfulness Series (RSVP Required)
December 14 – Holiday Potluck Luncheon
December 16 – Virtual Bingo

For questions about any upcoming events, please reach out to Ginny Hertzog at vhertzog@lccc.edu or Tara Frana at tfrana1@lccc.edu.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

Human Resources News

New I-9 Form

The new version of the I-9 has been released. Please begin using the new version for all new hires. The form can be viewed here.

Nominate a Colleague for Spotlight on Excellence
Is there a faculty or staff member you know who helped smooth over an unexpected bump during a project or event? Do you know someone who went above and beyond to provide excellent customer service? Human Resources invites you to nominate that person for a Spotlight on Excellence recognition. Recognized members of the college community will be announced in the College Voice and will receive a token of appreciation for a job well done. Please use the nomination form to spotlight the excellence of a fellow employee!

Slip, Trip and Fall Prevention
Slips, trips, and falls account for a large percentage of medical incidents on campus and are the result from some a kind of unintended or unexpected change in the contact between the feet and the ground or walking surface. AttachedWord are tips to aid in the prevention of slips, trips and falls.

Quick Reference for Medical Emergencies on Campus
If serious injury or illness occurs on campus, CALL 911. After you call 911, call Public Safety at x1169 to inform them you called 911. Public Safety will report to where the injured person is until arrival of the ambulance.
For minor injury or illness, trained personnel should provide basic first aid care. Call Public Safety at x1169. All Public Safety officers are trained in first aid and CPR/AEDS.

No employee shall transport another employee/student to an emergency facility or hospital.

All New Employees:
The college's online training program is specifically designed for the busy professional but keeps in mind the college's requirements for training. It is a convenient, easy way to complete our new hire training series at LCCC.

A. Required Online Trainings
Below are the online trainings that will be emailed to you from Knowbe4. This is a single sign-on system that will enable to you log in using your portal username and password. These online trainings must be completed within the first 30 days of hire.

If you want your completion certificate for each training placed in your personnel file, please print it out and send to the Human Resources office, otherwise Human Resources maintains a database of your completed trainings.

FERPA and HIPAA– Privacy and Security Awareness
Creating Strong Password – Security Awareness Training

B. Run-Hide-Fight Video
To view this video, go to the Department of Public Safety website page and click on the Run-Hide-Fight video link.

If you have any questions, please contact Human Resources at x1107 or x1108.

Online Learning News

View the 2025 Summer Edition of the Online Learning Newsletter. This edition includes information about our training programs, current news, updates for Canvas, and more. We want to recognize our badge earners on page 4, and there is a page on some events around the Lehigh Valley this Summer to look forward to. If you have any questions, reach out to us at onlinelearning@lccc.edu.

Online Learning Courses Available
Register online for our live and self-paced trainings. Trainings include: Canvas Course Certification, Remote Course Certification, Excellence in Instruction, Zoom, Canvas Studio, Blooms Taxonomy, and more!

Office Hours
Schedule a **meeting** with Rachel Peters to ask any questions on training, course development, professional development, and other tools/topics.

Digital Badges
Faculty and staff will have the opportunity to receive digital badges to display on LinkedIn, email signature and other areas, highlighting their professional achievements and commitment to continued learning. A number of different badges are available to anyone who completes the required training or series of trainings. The training requirements for each badge are outlined on the **flyer.** If you have any questions about the digital badges or the requirements for them please contact **onlinelearning@lccc.edu**.

COLLEGE ENGAGEMENT AND WELL-BEING

Employee Appreciation Shout Outs

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Innovation Award

The purpose of the LCCC Innovation Award is to motivate employees to generate new ideas, solve problems creatively, and contribute to the college's overall innovation efforts. Given to teams, departments or committees within the college that have demonstrated exceptional creativity, originality, and breakthrough thinking in developing new services, processes, or solutions, essentially recognizing and celebrating those who contribute to advancing the organization through innovative ideas and practices. They aim to foster a culture of continuous improvement and encourage further innovation within the college.

The LCCC Innovation Award is given annually to one college team, department or committee (minimum 2 people). The Spirit Committee will select one award recipient to be recognized at the annual Staff and Faculty Awards reception. Award recipients will be added to the LCCC Innovation Award perpetual plaque on display in the Student Services Center in addition to receiving an award certificate and celebratory lunch.

Innovations may be demonstrated through the following ways:

1. The creation and implementation of innovative programs, partnerships and/or activities that improve the institution's ability to serve students and the community which results in improved customer satisfaction and/or delivery of programs/related services.
2. The creation or improvement of a process and/or policy which results in time savings, workflow enhancements, cost savings, revenue increases, improved service, or increased safety.
3. Implementation of a new technology application which enhances customer satisfaction and improves the institution's ability to serve students and the community.
4. The innovation is not more than 2 years old at the institution.

To make a nomination, complete this form. For consideration, your candidate must meet all criteria and have at least one recommendation letter.

Power of Collaboration Award

The purpose of the LCCC Power of Collaboration Award is to recognize a team, department or committee that demonstrates exceptional teamwork, actively supports colleagues, and works effectively together to achieve shared goals, essentially recognizing their outstanding collaborative efforts within the college.

The LCCC Power of Collaboration Award is given annually to one college team, department or committee (minimum 2 people). The Spirit Committee will select one award recipient to be recognized at the annual Staff and Faculty Awards reception. Award recipients will be added to the LCCC Power of Collaboration Award perpetual plaque on display in the Student

Services Center in addition to receiving an award certificate and celebratory lunch.

The following criteria should be considered:

1. They work positively and productively with other team members whose combined efforts have resulted in significant innovations, solutions, and advancements, demonstrating the power of collaboration.
2. They have blended their unique skills, knowledge, and efforts to form a powerful synergy, enhancing their collective output. It emphasizes the core of successful collaboration: accomplishing more together than would be possible solo.
3. The nominees have used innovative approaches, introducing fresh methods, ideas, or solutions to harness their collective creativity to forge new paths and achieve results.
4. They model clear communication and constructive conflict resolution. They excel in maintaining open channels of communication, fostering a respectful and productive environment.

To make a nomination, complete this form. For consideration, your candidate must meet all criteria and have at least one recommendation letter.

Spirit Awards

The LCCC Spirit Committee invites nominations for the annual Spirit Award, presented at the Employee Appreciation Ceremony each May. One recipient will be selected from each of the following groups: ESP Staff, Administrators, and Faculty.

This award recognizes individuals who exemplify a positive attitude, foster teamwork, support an inclusive campus culture, and go above and beyond in their roles. Recipients demonstrate leadership, empathy, and a strong alignment with the college's values, contributing meaningfully to the overall morale and spirit of the campus community. Nominate a colleague for the Spirit Award. ***Previous recipients are not eligible.***

Please use the following criteria to nominate a colleague; be prepared to offer examples of how the employee exhibits these criteria:

- Positive Attitude

Consistently maintains an optimistic outlook, even during challenging situations; brings enthusiasm and energy to the workplace; helps to create a supportive environment.

- Team Collaboration

Actively contributes to teamwork, supports colleagues, and promotes a sense of unity; works well with others to achieve shared goals and fosters a cooperative environment.

- Workplace Culture Contribution

Demonstrates commitment to fostering a positive company culture; engages in activities that promote inclusivity, diversity, and respect within the college.

- Going Above and Beyond

Regularly exceeds expectations in terms of performance and initiative; takes on additional responsibilities or offers to help others without being asked.

- Leadership and Inspiration

Inspires others through actions and works, helping to motivate and encourage teammates; demonstrates leadership qualities, whether in formal or informal capacities.

- Supportive and Empathetic Behavior

Shows genuine care and concern for the well-being of colleagues; actively listens and provides emotional support or encouragement when needed; serves others and is always willing to help; inspires and encourages others.

- Creativity and Problem-Solving

Brings innovative ideas to the table and helps solve problems creatively; encourages others to think outside of the box and embrace new approaches.

- Commitment to the Organization's Values

Consistently aligns behavior with the company's mission, vision, and values; demonstrates ethical behavior and acts with integrity.

- Overall Positive Impact

Has a lasting, positive influence on the workplace environment, boosting employee morale and creating a sense of community.

FUNDING AND GRANTS

Looking for grant funding? The Grants Office maintains a Grants Blast! featuring current funding opportunities for LCCC faculty and staff from government agencies, corporate funders, and private foundations. Opportunities are organized by program area and updated bi-weekly, so check back regularly for new funding possibilities.

Have a project or funding need in mind? Contact the Grants Office to discuss your idea.

Stay up to date take a look at the Grant Blast.

REMINDERS

Give us Your Feedback!

If you attended Development Day on October 13, please provide your feedback by filling out this survey! If you complete the survey by October 26, you will be randomly selected to win a free Chik-Fil-A chicken sandwich or chicken nugget.

"Processing Grief: A Space to Care for Ourselves and Each Other"

During the Fall 2026 and Spring 2027 semesters, LCCC members can join workshops examining grief processing. The theoretical exploration will include experiential approaches such as mapping emotions, legacy projects encouraging personal insights, and reviewing resources to continue reflections post workshop dates. With these approaches, the workshops aim to enhance employee wellness for both the individual and the LCCC community.

The Strategic Initiative Grant sponsored project "Processing Grief: A Space to Care for Ourselves and Each Other" will gather for the next session on Friday, November 13, 8:30 a.m.-9:45 a.m. for "Grief as a Verb: Transforming Sorrow via Engaged Action."

To register for the November workshop, please contact Carrie Myers (cfmyers@lccc.edu) by November 11 for Zoom access.

Amazon's $1B "Built Together" Initiative Opens New Opportunities

Amazon has announced a $1 billion commitment over the next five years to support communities hosting its data centers, bringing exciting new opportunities to students. Lehigh Carbon Community College will benefit from this initiative.

As part of the framework, local residents will receive funding for remaining out-of-pocket tuition costs after financial aid, along with hands-on training for high-demand careers like IT, HVAC, health care, and advanced manufacturing.

To read the full article and learn more about this initiative, visit Inside Higher Ed.

Partnering for Student Success: Guidance, Registration, and Retention

Every student's journey relies on strong support along the way. Your presence and guidance as faculty make a big difference in helping students stay enrolled, overcome hurdles, and graduate.

If you'd like to support students during upcoming registration periods but aren't fully familiar with the current process, we invite you to become a Retention Champion.

Step 1: Fill out the interest form.

Step 2: Complete the flexible, self-paced Canvas module at your own speed.

Step 3: Empower students to register and reach their academic goals.

Thank you for being such an important part of our students' journeys! Questions? Please get in touch with Dr. Jodi Rowlands (jrowlands@lccc.edu, (610)769-1342)

Support the LCCC Foundation with a Donation in 2027



The LCCC Foundation's mission is to generate and manage philanthropic resources to support the college, which will then turn student aspirations into reality through education. One way in which we fulfill this mission is through our annual employee giving appeal. Starting this month and running through the end of the calendar year, we are asking all employees to consider making a one-time (or recurring) donation. Your donation will begin in January 2027. Donations can be directed to our unrestricted Cougar Fund, Scholarships, and many other important priorities. Please click the link below to consider your donation.

Donation Email

We appreciate all levels of support.

Thank You.

Free Food!

There will be free meals available to LCCC registered students at both the Donley and Morgan Campus'. The meals will include subs and pasta from Yarnell's Deli.

LCCC Donley

Tuesday October 20 and Wednesday November 4

11 a.m. – 1 p.m. – Donley Center Lobby Waiting Room

LCCC Morgan – Tuesday November 3

11 a.m. – 1 p.m. – Morgan Center Lounge

First come, first served!

Quantities are limited Brought to you by Community Resources and Basic Needs, Student Life, LCCC Foundations and PA Hunger Free Campus.

Bus Trip to Kutztown University

On Friday, November 13, 2026, Kutztown University will host a bus trip for LCCC students, transporting them from the main campus to Kutztown University. The event will include an information session for prospective transfer students and a campus tour. Students will be picked up at 10:15 a.m., and the event will run until 2:30 p.m.

Interested students should register via this link.

Click on Transfer Preview Day

Please complete an LCCC waiver form, which will be emailed to you after registration.

Pick-up location:

Parking lot: F (In front of Community Services Center)

Lehigh Carbon Community College

4525 Education Park Drive

Schnecksville, PA 18078



LASSI Lesson: Incoming Students, Motivation Insights

LASSI Learning And Study Strategies Inventory

Lehigh Carbon COMMUNITY COLLEGE

During Fall 2025, students enrolled in these courses (BUS 109, CIS 119, EDU 114, EGR 102, PSY 105, RSS 102, and SDS 106) who completed the Learning and Study Skills Inventory (LASSI) reported low scores on the LASSI Motivation measure (46.01 vs. the nationally normed dataset). As we noted before, students who persisted last year scored significantly higher in Motivation (M = 52.5) compared to those who did not (M = 44.1), so helping students be motivated is key to helping them persist.

Some LASSI responses offer insight. These students reported worrying they would flunk out of school (Q37) and noted that they did not put much effort into their courses (Q45). However, they also reported, “Even if I am having difficulty in a course, I can motivate myself to complete the work” (Q24). Fear of failure may not be encouraging students to put in more effort in their studies, and students might be overestimating their internal motivation; therefore, encouraging students to strive for more might help them shift from passive learners to more active learners. The bottom line is that motivation and encouragement matter.

If you have questions, contact Michael Spinks and Katy DeLong at thelassi@lccc.edu and check back next week for more insights!

Student Employee of the Month for October 2026: Barbara Ahenkorah



The Career Development Center is thrilled to recognize Barbara Ahenkorah as our Student Employee of the Month for October!

Barbara is an integral part of our team’s daily operations and success. From coordinating event tables to supporting students and employers, she approaches every task with exceptional organization, dedication, and care. Working closely with the Director of Career Development, Barbara consistently goes above and beyond to keep our programs running smoothly.

She is the definition of reliability. She is always on time, consistently present, proactive in asking the right questions, and eager to lend a helping hand to anyone in need.

Beyond her outstanding work in the office, Barbara is navigating college as a first-generation college student, making her hard work, resilience, and loyalty even more inspiring. A huge shout-out to Barbara from the entire Career Development team for everything you do!

Do you know a student worker who goes above and beyond?

Whether they work directly in your department or are simply someone you’ve noticed working hard around campus, we want to hear about them! Help us recognize their dedication by submitting a nomination here: Nominate a Student Employee of the Month.

Cybersecurity Awareness Month: Think Before You Click – Spotting Dangerous Attachments



Opening an unsafe email attachment can install malware or other harmful software on your device and potentially put our entire campus network at risk.

Before you open or download any file, pause and inspect it: Were you expecting an attachment from this sender? Does the file type look unusual (like .exe, .zip, or double extensions like .pdf.exe)? Never enable macros or content on unexpected files. If something looks off, trust your instincts and report the email!

Click here to learn more.

Meeting Request Updates

Room Reservations (via 25Live)

- All room reservations must be scheduled in advance using 25Live via the 25Live Event Form.
- Drop-in room usage has caused double-booking conflicts with previously reserved spaces. Please reserve all rooms ahead of time to avoid overlap.
- If you need training on how to use 25Live to reserve meeting rooms, contact events@lccc.edu.

Food & Beverage Clean-Up

- Please ensure all food and drink items are properly discarded in the provided trash receptacles immediately after your meeting or event.

Catering Support & Small Groups

- The Event Team is available to assist with catering for larger events.
- For meetings or events with fewer than 10 guests, please make independent arrangements to pick up drinks and snacks.

Volunteers Needed: Phlebotomy Practice Day!

Support your fellow students on their journey to becoming healthcare professionals! Our LCCC Phlebotomy students are seeking volunteers to help them practice routine blood draws under the direct supervision of Certified

Phlebotomy Instructor Melanie Burton-Dietrich.

Dates: October 26, November 2 and November 11, 2026

Time: 6:00PM – 9:00PM (All Three Dates)

Where: Science Health Building, Classroom SH17

For any questions, please contact Instructor, Melanie Burton-Dietrich at mburtondietrich@lccc.edu or Program Manager, Isabelle McLeod at mmcleod1@lccc.edu

Our LCCC Phlebotomy instructors appreciate you helping our students get the hands-on experience they need to graduate!

Mondays are Hard, but FREE Pizza is Easy!

We will be handing out free pizza to LCCC students at the snack stand in the Berrier Hall building on the ground level.

Dates:

Monday, November 16th

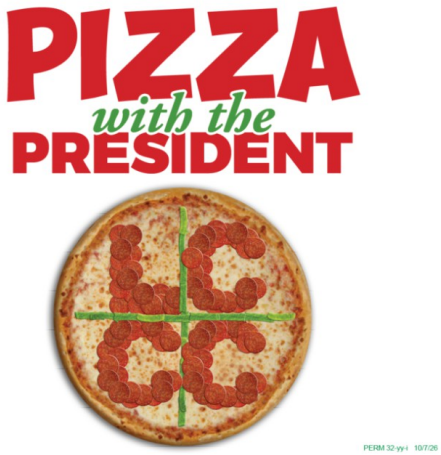
Time: 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

First come, first served! Quantities are limited

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Pizza with the President



Refreshments served. RSVP to Tracy Bean at tbean@lccc.edu

LCCC Main Thursday, October 22 12:30-1:30 p.m. ARC 203 (HOPE Center)	**LCCC Tamaqua** Wednesday, November 11 Noon- 1:00 p.m MC 104/105
LCCC Allentown Wednesday, November 18 Noon-1:00p.m. DC Lower Level Student Lounge	**LCCC Airport** Wednesday, November 18 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Winter is Coming: Guess the First Snow Day Off!



Join in the fun and enter for your chance to win this year's Snow Day Contest!

Please use the link below to submit your guess for the first day that LCCC will be closed due to inclement weather. The closure must affect all campuses.

Enter here: LET IT SNOW!

The lucky winner will receive a $25 gift card.

The deadline to enter the contest is Friday, October 23, at 5 p.m.

Scholarship Information Session

Join us on Wednesday, October 28, 2026, from 2:20–3:45 p.m. in Room 203 at the Community Services Center to learn more about the Bucknell Summer Scholarship and explore other scholarship opportunities!

Don't miss this chance to discover resources that can help support your educational goals. We hope to see you there!

If you have questions, please email fgraham@lccc.edu

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