

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Honor and Recognize Student Leaders at the Student Awards Ceremony

The Office of College Relations and Student Life invites all faculty and staff to attend the Student Awards Ceremony on Friday, May 8, 2026, at 8 p.m. in the Community Services Center, Club and Honor Society leaders, academic trailblazers, and campus engagement innovators will be recognized and celebrated among us. We welcome all to join us for a fun and meaningful 4 p.m. reception.

Email Daniel Melin, Director of Student Life, at dmelin@lccc.edu with any questions.

LCCC Joins Statewide Partnership to Launch Union Apprenticeship Pathways

Leigh Carbon Community College (LCCC), a part of the Pennsylvania Commission for Community Colleges (PACCOC), yesterday signed a landmark Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with TradesFutures and a first-of-its-kind statewide apprenticeship partnership. The agreement, signed on National Skilled Trades Day in Harrisburg, authorizes Pennsylvania's 15 community colleges to implement the Multi-Care Curriculum Model (MCC). This is a nationally recognized pre-apprenticeship program, developed by North America's Building Trades Unions.

"This partnership represents a transformative step forward for Leigh Carbon Community College. By integrating the MCC curriculum into our programming, we are creating clear, accessible pathways into family-sustaining careers in the skilled trades. Together with TradesFutures and our industry partners, we are not only meeting workforce demands but also opening doors of opportunity for our students and communities statewide," said Dr. Ann D. Bieber, President of LCCC.

Meeting #2026 Workforce Demand
The collaboration addresses an essential juncture for the Commonwealth's economy. State data projects that Pennsylvania will require 300,000 skilled trade workers by 2030, particularly as 40% of the current workforce nears retirement. LCCC is already a key player in this statewide strategy. As a member of the Technical Trades Consortium in the Expanded Northeast Region, LCCC works alongside Luzerne, Northampton, and Bucks County community colleges to provide specialized training for high-demand sectors, including the hyperscale data centers currently planned for the region.

[Read Full Release Here](#)

Bye-Sized Pedagogy for All Integration

Week 13: Faculty Buyover
As the semester concludes, it's essential to ensure our students are prepared for a future where collaboration between humans and AI is the standard. Faculty and staff are encouraged to bring their own questions or concerns to the meeting to approach AI with both curiosity and integrity. Continue to reference our [AI Faculty Resource](#) for tips and ideas.

To help us help our campus resources up-to-date and valuable, we encourage you to share how you are incorporating AI in your classroom. Please take five minutes to complete this [survey](#) and help shape the future of our learning environment.

Free Food!

We will be distributing free meals on campus to LCCC-registered students.

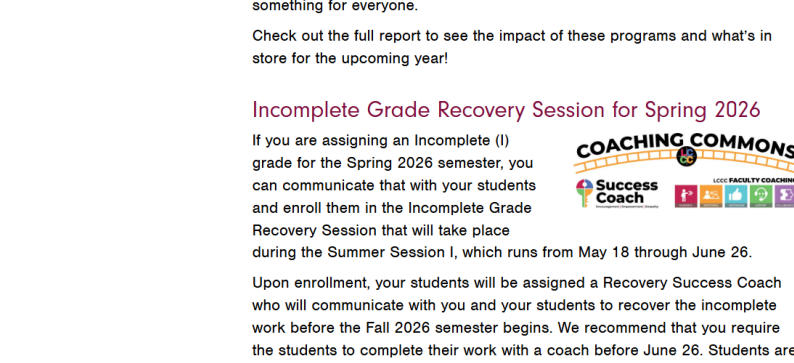
Location: Main Commons, Berrier Hall, ground level.
Week 13: Monday, May 11, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Week 14: Monday, May 11, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Meet & Greet with Candidate for Vice President of Finance and Administrative Services

You are cordially invited to attend a Meet & Greet with candidate Stacey Betz for the position of Vice President of Finance and Administrative Services. The Meet & Greet will be on Friday, May 8, at 2:00 p.m. in the Student Center. Information is listed below.

Date: Friday, May 8, 2026
Time: 2:00 PM – 2:45 p.m.
Location: AC 107
Zoom: [Click Here](#)

Ahoy! Join Us for the LCCC Luau on the Lawn



The LCCC Board of Trustees invites you to our annual Summer Picnic! It's time to take a break, grab some food, and enjoy the island vibes across all our campuses.

Where & When:
Main Campus: Wednesday, June 10 | 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. (Student Lounge)
Other Campuses: Wednesday, June 10 | 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. (Altoona 2027/203)

The Luau: Break out your favorite Hawaiian shirts and tropical attire!
The Logistics: This is a ticketed event. Please [RSVP via this form](#) by Wednesday, June 3, at 5:00 p.m.

Questions? Reach out to Ginny Hertzig (ghertzig@lccc.edu) or Tara Frana (tfrana@lccc.edu).

FREE Dental Services!

Mission of Mercy (MOM) is a non-profit dedicated to providing dental services to underserved Pennsylvanians.

On Friday and Saturday, May 29 and 30, they will be at The Agri-Flex at the Allentown Fairgrounds, located at 302 N. 17th St, Allentown, PA 18104, providing free dental services, including cleanings, fillings, and extractions. Click the link below to see the full schedule of services. If you need more information, and/or visit their website [here](#).

This information is brought to you by the Office of Community Resources and Basic Needs.

End-of-Semester Challenges Can Be Solved with QM

The Quality Matters Committee is committed to supporting faculty in creating high-quality courses designed to enhance student learning. We recognize the implementing QM standards can be challenging, and we're here to help you do that, and we're here to help.

What is Quality Matters (QM)? If you aren't familiar with the name, QM is a nationally recognized accreditation process that provides a set of standards and tools that are easy for students to navigate, accessible, and aligned with learning goals. Think of it as a blueprint of standards for building courses that show students success.

This brief form is designed to gather specific issues you're encountering or have encountered this semester or in the past. By sharing your challenges (big or small), you'll help us develop targeted solutions, resources, and support that address faculty needs with QM standards. Your input will directly shape resources, tip sheets, and micro-learning tailored to our community.

Exciting Growth in LCCC Intramurals, Recreation, and Wellness!

We are thrilled to share the [2025-2026 Intramurals, Recreation, and Wellness Participation Summary](#), which highlights a successful year with 875 total student participants across a wide variety of activities. From soccer and basketball to wellness challenges and virtual recreation events like the "Road to Boston" marathon, there has been something for everyone!

Check out the full report to see the impact of these programs and what's in store for the upcoming year!

Incomplete Grade Recovery Session for Spring 2026

If you are assigning an incomplete (I) grade for the Spring 2026 semester, you can communicate that with your students and enroll them in the Incomplete Grade Recovery Session that will take place on Wednesday, June 3, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Upon enrollment, your students will be assigned a Recovery Success Coach who will communicate with you and your students to recover the incomplete work before the Fall 2026 semester begins. We recommend that you require your students to complete their work with a coach before June 26. Students are more successful when they are held to an earlier due date, and they can progress and enroll in the upcoming semester.

To enroll your students, please contact the [Incomplete Grade Recovery Session enrollment form](#). It is imperative that you complete this form as the process can begin. All questions can be directed to Dr. Melanie A. Turano, Professor of English, the coaching-commons Coordinator, at mturano@lccc.edu.

LASSI Lesson: Test-Taking Insight

The [LASSI and Study Skills Inventory \(LASSI\)](#) was used to survey more than 510 LCCC students last fall. On the LASSI, students scored high on the Test-Taking measure (50.29 vs. national norm), which reflects their self-reported ability to prepare for and take tests.

Students showed strength in reviewing their essay test answers to ensure they made and supported their main points (Q43). Confirming they fully answered the question is a best practice. However, students said they struggle with planning their work during their prep (Q47), indicating a need for more test pacing.

Faculty can help students prepare for timed tests by providing an overview of the test format, question types, and strategies to use before the test. Encourage students to make a pacing plan. Faculty can refer students who need extra help to a [LASSI Resource](#) for this term. For questions, contact Michael Spinks and Katy DeLong at theassist@lccc.edu.

Elevate Your Department Summer & Fall of 2026: The Impact of Student Employers

As you begin to set new priorities to your office, need additional support, or would you like to take those "somebody" projects off the back burner? LCCC's faculty and staff are the backbone of this institution, but our students are our heartbeat! Bring a student employee onto your team to help you with your adding an extra pair of hands. It's a strategic investment in our campus community.

Student employees offer an unique and important cultural experience as a "digital-native" cohort with new technologies that can streamline your workflows. They are ambassadors, helping to build your department's reputation and effectively with the people we serve most: the students themselves.

By hiring a student, you aren't just getting help; you are providing a high-impact learning experience that prepares them for their future careers. From managing front-line inquiries to assisting with specialized research, our student workers allow faculty and staff to focus on high-level institutional goals.

Career Development is officially opening the call for student hire requests for the Summer 2026 (starting in April), Fall 2026, and Spring 2027. The high-impact and exciting hiring for July start. Bringing a student on as a summer hire is an incredibly beneficial. It allows them to get acclimated to the campus early and your specific departmental culture while bringing their own perspective of the PVE course load. By the time the busy fall semester arrives, they will already be seasoned members of your team!

To request a student employee, please log in to the portal and navigate to the Faculty and Staff Resources page. Under the Student Employment Request form.

If you have any questions about student employees, you're highly encouraged to make vibrant, connected, and efficient institution. If you have any questions, please email Kascha.Bel-Ross@lccc.edu.

SPRIT & WELLNESS

Spirit Committee Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars for these exciting events, brought to you by the LCCC Spirit Committee. We're excited to bring you these fun and meaningful activities.

- May 8 – Graduate-Joining/Join to Reunite Barron-Registration Needed
- May 8 – Wear RED Day to Remember Eyegone Deployment
- June 10 – Spirit Day: Hawaiian Themed Attire
- June 10 – Luau on the Lawn (Summer Picnic)

For questions about any upcoming events, please reach out to Ginny Hertzig at ghertzig@lccc.edu or Tara Frana at tfrana@lccc.edu.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

Human Resources News

New 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 found [here](#).

Nominate a Colleague for Spotlight on Excellence
Faculty and staff are invited to nominate a colleague who has made a significant contribution to the college. The award is presented annually in May. For more information, please contact the Human Resources Office. [Click here for nomination form.](#)

Stop, Think and Fall Prevention
Faculty and staff are invited to participate in the Stop, Think and Fall Prevention program. This program is designed to reduce the risk of falls on campus. For more information, please contact the Human Resources Office. [Click here for more information.](#)

Request for Medical Exemption on Campus
Faculty and staff are invited to request a medical exemption on campus. For more information, please contact the Human Resources Office. [Click here for more information.](#)

For more safety at home, please contact your local fire department. For more information, please contact the Human Resources Office. [Click here for more information.](#)

All New Employees
The college's online training program is specifically designed for the busy professional but includes a variety of topics relevant to the college's mission. For more information, please contact the Human Resources Office. [Click here for more information.](#)

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If you need your computer certificate for each training placed in your account file, please print out and send to the Human Resources Office. For more information, please contact the Human Resources Office. [Click here for more information.](#)

IFRS not IFRS - Please see Security Awareness Training
For more information, please contact the Human Resources Office. [Click here for more information.](#)

Run In-House Video
For more information, please contact the Human Resources Office. [Click here for more information.](#)

To view this video, go to the department of Human Resources and click on the Run In-House Video link.

If you have any questions, please contact Human Resources at 4107 or 41108.

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 faculty members for their dedication and hard work. [Click here to view the newsletter.](#)

Online Learning Courses Available
Register online for the next set of online learning courses. For more information, please contact the Human Resources Office. [Click here for more information.](#)

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Office Hours
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Digital Badges
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COLLEGE ENGAGEMENT AND WELL-BEING

Employee Appreciation Shout Outs

A shout out and a way to recognize your amazing colleagues! Celebrate specific actions and achievements. Choose a person whose work you appreciate and share your appreciation. Send them a simple way to say "Thank you" or acknowledge someone who made your day better. Share your appreciation in the [Employee Appreciation Shout Outs](#).

Innovation Award

The purpose of the LCCC Innovation Award is to recognize and celebrate innovative ideas, new products, services, and processes that contribute to the college's overall innovation efforts. Open to all faculty and staff, the award is presented annually in May. For more information, please contact the Human Resources Office. [Click here for more information.](#)

1. The creation and implementation of innovative programs, partnerships, and/or activities that improve the institution's ability to serve students and the community while reducing its environmental footprint.

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 3 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 leadership, collaboration, and innovation. For more information, please contact the Human Resources Office. [Click here for more information.](#)

1. They work collaboratively and productively with other team members who combined efforts have resulted in significant innovations, solutions, and accomplishments, demonstrating the power of collaboration.

2. They have exceeded their unique skills, knowledge, and efforts to form a powerful synergy, collaborating to achieve exceptional results and outcomes.

3. The processes have used innovative approaches, introducing new methods, ideas, or solutions to enhance their collective capabilities to bring the greatest value to the organization.

4. They model clear communication and constructive conflict resolution. They practice maintaining open channels of communication, listening and respecting the power of collaboration.

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

2026 Faculty/Staff Award Recognition Invitations

The campus community is invited to honor and celebrate colleagues at the [2026 Faculty/Staff Award Recognition Event](#) on Friday, May 15, from 3-5 p.m. in the Community Services Center Ballroom (203/205).

To celebrate faculty and staff milestones and accomplishments, the College will be closing all offices from 3 – 5 p.m. to allow employees to participate in ongoing or concluding their work projects.

The schedule of events is: 3 – 4:00 p.m. Mingling, live music, hors d'oeuvres, and beverages 4 – 5 p.m.

Recognition and award ceremony in the Ballroom – [Please RSVP here](#) by May 8. If you have an special dietary needs, please contact the Human Resources Office at hr@lccc.edu. If you do not wish to attend, you may use personal or vacation accrual to leave at 3:00 p.m.

Military Appreciation Week Agenda - 5/4 - 5/8

Military Appreciation Week is quickly approaching, and we have a week's worth of fun events on campus planned to celebrate! Save the date and show your support for our veterans and military families!

Monday (5/4) – Veterans Club Meeting with pizza! 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the Veterans Lounge/SSC 4M

Tuesday (5/5) – Talk of Valor Therapy Dogs – cookies! 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the Student Union

2 Miles Run, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Merger Center, Tanaka War Veterans Memorial, 12:00 p.m. at the memorial in Main Campus

Thursday (5/7) – Murph Fitness Challenge, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in Berrier Hall

Friday (5/8) – Wear RED to Remember Eyegone Deployed (long and short sleeve shirts, as well as bracelets for sale, all proceeds benefit Veterans Club – please contact thelibrary@lccc.edu for orders!)

We have our last part in this week of events, and we're looking for all our students, faculty, and staff. Thank you for your support!

Call for Nominations for the Collegiate Award of Distinction

On behalf of LCCC President, Dr. Ann Bieber, we are pleased to invite you to nominate an individual for consideration for the Collegiate Award of Distinction. The recipient for this award will be determined by the Board of Trustees later this summer.

Below, please list the criteria for nominations, along with a list of past recipients. The deadline for submitting nominations is Friday, June 19, 2026.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS COLLEGIATE AWARD OF DISTINCTION

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DEADLINE: FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2026
Send to the Office of the President, Room 100, 4107 Main Campus, Allentown, PA 18104
Or email: hr@lccc.edu

German Visitor Delegation

On April 14, LCCC welcomed a visiting group from North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany. The visit was part of the Pennsylvania School Board Association's Institute of International Education Study Group exchange. During their time on campus, the delegation toured our facilities and met with various faculty and staff members to learn more about our community, programs, and dual enrollment.

A huge thank you to everyone who gave our guests such a warm welcome from Leigh Carbon Community College.

Spring 2026 Online Learning Newsletter

View the Spring 2026 edition of the [Online Learning Newsletter](#). This edition features news about events, trainings, RRI, and Canvas updates. If you have any questions, reach out to OnlineLearning@lccc.edu.

Join the LCCC Spirit Committee in celebration of LCCC's 60th Anniversary with our "Move 60" Challenge!

The goal is to incorporate movement into your day for 60 seconds every 60 minutes. This quick burst of activity is a great way to stay energized and improve our resilience year.

Everyone is welcome! Please note: Even if you can't hit every 60-minute mark, you can still participate! Every 60 seconds of movement counts toward your goals and your chance to win.

How it Works:
• Dates: May 1-31
• The Goal: Aim for 60 seconds of movement every 60 minutes.
• Need a hand? Check out our "60 Ways to Move 60" sheet for quick, easy ways to get moving and stay active throughout your day!
• Track Your Progress: Each Monday, you'll receive a reminder email to log your movement from the previous week.

Prizes:
Submit your weekly tracking and reflection log, every week to the Event Forms for a chance to be one of three winners of a \$500 gift certificate to [Beitler's](#) restaurant. Reach out to Ginny Hertzig, ghertzig@lccc.edu, with any questions.

Let's keep the momentum going and celebrate LCCC's 60th anniversary throughout the year!

Susan Freed Arts and Scholars Awards Announced

Congratulations to the following students recognized at the Arts and Scholar Student Awards "Night" by Ethan Neisero:

Best Actor: "Belmet" by Ethan Neisero

Best Film Year Scholar Poster: "Automated Fame" with Machine Learning" by Sammy Getz

Best Second Year Scholar Poster (LIBA): "An Investigation of the Associations Between Mental Health, Academic Resilience, and Student Performance" by Robert Cairns

Best Second Year Poster (STEM): "Longitudinal Analysis of GPS Metrics in Collegiate Football: Implications for Athletic Health and Performance" by Tyler Torrey

Fiscal Year End Questions and Answers

Fiscal year-end is fast approaching. If you have questions regarding purchase cards, the accounts receivable process, or other fiscal year-end matters, please contact the 200M SESSION using this [link](#). The session will be held on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m.

An invitation with the Zoom link will be sent.

Fiscal Year 2026 Year-End Deadlines

5/8/26 – Grant purchase requirements
5/29/26 – College purchase requirements
6/15/26 – Last day for FY25/26 credit card and WU Mason purchases
6/15/26 – Travel reimbursements – Allentown and Tanaka sites
6/15/26 – Last day to submit:
• Duplicating jobs
• Travel reimbursements – Main Campus
• Employee reimbursements – Main Campus
• Bookstore vouchers

6/30/26 – All FY25/26 goods & services received
7/15/26 – All Accounts Payable invoices must be approved and submitted to the Finance Office
7/15/26 – Final FY25/26 Accounts Payable check run
6/15/26 – Final FY25/26 payroll pay date – contracted staff
7/15/26 – Final FY25/26 payroll pay date – transient staff (payables of 6/28-7/15/26)

Bye-Sized Pedagogy for All Integration

Week 12: The Human Manifesto
As the semester winds down, let's celebrate what we bring to the table. The Human Manifesto is an activity where students share off their skills and talents. This is their opportunity to highlight things like empathy, teamwork, judgment, and personal experience. Ask your students to write a "Human Value Add" statement explaining exactly how their unique skills and talents made their project better than anything AI could generate. This confidence boosters highlights their unique human strengths and will be essential in the modern workforce. Find the "Human Value Add" worksheet on the [LCCC Collaborative Based](#) and make your final week a celebration of human agency.

April Showers, Bring May Flowers, and Food Trucks, too!

Visit the great event Tuesday and Wednesday for some great food and fellowship with friends. Food trucks will be available through May 13.

Psychology Club Book Drive
Do you have any books that you haven't read in years? Are you hoping to spread the joy of reading to others? If you'd like to support literacy in our campus community, please consider dropping off your books at any of the campus locations. There are boxes in the Community Services Center, Academic Resource Center, Berrier Hall, the Student Union, the Student Services Center, and the Robinson Library. The book collection will continue until Wednesday, May 6.

If you're interested in browsing the selection of books for yourself, join the Psychology Club and inquire to assist them with their collection. Contact the Robinson Library. We'll have a variety of books you can take for your family and friends activities during the event, and it's a fun way to support literacy.

While you're reading, you can support the Berrier Center projects or any other LCCC initiatives. The books will be available until Wednesday, May 6.

All leftover books will be donated to the Robinson Library for their Take-A-Book, Add-A-Book program!

LASSI Lesson: Connecting to Previous Knowledge

The Information Processing measure of the [LASSI and Study Skills Inventory \(LASSI\)](#) assesses students' self-reported ability to use their previous knowledge, and reasoning as learning strategies. Among the 510+ students who completed the LASSI in Fall 2025, the measure ranked among the highest (48.45 vs. the national norm).

Notably, many students endorsed the statement: "I try to find relationships between what I am learning and what I already know." This suggests that many students have a strong foundation of prior knowledge, a well-established best practice in learning. Faculty already provide strong examples, but they should also encourage students to create their own, connecting course material to personal experiences. We're excited to help you do that, and we're here to help you do that.

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