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Tamaqua Makerspace Opens April 13

LCCC will dedicate its new STEAM Makerspace at LCCC Tamaqua in a ribbon cutting ceremony set for 4 p.m., Wednesday, April 13. Funded through the college's SHINE after-school program, the makerspace is housed in an innovative, newly customized classroom in the Morgan Center.

The STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) makerspace is designed to promote collaboration and provide a space for hands-on, experiential learning that highlights the real-world application of academic lessons. During the April 13 event, local elementary students and trained facilitators will demonstrate how the new equipment works and how the makerspace provides the raw materials for interdisciplinary projects.

The Tamaqua makerspace will serve a number of roles within the community: a collaborative hub for LCCC's Teacher Education Program, an area for professional development for local K-12 faculty and a home for STEM summer camps for local K-12 students.

LCCC designed the makerspace to capitalize on the strengths of hands-on learning, allowing participants to experiment with actual solutions to real-world problems. Makerspaces provide users with the opportunity to utilize new tools and apply new approaches to learning.

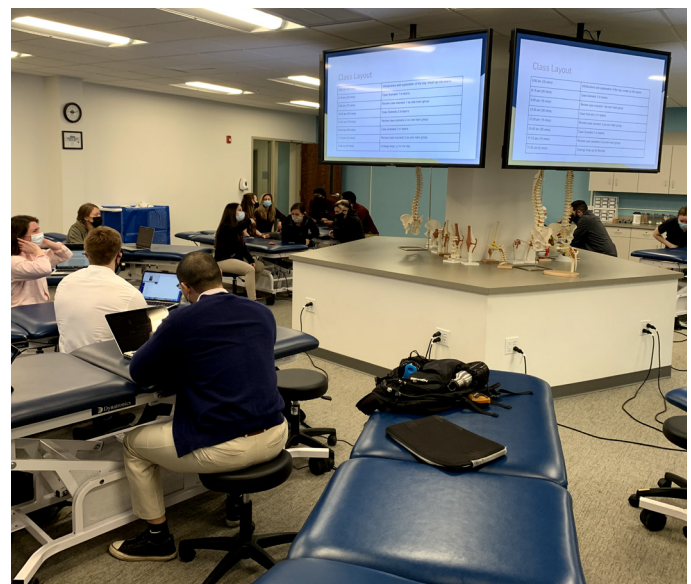
The Tamaqua facility is stocked with a variety of both high- and low-tech items including a 3D printer, robotic items, a green screen for animation and a LEGO® wall. It will be available for use by area school districts, teachers and for professional development later in the fall.

For information on the Tamaqua Makerspace or how to utilize it for teacher training, contact Amber Zuber at 570-668-6880. ■

PTA Students Collaborate with Moravian University

In March, students in the LCCC Physical Therapist Assistant Program organized a collaborative event with Physical Therapy students from Moravian University. Second semester LCCC PTA students teamed up with second year PT students at Moravian to discuss case scenarios presenting legal, ethical and collaboration of care challenges. The intraprofessional learning experience helped students understand the value of working in a team with the hope that it will assist them in working collaboratively as clinicians upon graduation.

The faculty of both programs facilitated the discussions and helped students clear "muddy points" that they encountered while trying to understand the dilemma. The event was held at the Moravian orthopedic lab. ■



LCCC Partners to Offer FE Summer Camp

A summer camp for primarily Hispanic high school sophomores and juniors will teach life and academic skills and offer training in entrepreneurship through a partnership between Lehigh Carbon Community College, Northampton Community College and the “Futuros Empresarios”/Future Entrepreneurs (FE) Program. Applications for the camp are now available on LCCC’s [website](#). The camp runs Sunday through Friday, July 17-22, with the internship portion set for July 25-Aug. 19.

The FE Program is a two-part, five-week summer program where students can learn skills that will prepare them for college or to enter the workforce. This is the second year that the community colleges have partnered with the Fé Foundation to host the summer camp.

Although the majority of program participants is Hispanic, the program is open to all underserved and underrepresented students. Participants will spend time on both the LCCC and Northampton campuses, including a residential experience at Northampton, followed by a four-week internship conducted with local businesses and organizations.

All the programs are provided at no cost to the student, funded by local businesses, colleges and universities and other private sponsors. Students will be selected in April and May. ■

Dr. Bieber to Be Honored with Cedar Crest Award

LCCC President Dr. Ann Bieber will be honored by Cedar Crest College with a 2022 Associates Award at a dinner and awards ceremony on April 12. A 1986 graduate of Cedar Crest, Dr. Bieber is receiving the Individual Award and being honored for her leadership and accomplishments as president of LCCC and the partnerships she has helped to forge with Cedar Crest, including articulation agreements and scholarships that pave the way for students to transfer and earn their bachelor’s degree.

The Cedar Crest College Associates advocate for Cedar Crest and assist with the selection of the Associates Award winners each year. The associates are business, professional and civic leaders from the Greater Lehigh Valley area. Also to be honored at the April event are Highmark Blue Shield with the Corporate Award and Susan Secombe Cox with the Gratitude Award. The Associates Award each year recognizes individuals and corporations who have made significant contributions to Cedar Crest College and who promote the college’s mission. ■

Phi Theta Kappa Receives Chapter Awards

The college’s chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society received a number of significant awards recently. The awards were from the Middle States Region of Phi Theta Kappa at the regional conference awards reception on Saturday, March 12. LCCC was recognized as a 5 Star Chapter, the highest level of achievement in Phi Theta Kappa for a chapter. In addition, the LCCC chapter was awarded ninth place for Distinguished Chapter; fourth place overall for the Honors in Action project: The Legacy of Rituals; and first place for the Honors in Action project in the category Life and Death.

The awards on the national level will be presented at the Catalyst in Denver on April 16. ■

Tamaqua Admissions Info Session Set for May 4

Students from Tamaqua, Jim Thorpe, Panther Valley and the Northern Tier will have the opportunity learn more about programs and services at LCCC’s Tamaqua site in an admissions information session scheduled for 3 to 5 p.m., Wednesday, May 4. The session will be held in rooms 104/105 of the Morgan Center and will include a tour of the Morgan Center and the Scheller Center buildings, including the newly renovated Nursing simulation lab.

The session will be led by members of the Admissions team and will include a brief overview of academics, student support services, athletics and financial aid.

The session will also highlight aspects of LCCC’s Morgan Scholarship, which is offered specifically to Tamaqua Area High School graduates who seek to continue their education at LCCC and beyond.

Participants will tour the facility, as well as a walk-through of the state-of-the-art nursing, chemistry and biology labs.

Register [online](#) for the information session, or for more information, call 570-668-6880. The site is located at 234 High Street in Tamaqua. ■

Commencement Date Confirmed

Please note that because of a major event that has been scheduled in the PPL Arena, the college’s Commencement Ceremonies will now take place on Monday, May 16, beginning at 7 p.m.

This is the first in-person ceremony since 2019, so we are excited to be able to come together and celebrate with our students. Commencement will also celebrate the 55th anniversary theme of “Together.” ■

Foundation Launches 2022 Fundraising Events

The LCCC Foundation is gearing up for a year of [in-person events](#), with proceeds directed to supporting workforce development and upskill training, with emphasis on veterans. For information on participating in any of the 2022 events, contact Jane Wilchak at jwilchak@lccc.edu or ext. 1929. ■

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As our community grows and workforce demands change, the LCCC Foundation will raise funds to support workforce development and upskill training. LCCC students and the military are our priority.

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FOUNDATION Clay Shoot
June 17, 2022
Lehigh Valley Sporting Clays

FOUNDATION Golf Classic
September 19, 2022
Lehigh Country Club

FOUNDATION Fall Fitness Fest
November 5, 2022
LCCC Schnecksville Campus

Spring Open House Set for April 21

Prospective students and their families are invited to Lehigh Carbon Community College's in-person spring open house on Thursday, April 21, in the Community Services Center on the college's main campus in Schnecksville. The open house will be held from 6 to 8 p.m.

Admissions and financial aid representatives, academic advisors as well as faculty program coordinators will be on hand to answer questions. The open house is an excellent opportunity for prospective students of all ages to tour the campus, learn about scholarship opportunities and learn how LCCC can pave the way for an exciting and rewarding career or transfer to earn a bachelor's degree. Families are encouraged to attend with their prospective student.

- Meet with faculty coordinators about degrees and the many programs that interest you
- Learn about the LCCC admissions process, advising, transfer options, placement testing, athletic opportunities and more
- Attend presentations on financial aid and scholarships, educational support, adult learners and the Honors program
- Learn about classes and campus life
- Take a campus tour

Interested students should register at www.lccc.edu/openhouse or contact the LCCC Admissions Office at 610-799-1575 or admissions@lccc.edu. ■

LCCC Earns Military Friendly Designation

Once again, Lehigh Carbon Community College (LCCC) has earned the title of Military Friendly® School based on both public data sources and responses from a proprietary survey. The college has achieved the additional designation as a Top Ten School within the category of small community colleges. The full list will be published in the May and October issues of G.I. Jobs Magazine and is on www.militaryfriendly.com.

More than 1,800 schools participated in the 2022-23 survey with 665 earning special awards for going above the standard. The MFS designation identifies a school that provides service members and their families with information about post-military education and career opportunities, including on-campus veterans programs, credit for service, military spouse programs and more. Institutions are rated on student retention, graduation, job placement, loan repayment, persistence (degree advancement or transfer) and loan default rates for all students and specifically for student veterans.

LCCC continues to provide resources and support services to more than 400 active military and veteran students, including their spouses and dependents, to meet their specific needs while attending college. Resources include veterans' lounges at both the Schnecksville and Tamaqua campuses, preferred scheduling, scholarship opportunities and a dedicated Veterans Support Team to provide the resources needed to successfully transition to college. ■

Dr. Bieber Honored with Power 100 Award

LCCC President Dr. Ann Bieber is being honored for the second year on the Power 100 List from Lehigh Valley Business. She was featured as one of the 100 area leaders in the [March 14 issue](#) of the newspaper for her leadership and influence in the community as president of the college. She has been president since 2014 and has been with the college for more than 40 years. ■

Check Out the Latest Edition of The Paw Print

The spring issue of The Paw Print is now available at lcccpawprint.net. Student writers cover Wellness Wednesdays, the new social media course and "Euphoria." Plus, so many students wear earbuds in the caf and library. What ARE they listening to? Find out in this edition's [In Focus](#) section. Read about these stories and much more. Keep up with student blogs throughout the semester on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#). ■

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Important Dates for April 2022

- April 6** 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Spring Job Fair, Community Services Center, Schnecksville
- April 12** 6, 7 or 8 p.m., FAFSA completion workshop, main campus in Schnecksville
- April 13** 4 p.m., Tamaqua Makerspace Opens, Morgan Center
- April 18** High School Application Day, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Donley Center
- April 19** 6, 7 or 8 p.m., FAFSA completion workshop at the Donley Center
- April 21** 6-8 p.m., Spring Open House, Schnecksville. Register: www.LCCC.edu/openhouse

SNAP Chapter Collaborates with DeSales University

On March 18, members of the Student Nurses Association of Pennsylvania (SNAP) chapter collaborated with DeSales University's SNAP chapter for their annual regional event "Stop the Bleed and Empathy in the Workspace." This collaboration has not been done before with LCCC SNAP and it was an amazing opportunity to be a part of. LCCC SNAP members volunteered to help fellow SNAP members from DeSales. Stop the Bleed is part of a national trauma initiative to train first responders and the public on how to control bleeding in the event of an accident or injury and to improve the injured patient's chance of survival. It was an amazing opportunity to help our community and create new connections with other SNAP chapters. ■



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