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## LCCC Hosts Tony Boyle Memorial Golf Classic



The Lehigh Carbon Community College Foundation will host the Tony Boyle Memorial Golf Classic on Monday, Sept. 19, at the Lehigh Country Club. The tournament has been renamed the Tony Boyle Memorial Golf Classic in his memory. Boyle was a 1970 LCCC graduate and a member of the LCCC Foundation Board of Directors for over 20 years. He was also one of the pioneers and founders of the LCCC Foundation golf tournaments.

The registration fee is \$350 for an individual golfer, which includes 18 holes of golf with green fees, cart, brunch, dinner and a promotional gift. Golfer registration begins at 9 a.m. Golfers will play a scramble format with a shotgun start at 11 a.m. and conclude with a cocktail and dinner reception.

Sponsorship and advertising opportunities are still available, ranging from the \$10,000 title sponsor level to tee sponsor for \$250, with a variety of levels in between. Golfers will also have the opportunity to purchase a super ticket package, which includes a five-person one-week stay at a vacation home in Pinehurst, NC, providing unlimited access to courses 1-6 including the famous #2 course.

All proceeds for the event will benefit students in Construction Management and general scholarships.

For registration or event details, call 610-799-1929, email [jwilchak@lccc.edu](mailto:jwilchak@lccc.edu) or visit [www.lccc.edu/specialevents](http://www.lccc.edu/specialevents). ■

## Dr. Bieber Appointed to PACCC Executive Committee

The Pennsylvania Commission for Community Colleges (PACCC) announced the recently-elected officers to the Executive Committee of its Board of Directors, including Dr. Ann Bieber who is beginning her term as vice chair. The Executive Committee leads the PACCC Board of Directors in determining the statewide direction and policy interests of its member community colleges. ■

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## Design Den Receives Grant

LCCC's Design Den creative makerspace has received a \$1,000 grant from the PPL Foundation. Funds will support the facility, which will provide hands-on learning opportunities to LCCC students in the Teacher Education degree program as well as professional development opportunities to classroom K-12 teachers in science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics (STEAM).

Located on the main campus, the Design Den follows the model created by the college's SHINE (Schools and Homes in Education) after-school program that includes project-based learning involving collaboration, creativity and technology. Beginning this fall, the space will teach students in Teacher Education classes how to integrate STEAM principles into lesson plans and curricula and will promote professional development for LCCC Education faculty.

The Makerspace will be a resource for school districts, area schools, colleges and universities and other community partners. It will also serve as a hub for STEAM-related summer camps, after school programs, Saturday programs and field trips for area school children.

Information: Dr. Kelly Trahan, Dean of Education, Computer Science, and Online Learning, at [ktarahan@lccc.edu](mailto:ktarahan@lccc.edu). ■

# LCCC Launches New Programs in Court Reporting and Histotechnology

Lehigh Carbon Community College (LCCC) is offering two new degree programs in court reporting and histotechnology that will prepare graduates for entry level positions with promising employment opportunities.

The Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree in Court Reporting, offered in partnership with Luzerne County Community College, will teach students the skills required to work as a court reporter at the county, state and federal levels or succeed in a freelance position. Students will learn keyboarding and master writing the spoken word at speeds of more than 225 words per minute using computerized shorthand machines and computer-aided transcription (CAT). Additional career options include broadcast captioning and computer-aided reporting for the hearing impaired.

Through this partnership, students will take their general education requirements at Lehigh Carbon and degree specific courses through Luzerne. A total of 71 credits are required.

The A.A.S. degree in Histotechnology, offered in partnership with Reading Area Community College, is designed to develop highly skilled and ethical histologic technology providers. Students will learn skills to work in a histology laboratory, learning to process body tissues for microscopic examination, frozen section assistance, embedding techniques, microtomy and special staining techniques. Graduates of the program will be prepared for an entry level position as a histotechnician and will be eligible to take the Certified Histotechnician exam through the American Society for Clinical Pathology.

Students will take their general education courses through LCCC and their histotechnology courses through Reading. A total of 61 credits are required.

Both degrees launch in the fall semester, with classes starting Aug. 29. For information on these or any of the other programs that LCCC offers, contact Admissions at 610-799-1575 or [Admissions@lccc.edu](mailto:Admissions@lccc.edu). ■

# Future Entrepreneurs Summer Program

Finding the right balance between creativity and business can be tricky, but one innovative program is working to help high school students better understand that balance. In partnership with Northampton Community College and the Fé Foundation, Lehigh Carbon Community College hosted high school students from across the Lehigh Valley in the Future Entrepreneurs Summer Program on July 18 and 22. The Fé Foundation, part of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of the Lehigh Valley, organized the week-long program to build students' knowledge and expertise in entrepreneurship. Student teams created an original business idea and pitched it to a panel of judges at the end of the program.



Silas Taylor

Participant Silas Taylor says he was initially interested in the program because of the support system. "It's huge to have not one but two community colleges coming in to help," he says.

His group's business idea involved a self-sufficient watering system. "The problem is, people have issues tending to their garden every day, or they just forget to water it, and the plants will potentially die," he explained. Their system includes LED lights to provide the amount of light the plant needs to supplement sunlight.

Also in Taylor's group is Daniel Rohlsen. "I've learned that [entrepreneurship] is all about mindset," he says. "If you want to be successful, you can't do it if you don't have the right mindset."

Rohlsen acknowledges how much more there is to learn. "I found out that when I put my mind to something, I can do it," he says. "[But] I do have things to work on as a team player."



Daniel Rohlsen

Both participants are interested in pursuing a college education, possibly at a community college. Taylor, a current dual enrollment student at Northampton, is pursuing an education in financial literacy in the hopes of investing in real estate. Rohlsen is interested in growing his sports talent in baseball or basketball, as well as learning about computer engineering.

Both participants recommend the Fé Foundation Summer Program to their peers. "Come with an open mindset and take a chance with things," says Taylor. Rohlsen adds, "I know you would be taking a week out of your summer, but the experience is worth it in making you prepared for college." ■

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# LCCC Announces Spring Dean's List

Lehigh Carbon Community College has announced the students named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2022 semester. View the entire list [here](#). ■

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*Dr. Ann D. Bieber*

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## Important Dates for August 2022

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| August 10     | Summer Application Day,<br>10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Student Union  |
| August 20, 27 | Saturday hours for fall registration,<br>virtual office hours 9 a.m.-3 p.m.<br>with Admissions, Financial Aid,<br>Business Office, Advising |
| August 23, 24 | Fall 2022 Convocation   |
| August 29     | Fall Semester Begins  |
| September 5   | Campus Closed for Labor Day   |

## LCCC Commencement Ceremony Recognizes Graduates

Lehigh Carbon Community College held its 55th annual Commencement ceremonies on Monday, May 16, at the PPL Center in downtown Allentown. Commencement recognized the more than 950 students who have earned associate degrees, certificates or diplomas from December 2021, May 2022 and August 2022. LCCC president Dr. Ann D. Bieber presided over the ceremonies.

Chair of the LCCC Board of Trustees Ann L. Thompson offered the welcome.

Michelle L. Mitchell, professor and learning specialist, served as grand marshal for the ceremonies, assisted by faculty members Dr. Hazel C. Carrera, Vincent J. Belletti, Dr. Lauren Falgout, Dr. Betsy S. Swope, Dr. Roxanne K. Wright-Watson and Karen A. Wotring.

Class of 2022 graduate Elizamarie Levy, who received the associate in arts degree, sang the national anthem and the LCCC alma mater.

The full list of graduates can be found [here](#).

Photos of LCCC's Commencement can be viewed [here](#). ■

## LCCC Tamaqua to Offer HVAC Coursework

Students interested in a career as a heating, air conditioning or refrigeration technician have an opportunity to take coursework at Lehigh Carbon Community College's Tamaqua campus, which will begin offering courses this fall in basic electricity, construction print reading and heating systems.

Students will be able to take selective courses at the Tamaqua site, and courses in refrigeration, advanced electrical and other higher level classes at the main campus in Schnecksville. Offering a range of courses at Tamaqua increases the convenience for students who live in the Northern Tier.

Heating systems will also be offered at the Tamaqua site in the spring 2023 semester.

For information on the HVAC program, contact Tim Brady, associate professor, at TBrady@lccc.edu. Or contact Admissions at Admissions@lccc.edu or 610-799-1575. ■