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Holiday Greetings

Holiday Greetings to all of you and best wishes for a happy new year from Lehigh Carbon Community College!

As we celebrate our 55th Anniversary,
we send warm wishes for a happy
and healthy holiday season.



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Remembering Founding Trustee Leon S. Peters

As one of the early members of the Board of Trustees for the newly established community college, Leon Peters witnessed the emergence of Lehigh Carbon Community College and helped to lay the groundwork for how the college serves the community today, 55 years later.

Peters served as a college trustee from 1967 to 1972 as a school board member for the Parkland School District, then from 1972 to 1986, representing the Allentown School District.

Mr. Peters died Dec. 4, 2021 at the age of 90. We remember the impact he had on establishing the college and his continued role in the community over the decades since.

Although he wasn't part of early conversations that established the college, Peters played a key role in LCCC's early days. "I was part of the group that met to select a site for the new campus," he explained in an interview in the fall of 2021. The group selected a rural hillside in Schnecksville for the main campus where classes were first held in the spring of 1969.

Peters served as chair of the board from 1972 to 1974 and was named a Trustee Emeritus in 1998.

He supported the concept of the community college from the outset. "I came forward with the thinking that this was a great opportunity for high school seniors who were not sure exactly what they wanted to do," he said. "This would allow them to take a course and see if college was right for them. At that time, going to college was pretty expensive. A lot of people didn't have the money, but I felt like the concept that based revenue from students at one-third of the tuition cost would result in students earning a degree in two years, benefitting those who weren't certain what they wanted to do. And it was great for the county

because it would provide economic advantages; having a community college was a plus for companies moving in."

Peters started working as a broker for the investment company Warren W. York & Co. and stayed with the firm when it was purchased by Legg Mason, Inc. Always active in the community, Peters said he believed that it was important for him to give back to the community that supported him through his career. "I've been in sales most of my adult life and it has worked out well," he explained. "To me it's the folks in the Lehigh Valley who have supported my professional career. Having benefited from that, it's important for me to give time to serve on boards."

He had recently been elected as president of the Lehigh County Agricultural Society, which operates the Allentown Fairgrounds and the Allentown Fair and served as chair of the Lehigh County Assessment Appeals Board. He also served for nearly four decades on the board of the Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

Peters and his wife, Barbara Bigelow, were honored by the Cedar Crest College Board of Associates with its annual award, presented in June 2021.

Having been born in 1931, Peters has seen much change in the Lehigh Valley, including at LCCC.

"I personally believe we have gone beyond what most of those folks envisioned that a community college would be," he said. "I think it's gone beyond what the founders expected. I'm pleased with the different offerings and giving a lot of people an opportunity to further their education, which many probably

thought they would not be able to do."

As the college celebrates its 55th anniversary, it is people like Leon Peters who ensured the community would continue to reap the benefits of those early efforts. ■



LCCC Celebrates Articulation in Virtual Signing Ceremony with Millersville

To celebrate the recent articulation agreement with Millersville University, members of the college community gathered for a virtual signing ceremony on Monday, Dec. 6. Dr. Ann Bieber, president, and Larissa Verta, vice president for academic services and student development, signed the [agreement](#) in coordination with a signing on the Millersville campus with their counterparts Dr. Daniel Wubah, president, and Dr. Gail Gasparich, provost. The agreement provides a unique opportunity for students with intellectual disability to achieve academic credentials. ■



Dr. Andrea Grannum-Mosley Named Dean of Workforce, Community Engagement, and Technical Education

Dr. Andrea Grannum-Mosley has accepted the position of dean of Workforce, Community Engagement, and Technical Education. Dr. Grannum-Mosley started at LCCC as a part-time Career and Technical Education Career Specialist in November 2017, was hired as the Director of Training and Development in August 2019, and has most recently been serving as interim Dean since December 2020. She holds an EdD in Adult Education as well as post Masters Certificates in Management and Leadership and Accountability from Capella University. Please join us in congratulating Dr. Grannum-Mosley in her new role. ■



Culinary Program Grand Buffet Celebration

As an end of term project, students in the Culinary Program hosted a catered event for friends, family and the college community. The event was an opportunity for students to showcase techniques and practical skills learned in class over the semester. The event required the students to create a menu, determine a budget, follow a production schedule and cater a large event. Everything was made in house, plated and presented by the students. ■



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Important Dates for January 2022

Jan. 3	Administrative Offices Reopen
Jan. 6	Virtual Nursing Information Session, 3 p.m.
Jan. 11-12	Faculty Welcome Back, Virtual
Jan. 12	Winter Session Online Classes End
Jan. 14	New Student Convocation
Jan. 17	Spring Semester Begins for Clinicals
Jan. 18	Spring Full Term and Online Classes Begin
Jan. 24	Last day for Spring full term course change or late registration

LCCC Completes First Phase of Campus Arboretum

LCCC has planted 24 trees as part of an arboretum project funded by the Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor through the Lehigh Valley Greenways Grant Program under the administration of the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. Phase 1 of planting was completed in early December with trees planted on the southwest side of campus near the Rothrock Library and Berrier Hall.



digital rendering of the completed arboretum

The arboretum is a continuation of a vision to create a micro-ecosystem on campus, building on the new pollinator gardens, meadow garden and outdoor classrooms. The Schnecksville campus occupies acreage bordering the Trexler Nature Preserve on land that was formerly orchards. These conservation projects demonstrate best practices in land management and ensure viability of the campus micro-ecosystem for future generations.

The Greenways grant also builds on the efforts of students in the Phi Theta Kappa honor society who completed a detailed inventory of the trees on campus. Twenty species of climate-change resistant trees were planted, including native species of oak, maple, redbud, sycamore, cherry, aspen, pine and gum, to name a few. ■