

# DR. ANN D. BIEBER PRESIDENT'S DESK

JUNE 2022



Lehigh Carbon  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE



## *Congratulations* to the CLASS OF 2022

More than 500 graduates walked at this year's commencement, which was the first in-person ceremony since 2019. The ceremony was held at the PPL Center in Allentown and was attended by more than 2,600. Two student awards were announced during the ceremony. Jace Izellah Mary received the Student of the Year Award and Tucker Zimmerman received the Early College Student of the Year Award. Photos from commencement can be viewed on the college's [Flickr](#) account. ■





## LCCC Foundation Holds Annual Clay Shoot

Lehigh Carbon Community College will host the 18th Annual LCCC Foundation Scholarship Clay Shoot on Friday, June 17, at Lehigh Valley Sporting Clays in Coplay, Pa. Registrations are open to the public and are now being accepted. All proceeds for this event will benefit students in the college's workforce programs, advanced manufacturing, CDL, trade and certificate training including students who are active military or veterans.

Event registration is \$200 per individual participant. Entry includes 100 rounds of clay shooting, shells for the event, continental breakfast, awards and Pig Roast lunch. Participants each receive a commemorative souvenir and have the option to purchase extra tickets in a package for \$40, which includes additional chances for prizes and mulligans.

The LCCC Foundation Scholarship Clay Shoot has provided more than \$250,000 in Foundation scholarship funds to LCCC students since 2004. The event helps to ensure financial support for students by turning their aspirations into reality through the value of an LCCC education.

The Title Sponsor this year is Roth LLC Architect & Planners. Sponsorship opportunities are still available.

For more information or to register for this event, including how to become a sponsor or participant, please contact Jane Wilchak by phone 610-799-1929, or at [jwilchak@lccc.edu](mailto:jwilchak@lccc.edu), or visit LCCC's [event](#) page. ■

## LCCC Signs Transfer Agreement with Western Governors University

Graduates from Lehigh Carbon Community College have another option to pursue their bachelor's degree thanks to a recent transfer agreement between LCCC and nonprofit, accredited Western Governors University (WGU). WGU is a competency-based online institution, which provides a convenient, low-cost option for LCCC graduates to complete their bachelor's degree online and through asynchronous coursework, while continuing to work.

This agreement will provide a closer partnership for students to move smoothly from degree completion at LCCC to bachelor's achievement online. Since 2018, a total of 91 students have transferred to WGU.

The agreement offers the following notable benefits to LCCC graduates:

- Transfer Pathways, including specific LCCC credit equivalencies
- Scholarship opportunities valued up to \$2,500, based on student eligibility
- Waiver of application fees

Employees at LCCC can also take advantage of this new pathway to a bachelor's degree or professional development.

WGU degree programs include accounting, business, computer science, cybersecurity, education, information technology and nursing. To learn more, go to [www.wgu.edu](http://www.wgu.edu).

For information on the transfer program to Western Governors University, contact Fauzia Graham, LCCC's transfer advisor, at [fgraham@lccc.edu](mailto:fgraham@lccc.edu). ■

## Rotary Scholarships Presented

Congratulations to Amber Kalnas and Callie Hayman, recipients of \$1,000 scholarships from the Rotary Allentown West club. The presentations were made at a breakfast on May 4. Pictured are Fauzia Graham, transfer coordinator; Dr. Barbara Kistler, LCCC trustee and Rotarian; recipients Amber Kalnas and Callie Hayman; and LCCC President Dr. Ann Bieber. ■



## Next Step Resource Transition Fair

The fourth annual Next Step High School Transition Resource Fair was held on Friday, April 29. The event was hosted by the LCCC Disability Services Office in partnership with Intermediate Units 21 and 29. The event attracted 140 students and teachers from 19 area districts and transition programs. Keynote speakers, Christian Huber and Erin Black, shared their college experiences with participants. A panel of LCCC students also spoke and provided an opportunity for high school students to ask questions. More than a dozen service providers including the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation for the Lehigh Valley Center for Independent Living were available to inform students about services designed to assist in their next steps including planning for college and employment options. ■

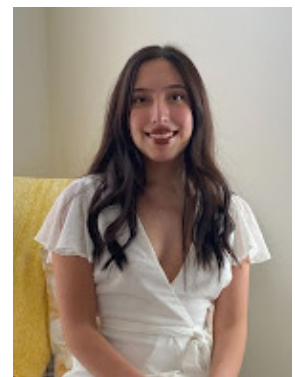


## Bucknell Community College Scholars Program

Students Maria Bautista Enriquez, Briana Castro, Elliott Centeno and Emily Rivera have been accepted to the Bucknell Community College Scholars Program for summer 2022. The Bucknell Community College Scholars program is an incredible scholarship opportunity designed for high-achieving community college students who want to earn an associate degree and then take their education further. After successfully completing a six-week summer session at Bucknell, and completing their associate degree, these students are eligible to apply for the full tuition scholarship to Bucknell University.

For questions please contact Fauzia Graham [fgraham@lccc.edu](mailto:fgraham@lccc.edu).

Pictured from left to right; Maria Bautista Enriquez, Briana Castro, Elliott Centeno and Emily Rivera. ■



## Cougar Has New Home

The cougar that had been on display at Berrier Hall for many years now has a new home. The Student Government Association recently voted to have the taxidermied cougar cleaned and repaired and have it displayed on campus. The cougar had been donated to the college by Lee Machemer, Jr., in memory of his father who had a large collection of taxidermied animals. Lee M. Machemer, Sr., died in 1991. The cougar is now displayed in a museum-quality box that will reside in the SGA offices and be used in future ceremonies. ■





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## Important Dates for June 2022

June 17	LCCC Foundation Clay Shoot at Lehigh Valley Sporting Clays
June 13-17	Cougar Camp - grades K through 4
June 20-24	Cougar Camp - grades 5 through 8
June 22	11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Employee Summer Fun Picnic

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**



**CRITERIA**

- Recipient must have contributed to the vitality of Lehigh Carbon Community College.
- The recipient's contribution need not be specific to Lehigh Carbon Community College or the local area and, therefore, may include individuals whose broad contributions have impacted LCCC.
- Current LCCC employees/members of the Board of Trustees are not eligible.
- Examples of individuals who might receive the award include, but are not limited to:
  - A member of Congress who has sponsored legislation especially helpful to community colleges;
  - The president of a firm with which LCCC has had a major partnership;
  - A major financial contributor to LCCC;
  - A community leader who has assisted in developing a new educational program.
- Nominations may be made by any resident of the LCCC sponsoring school districts.

Nominations should be submitted in letter form with a brief statement of the rationale for the nomination to the Office of the President.

The LCCC Board of Trustees will select the award recipient.

**DEADLINE: FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 2022**

Send to the Office of the President,  
4525 Education Park Drive, Schnecksville, Pa., 18078  
OR email: [lcccpreoffice@lccc.edu](mailto:lcccpreoffice@lccc.edu)

## Faculty and Staff Awards 2022

Congratulations to the many people recognized at the annual Staff Awards celebration, which this year was featured [in a video](#). Following are the honorees.

**Faculty Awards:** Adjunct Faculty of the Year – William B. Smith; Part-time Faculty of the Year – Robert Oravitz; Faculty Excellence Award – Dr. Mary Brinker; George W. Elison Award – Tonia Breech; Vice President's Faculty Recognition Award – Richard Paterick

**Staff Awards:** Administrator of the Year Award – Dr. Karen Ladley; Education Support Professional of the Year Award – Barbara Hoffman; Part-time Employee of the Year Award – Nader Anz ■

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