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LCCC Students Named 2021-22 All-Pennsylvania Academic Team Members

Two Lehigh Carbon Community College (LCCC) students, Michelle Kenstler of Kempton and Jace Izellah Mary of Whitehall, have been named members of the 2021-22 All-Pennsylvania Academic Team, which is sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa (the international honor society for two-year colleges), the Coca Cola Corporation, the State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) and the Pennsylvania Commission for Community Colleges (PACCC).



Michelle Kenstler

Michelle Kenstler is a psychology major at LCCC, a member of the Honor Scholars Program and serves as president of the LCCC chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. Michelle chaired the chapter's Honor in Action Project, "The Legacy of Rituals," which received fourth place at PTK's regional convention.

Michelle has volunteered at chapter events including the

Fall 2021 Transfer Fair, the chapter college project and coordinated volunteer outreach with the Sixth Street Shelter in Allentown. She also attended the PTK 2021 Honors Institute and completed the PTK Transfer Edge course. She plans to continue her studies in psychology at Kutztown University in pursuit of a career as a professional counselor.

Jace Izellah Mary graduated from Whitehall High School and is a physical sciences major at LCCC. She serves as president of the Student Government Association, vice president of the college's chapter of Phi

Theta Kappa and is in the Honors Scholars program. Jace works as a peer mentor and has volunteered at numerous college events including New Student Convocation, Open House, Fall Fest, as well as PTK projects and events. In addition, Jace was selected as a Bronze Scholar on Coca-Cola's 2022 Academic Team and was selected as a Krysta Hankee Memorial Scholarship recipient. Selection as a Coca-Cola Bronze Scholar is based on scores the student earned in the All-USA Academic Team competition,

for which more than 2,000 applications were received this year. Jace, who is the daughter of immigrants, plans to continue her education in pursuit of a career in biomedical engineering.

Selection for the academic team is competitive and students must have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher. Community college presidents or their



Jace Izellah Mary

designated nominators may submit no more than two nominations per campus for this award. An independent panel of judges considers outstanding academic rigor, grade point average, academic and leadership awards, and engagement in college and community service in the selection process.

Each member of the All-Pennsylvania Academic Team receives a full two-year scholarship to any of the universities in the PASSHE system and competes at the national level for scholarships from the All-USA Academic Team and the Coca-Cola Community College Academic Team.

STEAM Makerspace Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



Lehigh Carbon Community College dedicated its new STEAM Makerspace at LCCC Tamaqua in a ribbon cutting ceremony on 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 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. ■



Arboretum Ribbon Cutting

In celebration of Earth Day, the Lehigh Carbon Community College Sustainability Committee held a ribbon cutting ceremony on April 21 to dedicate the newly planted arboretum on the main campus. The ceremony was held in the Outdoor Classroom.

In addition to the ceremonial dedication of the young trees, attendees had an opportunity to view some of the natural elements that have been developed on the main campus site over the past few years. Walking tours were led by students and biology faculty who have played an integral role in the development of three pollinator gardens and wildflower meadow.

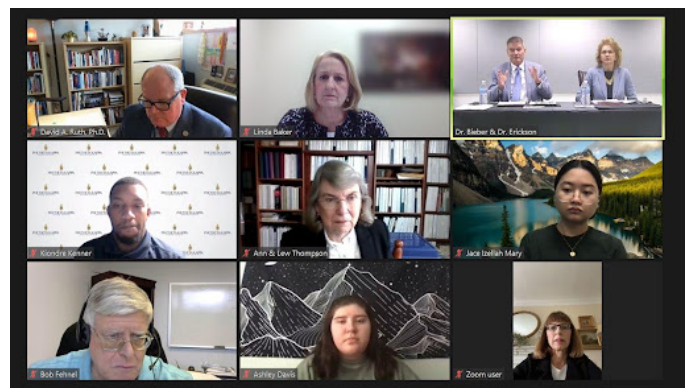


The college planted 24 trees as part of the arboretum project funded by the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor through the Lehigh Valley Greenways Grant Program. Trees were planted on the southwest side of campus near the Rothrock Library and Berrier Hall. The Greenways grant builds on the efforts of students in the Phi Theta Kappa honor society who completed a detailed inventory of the trees on campus.

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. ■

LCCC Meets with Legislators for CC Week

In recognition of Community College Week, March 28-April 1, the college met with legislators to discuss the importance of community colleges and the need for an increase in funding. Students joined the meeting with Representative Milou Mackenzie on Friday, April 1, which was held in coordination with Northampton Community College. The session was led by LCCC president Dr. Ann Bieber and Northampton Community College president Dr. Mark Erickson and included students Jace Mary and Ashley Davis. ■



LCCC Hosts Mechanical and Construction Technology Information Session

For students interested in hands-on technology programs, Lehigh Carbon Community College is hosting an admissions information session that will take students into the labs and classrooms of the Mechanical and Construction Technology programs. Prospective students and their families are invited to attend the interactive session from 3:30 to 5 p.m., Thursday, May 12, at the Schnecksville campus.

The afternoon will begin at the [Technology Center](#) (#6 on the map) at 3:30 p.m. Attendees will then be led by Jim DePietro, faculty coordinator of the mechanical and construction technology programs, on a walking tour to view LCCC's state-of-the-art equipment, laboratories and instructional areas. In addition, a member of the Admissions team will provide information on the admissions process.

Students will have the opportunity to learn about the following programs:

- Construction Management
- Electrical Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Heating/ Ventilation/ Air Conditioning/ Refrigeration Technology
- Kitchen and Bath Design
- CAD Design

Prospective students should [register](#) in advance for the event.

Questions about this event and other inquiries about LCCC can be directed to admissions@lccc.edu or by calling 610-799-1575. ■

Students Interested in Arts, Communication and Design Careers Invited to LCCC Info Session

Students interested in the wide array of career options available in the areas of [Arts, Communication and Design](#) will have the opportunity to learn more about these programs at an admissions information session at Lehigh Carbon Community College. Prospective students and their families are invited to the session from 3 to 5 p.m., Wednesday, May 18, in the Community Services Center room 201 on the Schnecksville campus.

This in-person information session will highlight the college's degree programs within the Arts, Communication and Design division at LCCC. The session will be led by faculty and members of the admissions team. It will include an in-depth look into the following programs:

- Communication
- Computer Game and Simulation Development
- Computer Generated Animation and Digital Arts
- Fine Arts/Studio Arts
- Graphic Design
- Music/Sound Production
- TV/Film
- Visual Media

This session will be interactive and include a question and answer session with program alumni. Participants will be invited to take a walking tour of the WXLV Media and Design Center, as well as other areas related to the student's program of interest.

Interested students can register for the [session](#) in advance.

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Spring Open House Attracts Hundreds

The Spring Open House on April 21 brought prospective students and families to the Community Services Center for a comprehensive look at LCCC programs and services. More than 130 prospective students and nearly 350 guests attended. ■



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Important Dates for May 2022

May 4	3-5 p.m., Tamaqua admissions info session
May 5-11	Final exams
May 12	4 p.m., Faculty/Staff Recognition (virtual)
May 12	3:30-5 p.m., Mechanical and Construction Tech info session
May 16	Commencement Ceremonies, PPL Center, Allentown
May 18	3-5 p.m., Communications, Media and Arts info session
May 26	3-5 p.m., Computer Science and Information Technology info session
May 30	Campus closed for Memorial Day

Computer Science Info Session Set for May 26

Students interested in computer science and information technology will have an opportunity to learn about their educational and career options at an information session scheduled for 3-5 p.m., Thursday, May 26, in room 201 of the Community Services Center on the Schnecksville campus.

The session will be led by faculty and members of the admissions team. This information session will highlight the college's [Computer Science and Information Technology](#) degrees with an in-depth look into the following programs:

- Cisco CCNA Diploma
- Computer Forensics and Digital Security
- Computer Game and Simulation Development Programming Track
- Computer Information Systems
- Computer Science
- Computer Specialist – Networking Technology and Security
- Computer Specialist – Programming Concentration
- Computer Specialist Web Design and Development

Students will learn about the requirements of the programs, the kinds of classes they will take and the different career options that would be open to them with each of the majors. The session will conclude with an optional full campus tour.

Prospective students should [register](#) in advance for the event. ■

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