

DR. ANN D. BIEBER PRESIDENT'S DESK

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PA Treasurer Visits LCCC

Pennsylvania Treasurer Stacy Garrity visited the main LCCC campus on Friday, Sept. 2, to promote the Treasury's PA 529 College and Career Savings Program. Dr. Ann Bieber led her on a walking tour of campus, including visits to the Student Services Center, Nursing Suite, Makerspace, Amazon Training Center, Food Pantry, the Library and SEED program.

"With a wide array of technical and practical programs, LCCC is providing the education our next generation of the workforce needs to fill the need for highly skilled workers statewide," Treasurer Garrity said. "Community colleges offer an affordable option for education and pairing that with the power of saving with a PA 529 plan is a great way for students to get the education they need without burdening themselves with debt. Our PA 529 plan is so flexible, and the funds can be used for expenses at most schools nationwide for technical training, apprenticeships and four-year degrees." ■



*Pictured: Rep. Doyle Heffley, Dr. Ann Bieber,
PA Treasurer Stacy Garrity*



LPN Certificate Ranked Fourth in PA by Online Organization

The college's Licensed Practical Nursing program is listed as [fourth](#) in the state by NursingProcess.org, based on academic quality, first time pass rate on the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-PN), affordability and reputation. The online organization ranked 20 of the 57 LPN programs in Pennsylvania that are approved by the State Board of Nursing. ■

Inaugural Tony Boyle Memorial Golf Classic



On September 19, the LCCC Foundation held the first Tony Boyle Memorial Golf Classic. The inaugural event raised over \$70,000 with an additional \$100,000 raised to establish the Tony Boyle Memorial Scholarship. The event pays tribute to Tony Boyle through this new scholarship fund, designated for eligible students enrolled in Construction Management or Construction Technology.

The event also provided the opportunity to present honorary chair Gregg Feinberg with the LCCC Collegiate Award of Distinction. Feinberg was the 2020 recipient of the award. A presentation ceremony had been postponed due to restrictions surrounding the pandemic.

Photos from the event can be viewed on the college's [flickr](#). ■



Runners and Walkers Recruited for LCCC Foundation 5K/10K Fall Fitness Fest

Lehigh Carbon Community College (LCCC) and its Foundation will host the Fall Fitness Fest 5K and 10K event on Saturday, Oct. 29, to benefit LCCC students and the college's food pantry. Participants can also choose to complete the race virtually Oct. 23-29.



Because this is both a live and virtual event, instructions differ, but registration can be made for either event [here](#).

LCCC's live event will take place on Saturday, Oct. 29, rain or shine, on a challenging, picturesque route on the college's main campus in Schnecksville. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m., with the 10K run starting at 9 a.m. and the 5k Run/Walk at 9:10 a.m. Prizes will be awarded at the conclusion. The first 100 registrants will receive a free t-shirt. Free food will be available.

Participants of the Virtual 5K Run/Walk or 10K Run can complete the race anywhere – in their neighborhood, on the trail, around the track, and anytime between Oct. 23 and 29. Use a fitness tracking app or wearable device to track your time. Once completed, download your recorded time and send results to foundation@lccc.edu no later than 6 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 30. Results should include: Hr:Minute:Sec along with your full name, city/town and state. Also, feel free to share photos.

The race is geared to motivate LCCC students and employees, as well as friends, family and alumni, and the community to get out and exercise, while raising funds to benefit LCCC students. Last year's Fall Fitness Fest raised over \$11,000.

Entry fee to the public for the 5K and 10K is \$25 per person. LCCC alumni and students, and the military with ID pay \$5.

For more information, contact Jane Wilchak, LCCC's special events manager, at jwilchak@lccc.edu or at 610-799-1929. ■



Learning to Love Learning

There are many reasons individuals put off going to college. For 2020 Lehigh Carbon Community College graduate Suliarys (Aries) Contreras, it was because she didn't have a positive perception of school. A lack of support from those around her made her doubt the idea of pursuing higher education. "I wasn't sure about continuing my education, so I hadn't really been looking at colleges."

Contreras grew up in Orefield, PA and graduated from Parkland High School with a desire to succeed in life nonetheless. She says it was her mother who encouraged her to apply to LCCC even though she wasn't sure about going to college.

Despite her initial lack of interest, Contreras found more opportunity through LCCC than she had ever imagined. She majored in General Studies, but found a love for psychology through the help of a faculty member. "Professor Robin Musselman in the Psychology Department was the first person to introduce me to the Community College Scholars Program." The program, in partnership with Bucknell University, brings together community college students for six weeks at Bucknell's campus in Lewisburg, PA to enrich their education and earn college credits.

"That was the first time I really interacted with psychology courses," Contreras says. It was during the course of the program where she discovered a love for learning. "I was really passionate about learning that summer, and I got to stay with students who are a lot like me, who have the courage to be curious."

After graduating with her Associate in Arts degree, Contreras transferred to Bucknell University, where she currently studies psychology. She continues to utilize the

academic curiosity that LCCC instilled in her to nourish her educational experience. "Researching and being a teacher's assistant at Bucknell has really solidified for me that I'm an eternal learner," she says.

Contreras has continued to be a high performing student at Bucknell, earning the Beinecke Scholarship, which affords undergraduate students \$34 thousand to fund their graduate studies at a school of their choosing. Contreras says she's grateful to be a recipient.

"[I want] to go into a social psychology program or a behavioral neuroscience program," Contreras says. She hopes to attend an Ivy League school, but most importantly would like to attend a school that continues to ignite her love of learning. "I definitely want to be a college professor."

As she looks to the future, Contreras fondly looks back on her time at LCCC.

One memory she holds dear is the time she attended the Honors Scholars Program Thanksgiving Potluck. "It was so nice to feel welcomed and included, and I think that's so representative of the community you can find at LCCC," she says.

Regarding prospective first-year LCCC students, Contreras says not to worry about knowing exactly what one wants to do with their life. "Take steps along the way and eventually, you'll figure it out," she says. "Don't put too much pressure on yourself. Many great things are coming your way just by starting your education."

For information regarding the Bucknell Community College Scholars Program, contact Fauzia Graham: fgraham@lccc.edu or 610-799-1691.

Read more stories of LCCC alumni on [Aspire](#). ■



Suliarys (Aries) Contreras

LCCC Holds Info Session for Returning Adults and Veterans

Lehigh Carbon Community College will hold an evening information session for adults, veterans and returning students from 6 to 7 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 4, and Thursday, Nov. 3. Prospective students and their families are invited to the session to be held in room 201 of the Community Services Center on the Schnecksville campus.

Members of the admissions team will highlight the application process for adults and veteran applicants. Attendees can learn about the admissions process, financial aid, and veteran and military services. In addition, the School Certifying Official will be on hand to discuss individual military benefits for those who are entitled to receive funding based upon a service obligation. A representative from Career Link will share information on job prospects in the Lehigh Valley and high priority occupations that will help prospective students consider the many majors that LCCC offers.

The session will conclude with an optional full campus tour. Prospective students should [register](#) in advance for the event. Questions about this event can be directed to admissions@lccc.edu or by calling 610-799-1575.

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Important Dates for October 2022

Oct. 4	Info Session for Veterans and Returning Adults
Oct. 11	No Classes, Development Day
Oct. 12	Virtual Transfer Event
Oct. 18	Fall Transfer Fair, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Community Services Center
Oct. 26	Virtual Info Session for Aviation Program, 6 -7 p.m. Community Services Center
Oct. 3, 18, 25	Student Roundtables with Dr. Bieber
Oct. 27	Job Fair, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Community Services Center
Oct. 29	LCCC Foundation Fall Fitness Fest 5k and 10k

Honors Students Give Back

Honors students spent a Saturday morning volunteering their time with Second Harvest Food Bank. Students packed 730 food boxes for senior citizens in the Lehigh Valley and Northeastern PA regions. The honors programs welcome qualified students looking to challenge themselves and become more involved on campus and in their community. ■



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