



LCCC Students Named 2023-2024 All-Pennsylvania Academic Team Members; Students Receive National Recognition



Marie Alexis

LCCC student Marie Alexis, an international student from Haiti, is one of 20 students nationwide to be named to the All-USA Academic Team, sponsored by Cengage with additional support provided by the American Association of Community Colleges and Phi Theta Kappa (the international honor society for two-year colleges). She received the honor out of 2,200 nominations nationwide. It is the first time an LCCC

student has received the honor. Marie will receive a \$5,000 scholarship and be recognized at the Annual Phi Theta Kappa President's Breakfast during the AACC Convention on April 8 in Louisville, Ky.

Marie and Haily Hottenstein of Palmerton have both been named members of the 2023-2024 All-Pennsylvania Academic Team, sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa, the Coca Cola Corporation, the PA State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) and the Pennsylvania Commission for Community Colleges (PACCC). The students will be recognized with other award recipients state-wide in Harrisburg on April 2.

Marie also has been named a 2024 New Century Transfer Pathway Scholar and will receive a \$2,250 scholarship. Her selection was based on the score she received in the All-USA Academic Team competition. She was the top scoring student from the entire state of Pennsylvania.

Also, Haily has been named a 2024 Coca-Cola Academic Team Gold Scholar and will receive a \$1,500 scholarship. Only 50 students nationwide received the gold designation.

A psychology major, Marie is currently president of the LCCC Student Government Association and vice president of the college's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. Marie is also a peer mentor with the First-Year Experience, is an Honors Scholar



Haily Hottenstein

and was selected to participate in the Bucknell University Summer Program in 2023. She is also a member of the Student Advisory Council for Equity, Inclusion and Belonging. As an international student, Marie took advantage of numerous opportunities to overcome challenges and to be an involved member of the student community. She will graduate from LCCC in May 2024.

A fine arts major, Haily serves as advocacy chair for the Student Government Association and project chair for Phi Theta Kappa. She is active on campus, with membership in several clubs and organizations. In addition, Haily is an Honors Scholar and serves as a peer mentor for the First-Year Experience program. She regularly volunteers to assist with college events and activities, including open house, Student Welcome Week and the Service and Activities Fair, to name a few. She will graduate from LCCC in May 2024.

Selection for the academic team is competitive, and students must have completed at least 36 credits at a community college and earned a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher. Community college presidents or their 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. ■

LCCC Launches Third Mobile Lab to Address Industry Training Needs

To address the growing need for high quality training on location, LCCC will launch its third Mobile Manufacturing Lab Classroom, bringing advanced manufacturing training directly to the business community. This third classroom marks a milestone in the college's efforts to provide accessible and hands-on learning opportunities for individuals interested in pursuing careers in manufacturing and industrial automation.

The Mobile Manufacturing Lab Classroom is equipped with cutting-edge equipment, tools and technology used in modern manufacturing environments. It is designed to replicate a real-world manufacturing setting, providing participants with hands-on experience and practical training in various aspects of manufacturing and industrial automation.

The lab is equipped with industry-standard machinery and technology, including robotics, programmable logic controllers (PLCs), computer numerical control (CNC) machines, and more. Because it is mobile, the lab allows LCCC to bring training directly to communities, schools and businesses,

making it accessible to individuals who may not have access to traditional training facilities.



A variety of training programs can be tailored to the needs and interests of participants, covering topics such as robotics, automation, CNC machining, 3D printing and mechatronics. Instructors are industry professionals with expertise in manufacturing and industrial automation.

The expansion of LCCC's Mobile Manufacturing Lab Classroom program reflects its commitment to meeting the growing demand for skilled workers in the manufacturing

sector.

The first lab has been offering mobile training since 2019, and the second was launched in July 2023. This third lab can be reserved now for training that is scheduled to start in July.

Those interested in scheduling the lab for training sessions, either short- or long-term, can reach out to Don Worman, 610-769-1354 or DWorman@LCCC.edu. Tours of the lab can also be scheduled. More information is available at www.LCCC.edu/mobilelab. ■

Statewide Community Colleges Sign Articulation with Penn State

LCCC joins the state's community colleges in announcing a new collaboration with Penn State's Commonwealth Campuses to expand educational opportunities in Pennsylvania and remove barriers to degree completion among college students. The collaboration builds upon longstanding relationships between the PSU campuses and the community colleges and a shared commitment to access and affordability in higher education.

As part of the new initiative, individual PSU Commonwealth Campuses and community colleges will renew or enter into new articulation agreements using a standard template. Articulation agreements help streamline the process for students to transfer from community colleges to the campuses. In addition, the community colleges and Commonwealth Campuses will work together to strengthen academic advising and transition support services, further easing the transfer process.

"This agreement removes barriers and simplifies the process for students seeking to transfer, and ultimately benefits students as they are striving to meet their higher education goals," says LCCC president Dr. Ann D. Bieber. "These expanded pathways that students can take between community colleges and Penn State give students a wide variety of options and support."

The collaboration will promote the availability of RaiseMe Transfer Scholarships, which enable students who enroll at Pennsylvania community colleges and transfer to Penn State Commonwealth Campuses to earn a baccalaureate degree at considerable savings. Students can start earning a Penn State RaiseMe scholarship while working toward graduation at a community college. They earn micro-scholarships for achievements such as getting good grades, participating in co-curricular activities or volunteering in the community. When they transfer to Penn State, the micro-scholarships are converted to a Penn State scholarship.

In addition, Pennsylvania community college students with a high school degree who are enrolled in an associate degree program may request dual admission to a designated Penn State Commonwealth Campus and receive a conditional offer of admission to that campus. During their last semester of community college enrollment, these students will submit a transfer application at no fee. They will be guaranteed admission into a bachelor's degree program at that campus, provided certain eligibility requirements have been met. Students can learn more about this opportunity at Penn State's undergraduate admissions website.

For additional information about transfer options at LCCC, go to www.LCCC.edu/transfer. ■

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Important Dates for April 2024

- April 1** College Registration Day, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
- April 4** Spring Job Fair, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- April 6** Alumni Night at the Lehigh Valley
Phantoms
- April 10** Spring Open House, 5-7 p.m.
- April 17** Walk a Mile in Her Shoes,
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Virtual Nursing Information Session,
5-6:15 p.m.
- April 20** LCCC Foundation Spring Bling Bingo,
1-4 p.m.

LCCC Partners with Ancora for CDL Training

A new partnership between LCCC and Ancora Training represents a significant advancement in addressing the growing demand for truck drivers in the region and providing enhanced training options for people interested in pursuing a career in the truck driving industry.



The LCCC Commercial Drivers License (CDL) training program offers expanded options, including day, weekend and evening classes. This expansion makes CDL

training more accessible to people with diverse schedules and commitments with more opportunities to train for both Class A and Class B licensure.

Training includes: classroom, range (skill development) and road training. The CDL hands on skills test for the Commercial Drivers License will be conducted by state examiners at LCCC. Enrollment is offered on a rolling basis, with new classes beginning every four weeks for the daytime program and every eight weeks for the evening and weekend programs.

Along with classroom education, individuals in the CDL training program will gain specialized skills in shifting/operating transmissions, backing up and docking, vehicle communications, extreme driving conditions, maintenance and pre-and post-trip inspections.

Ancora Training is a national workforce training provider and contracts with colleges and corporations nationwide. Its offerings emphasize hands-on learning and road safety. For more information about the CDL training at LCCC, visit www.LCCC.edu/CDL or email workforce@LCCC.edu. ■

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