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2023 Commencement

The fifty-sixth annual commencement ceremony was held on May 17. The ceremony can be viewed [here](#).



LCCC Celebrates the “Next Step” for Students with Disabilities

The LCCC Next Step High School Transition Fair was held on April 21. More than 160 students and their teachers from area high schools listened to engaging speakers and student panelists about their options after high school. Disability-related service providers distributed information and giveaways. This is the 4th annual event and featured two new offerings: a parent night and teacher break-out session. Both were very well-received. ■

Emma Hope Receives Major Scholarships

Emma Hope, who graduated with her Associate in Science degree on May 17, received the Allentown-West Rotary Club Scholarship, for \$1,000, at a breakfast on May 17. The scholarship is based on service, scholarship and need.

In addition, Emma has been selected as one of only 15 students to receive Phi Theta Kappa's 2023 Hites Transfer Scholarship, the society's most prestigious and largest scholarship offering at \$10,000. Hites Scholars are selected based on outstanding academic achievement, leadership and engagement in college and community activities. They were selected by a panel of independent judges from more than 2,700 applicants.

Pictured are: Dr. Barbara Kistler, LCCC trustee and Rotarian; Mrs. Hope; Emma Hope; Fauzia Graham, transfer advisor; and Dr. Ann D. Bieber, LCCC president. ■



Awards Reception Celebrates Employees

Congratulations to the many deserving award recipients from the Staff Recognition Reception on May 12. Photos from the event can be viewed on our flickr [here](#).

Recognized for five years of service: Joseph Benulis, Kathleen Buchkowski, Hazel Carrera, William Conway, Everett Deibler, Lauren Falgout, Rhiannon Flannery, Andrea Grant-Friedman, Daulton Huffman, Thomas Kunkel, Kristen Laurito, Jennifer Leach, Tracey Richards

Recognized for 10 years of service: Kescha Bell-Ross, Corinne Betz, Doug Brace, Ann Conte, Erik Csikos, Liz Erwin, Maureen Maikner

Recognized for 15 years of service: Scott Aquila, Tracy Bean, Bob Billowitch, Andrew Harvan, John Loughman, John Nardone, Eike Reichardt, Nada Veskovic

Recognized for 20 years of service: Wendy Barron, Chris Bowditch, Maureen Donovan, Joe Flaherty, Chris Flores, Karen Haas, Peggy Heim, Jeffrey Herman, Gary Lubinensky, Charles Molano, Jodi Rowlands, Jonathan Sponsler, Mary Ellen Wismer

Recognized for 25 years of service: Cheryl Schaffer, Gavin Wehr

Recognized for 30 years of service: Rachel Plaksa

Earned degrees: Dr. Cindy M. Haney, Bradley S. Reeves

Leadership Team Fellows: Christine K. Flores, Kristie E. Fogel, Erin N. Vermeulen

FACULTY PROMOTIONS

To the rank of Associate Professor: Mary Engel, Lacey Gonzalez, Andrew King, Kathryn Lange, Anne Ryan, Eric Werley



To the rank of Professor: John Nardone, Jonathan Sponsler, Nada Veskovic

Retirees: Robin German, Nancy Kelley, Holly Morris, Jeanette Polizzi, Mary Rasley, Richard Warner, Jay Wilt

Emeritus: Cecelia Connelly-Weida, Terri Keefe, Cindy Rifenburg, Melanie Wursta, Annabelle Creveling

FACULTY AWARDS

Adjunct Faculty of the Year - Kaitlyn Herling

Part-time Faculty of the Year - Youlanda Pena

Faculty Excellence - Mary Engel

George W. Elison Faculty Service Award - Michelle Mitchell

Vice President's Faculty Recognition Award - Laura Doherty

STAFF AWARDS

Administrator of the Year - Erin Vermeulen

Educational Support Staff of the Year - Kristine Shaffer

Part-time Employee of the Year - Michael Hegedus

LCCC Spirit Award

Staff/Administrator - Tina Dowling-Hackett

Faculty - Laura Doherty

Heart of the Cougar - Information Technology ■



Volunteers with Brush-up Program

Members of the LCCC community volunteered for this year's Brush-up Our Veterans - Lehigh Valley. The LCCC team was partnered with teams from Janney Financial Advisors, New Tripoli Bank, and Penn State Lehigh Valley to transform the exterior of a selected veteran's home. The Brush-up Our Veterans project, led by the Veteran and Military Council of the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce, coordinates the efforts to paint the outside of homes of honorably discharged veterans and their surviving spouses who are low-income, elderly or permanently disabled. ■



LCCC Holds Information Session for Paralegal Studies Program

Lehigh Carbon Community College will host an in-person information session for students interested in pursuing a career in Paralegal Studies from 4 to 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 7.

This information session at the Schnecksville campus will highlight the Paralegal Studies Program and will be led by Paralegal Studies faculty and members of the admissions team. The Paralegal Studies Program is offered in collaboration with Kutztown University. This session will highlight the numerous transfer opportunities associated with the program.

Families are encouraged to also attend. Students should register in advance [online](#).

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

LCCC Foundation to Match Pediatric Cancer Foundation Scholarships

The LCCC Foundation has created a fund to match scholarships from the Pediatric Cancer Foundation of the Lehigh Valley (PCFLV), which will be awarded to students who are attending LCCC.

PCFLV offers local pediatric cancer warriors a one-time, \$3,000 scholarship for college or trade school. In addition, one-time, \$1,500 scholarships are offered to local children who lost a sibling to cancer. For those who choose to attend LCCC, they will receive a matching donation thanks to a new fund called the Pediatric Cancer Foundation Fund. The match will go towards tuition, books or fees.

"We are thrilled about this important partnership with LCCC," said Michelle Zenie, Executive Director at PCFLV. "The scholarships offered by PCFLV already make a significant difference for our pediatric cancer warriors and bereaved siblings. However, through this fund agreement, PCFLV and LCCC can, together, be part of a brighter future for these amazing young adults."

PCFLV is working with a number of colleges and universities in the Lehigh Valley to establish similar scholarship funds.

For more information about PCFLV's Scholarship Program, contact Michelle Zenie at 484-221-9294. ■

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Important Dates for June 2023

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| June 6 | Dual Enrollment Virtual Information Session, 5-5:30 p.m. |
| June 7 | Paralegal Studies Info Session, 4-5:30 p.m. |
| June 14 | Employee Picnic |

Cougar Camp

Registration for the 2023 Summer Cougar Camps is now open. Camp information is below.

July 17-21, Kindergarten - 4th grade

July 24-28, 5th - 8th grade

9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. = \$200/week

*Extended care is available from 3:30-5:30 p.m.,
\$275/week



Campers will learn the basic fundamentals of basketball, baseball, volleyball, soccer and golf from LCCC coaches and players. Campers will focus on a different sport each day while also enjoying other fun games and activities.

There will also be an hour set aside each day for campers to do homework and/or other educational activities. Campers must bring their own lunch. View the registration form [here](#). ■

Alumni Night at IronPigs

Join us for a night at the Lehigh Valley IronPigs on Wednesday, August 30. Network with fellow alums while the IronPigs play Syracuse. Tickets can be purchased for alumni and guests. See you at the ballgame! Register [here](#). ■



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