



LCCC Hosts Student Legislative Breakfast

The college's local legislative delegation visited campus to meet with student leaders at the Student Legislative Breakfast on April 3. This was held in lieu of Community College Day, which is normally held at the Capital in Harrisburg. The event gave PA legislators the opportunity to meet with LCCC students, and in turn allowed students to engage with these local leaders and ask them questions about their experiences as elected officials.

Led by Dr. Ann Bieber and Marie Alexis, president of the Student Government Association, the event included eight legislators or their aides and more than 30 students, including five panelists who were selected to ask each of the guests questions, including what was their motivation to being an elected official, what is the role of community colleges and their greatest contribution to higher education in the state, the biggest challenge facing higher education in the next five years, what is your top priority, and what is your best advice for college students as they prepare to transfer or enter the workforce.

Legislators:

- Sen. David Argall
- Sen. Jarrett Coleman (represented by Patrick Foose)
- Sen. Nick Miller
- Rep. Pete Schweyer
- Rep. Milou Mackenzie
- Rep. Zachary Mako
- Rep. Doyle Heffley
- Rep. Ryan Mackenzie (represented by Zack Sobek)



Student panelists, who were joined by representatives from Student Government Association, clubs and organizations, were:

- Olivia DeMeuse, SGA Vice President
- Andi Hoherchak, Political Science Co-President
- Rhian Romain, Campus Christian Fellowship Vice President and Entrepreneur Club President
- Gia Henriquez, SGA Programming Chair and Phi Theta Kappa Social Media Chair
- Alex Cohen, SGA Public Relations Chair ■



College Athlete Is Game to Play it Smart

Gabrielle “Gabby” Robb has her head in the game when it comes to smart transitions, meaningful connections and a clear career path.

The Tamaqua High School graduate and full-tuition [Morgan Success Scholarship](#) recipient is a three-season athlete, playing soccer, basketball and softball, all while holding a 3.58 GPA.

Robb, a biology and health science major in her sophomore year, says she was born to compete, and her athletic career is just a warm up for her prospective future as a radiologist.

“In my junior year of high school, I tore my ACL playing basketball, and the process of getting an MRI, x-rays and scans was really interesting to me. That’s when I knew I wanted to be a radiologist,” says Robb.

Robb knew her playbook for becoming a radiologist would involve several years of schooling, and that starting with Lehigh Carbon Community College not only made good academic and financial sense, but it would keep her playing all of the sports she loves.

“Being part of a team from day one really helped me make the transition from high school to college,” says Robb. “I was so nervous about coming to campus, especially with still living at home. I thought ‘Oh my gosh! I don’t know anyone here!’”

But her fears were soon set aside. Robb and her teammates quickly became solid friends. From practices and gym sessions to cheering on peers, to doggy play dates, ice cream runs and late night campfires, Robb and friends were sharing and enjoying a full college experience.

“We do everything together, and just going to practice to see my teammates gives me something to look forward to every day,” says Robb. “The whole athletic community here at LCCC is very close knit.”

Robb says part of what makes the teams so special at LCCC is how inclusive they are; everyone is encouraged to come out and play. She notes that this sets LCCC apart when it comes to athletics at other institutions.

“We have girls that have played on club teams their whole

life, and we have girls that haven’t played a single sport a single day in their life,” says Robb. “And everyone just loves it. Everyone plays a role in making the team a real team.”

Robb admits she’s long been accustomed to a heavy load of academics and athletics. It’s her norm, but she’d tell anyone weighing college and hoping to play a sport (or two or three), that LCCC is 100% the right choice.

She says, “All of my coaches have always been understanding. If someone has too much homework or other priorities that overlap with practice, they totally get that and they see school as our top priority.”

Balance, for Robb, is quite possibly a fourth sport. In addition to being a student athlete, she is an athletic student worker in Berrier Hall, she is active with the Student Government Association, and is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges.

For Robb, every step on the field or court is another opportunity to not just play, but lead, something her teammates say she does in a quiet and effective way.

“I’m not loud. So if I’m ever a coach, I don’t think I’ll want to yell. But people always tell me I lead by example. I don’t tell people what to do. I just do it and then they can follow,” says Robb.

And when it comes to watching and following what’s next with Robb, you won’t find this fierce and kind leader on the sidelines. This fall, she’s transferring to Thomas Jefferson University to pursue a

bachelor’s degree in medical imaging and radiation sciences. After working in the field as an x-ray or MRI technician, she aspires to attend medical school, hoping she can help athletes like herself stay in the game.

“Health science means I’m helping people. I know what it’s like to get hurt while playing sports,” says Robb. “I enjoy helping people, and I really like the idea of helping athletes get back on track with practicing and playing.”

For more information on athletics at LCCC contact MaryAnn Rush-Wallace, Athletic Director, at mrushwallace@lccc.edu.

The newest edition of *Aspire* is now available on the website [here](#). ■



College Hosts State Education Dignitaries



LCCC had the opportunity to spotlight students and various programs during a visit from dignitaries on April 3. Coming for a campus tour were Dr. Khalid Mumin, PA Secretary of Education, and Dr. Kate Shaw, Deputy Secretary and Commissioner for Postsecondary Education at the Pennsylvania Department of Education. In addition, Dr. Carol Birks, superintendent of the Allentown School District, joined the tour.

Dr. Ann Bieber led the group, starting with a visit to the Early College ENG 106 class with instructor Jamie Lewis. Students in the class represented Allentown, Lehigh and Parkland School Districts. They talked and asked questions of the three visitors and gathered for a group photo. The VIPs then toured the JEDI Center with Natalie DeRosa, Director of Student Engagement and Inclusion, and a group of students, followed by a tour of the Amazon lab with Angel Luis Mulero-Collazo,

manufacturing technology instructor, and Andrea Grannum-Mosley, Dean of Workforce, Community Engagement and Technical Education.

A visit to the Health Care Simulation Center showed the group the capabilities of the high fidelity manikins, and Dr. Mumin assisted with the “delivery” of a baby with the nursing students and Karen Wotring, associate professor of nursing.

The tour ended at the Mobile Manufacturing Lab, where Don Worman, manufacturing technology program manager, demonstrated the facility.

Dr. Mumin regularly travels around the Commonwealth to learn about the great things going on at colleges and universities. He was particularly interested in talking to faculty and seeing students in action and how programs are preparing them for careers and their futures. ■



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Important Dates for May 2024

- May 2** Virtual Admissions Information Session, 5 p.m.
- May 5** Student Awards Ceremony, 2 p.m.
- May 15** Nurse Pinning Ceremony
- May 15** LCCC Commencement Ceremony
- May 20** Summer Classes Begin

Around Campus

Students from all campuses gathered at Pizza with the President events to speak with Dr. Ann Bieber over the past few weeks to discuss ways to improve life at LCCC.



The Arts and Scholars Showcase was held, where LCCC



Honors Scholars presented their original research and projects to event attendees. The annual event allows students to dive deep into what they've

learned in the classroom and how it applies to their academic goals and interests.

Students and alumni met with over 80 employers at our main campus spring job fair to discuss job and internship opportunities.

The Spring Transfer Fair provided a valuable opportunity for students to speak with college and university representatives and learn more about transferring to a four-year institution and continuing their studies after LCCC. ■



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