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Quickstart Program at LCCC Gives Students Jump on Degree Completion

Ready to get started on your college degree? Lehigh Carbon Community College can help students get a jump start this fall with courses packaged to accelerate degree completion and entry into careers. The Quickstart program will help students interested in Business, Teacher Education, Paraprofessional Educator, HVAC certificate programs or improving English skills through ESL to get started on their degree and advance quickly into a career path.

These courses are designed to help students develop or improve skills in their current or potential jobs, and to continue on the pathway to degree completion, and even a bachelor's degree, for even better career options.

The pathways combine courses in the program area and are packaged for a full-time student, although students can work with advisors to design a schedule that works for them. Depending on the program, courses are offered at the main campus in Schnecksville, as well as the sites in Allentown and Tamaqua and online. Courses are offered in the day or evening.

For information on how to get started, go to www.LCCC.edu/quickstart or contact the Admissions Office at 610-799-1575 or Admissions@LCCC.edu. ■

Inaugural Art, Rhythm and Tasting Event

The LCCC Foundation hosted its inaugural Art, Rhythm & Tasting event on August 3, in the Glass Box Gallery. Guests enjoyed student and alumni artwork, a guitar and harp duo and delicious food, all while supporting the communication, media and the arts programs at LCCC. A special thank you to our Title Sponsors, David and Patrina Rothrock, and thank you to our Tasting Sponsors, B. Braun and Lesavoy, Butz and Seitz Attorneys at Law. ■



SHINE Afterschool Program Opens Makerspace at Slatington Elementary

In partnership with the Northern Lehigh School District, Lehigh Carbon Community College's SHINE program dedicated a new Makerspace at Slatington Elementary School in August.

During the school day, the district uses the space with its own STEAM curriculum, which emphasizes hands-on learning. In the afternoon and evenings, SHINE (Schools and Homes in Education) uses it for project-based STEM activities as part of the afterschool program. A makerspace is a collaborative work area to encourage making, exploring, learning and sharing that uses high-tech or no-tech tools. Students have access to a 3D printer, laser cutter, CNC machines, soldering irons and other equipment that is used in a variety of projects. The equipment is available for all students to use, not just those enrolled in SHINE.

These makerspace tools encourage students to envision, design and build new and exciting creations while boosting their self-confidence, teamwork and critical thinking skills. In makerspaces students take hands-on learning to the next level through innovation and creating something new, often the first step toward entrepreneurship and business start-ups.

LCCC also has makerspaces at the LCCC Tamaqua site in the Morgan Center and on the main campus in Science Hall.

SHINE is more than an afterschool program. It is a holistic approach to education that supports a student's success both in and out of the classroom through the connection of schools, homes and communities. The program is designed to be a seamless network of educational and social services that helps students achieve their potential.

For more information on SHINE or the Makerspaces, contact Rachel Strucko, Director of SHINE, at 570-225-7245 or rkmillier@lccc.edu.

Aspira Reception

LCCC welcomed the new recipients of the Aspira Scholarship on Aug. 17, during a ceremony led by Natalie DeRosa, Director of Student Engagement and Inclusion. Students and their families enjoyed dinner, an escape room, campus tours and more.

Aspira supports Latinx students' excellence and builds community through a unique course offered free of charge and in addition to the new mentorship program. The scholarship is for \$3,000 per year and is renewable for up to two years. For more information contact Natalie DeRosa at nderosa@lccc.edu.



Council of Presidents Retreat

Presidents from the state's various community colleges gathered at Luzerne County Community College in August as part of the Pennsylvania Commission for Community Colleges (PACCC) Council of Presidents yearly retreat.

Participants met with partners from the PA State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) as well as Penn State University. On the second day, presidents were joined by Dr. Kate Shaw, Deputy Secretary of Post Secondary Education, along with Dr. Val Arkoosh, Secretary of Human Services, and Akbar Hossain, Secretary of Policy and Planning, for discussions on issues relating to higher education in the state.



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Important Dates for September 2023

September 3-4 College Closed

September 12 J.E.D.I. Center Grand Opening, 9 a.m.

September 13 Virtual Nursing Information Session,
4 p.m.

September 26 Morgan Center 20th Anniversary
Celebration, 12 - 2 p.m.

Dual Enrollment Virtual Information
Session, 5p.m.

Late Start Fall Session Begins

LCCC Volunteers Make Some Noise at Musikfest

An energetic group of 25 LCCC staff, faculty, students and family volunteered at Festplatz at Musikfest on Thursday, Aug. 10, enthusiastically serving beverages and working the cash tent. Many Fest patrons and volunteers from other organizations expressed their admiration of the LCCC team's spirit, leading to event managers from ArtsQuest stopping by to convey gratitude on how strong LCCC's presence was at each tent they served in. ■



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