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*...Moving forward by
leaps and bounds*

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Campus calendar

July 4 - Independence Day: Campus Closed

July 6 - 8 - National Cheerleading Association Summer Camp - Wellness Center

July 12 - Adult Open House: 4-7 p.m.

July 18 & 19 - Summer pre-registration: 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

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Careers 101 – How to Choose the Right Career

Curtis Turner

“Find something that you love to do and you will never have to work a day in your life.” I suppose we have all had the person who has spoken this statement into our lives. I cannot remember exactly who that was for me but I know that I have heard it and that I remember it and in my professional career I would say that I have lived it.

Fade back to senior year in high school where a young Curtis Turner was aspiring to be a diesel mechanic. Plans were being made. This choice was mostly because it was what I knew. Being raised on a farm I saw value in this career because I would someday be able to work on my own equipment or have a side business in the winter when farming was slow.

Then my high school counselor messed up



Pictured is Curtis Turner working with students in a math class at Lamar Community College.

all of my plans. She spoke significantly into my life by telling me that she thought I would be a good teacher. I listened. I went to college and majored in math edu-

cation. To make a long story short it turns out she was right. I would not be able to boast that I was a good teacher but I can say with confidence that I have loved it from day

one. In fact I would say that teaching has become more than a career, it has become a passion.

(To be continued in next month's Prongk)

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LCC President John Marrin

Over the past three years, we have been looking at ways to make a positive difference in Southeast Colorado in terms of greater attainment of education by all, resulting in a more robust economy. This is a long-term goal but I do believe we can over time, improve. In a current study presented by the Center for Postsecondary and Economic Success, the unemployment rate for those with less than a high school education is 14.6%, with a high school diploma 9.7%, some college or Associates Degree 7.5% and with a Bachelor's degree 4.5%. Many studies over time also show a person with more education has more income earning potential.

To start making a difference, one thing we have already committed to include a full partnership with the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs. We are in the process of hiring a coordinator that will act on behalf of the University and LCC as an advocate of those interested in

going on for a Bachelors degree while being able to live and work in our district.

Another program we have introduced to our area is WorkKeys(✓). Amy Jaime has taken charge of the program for LCC and has developed it to a point we are ready to fully implement it in our district.

According to Amy, the Adult Transition Services Department at Lamar Community College believes in giving our adult learners different options in working toward their educational and/or career goals. The WIN courseware program is designed to help students work on building skills that is not only crucial in passing the state GED exam, but is also instrumental in enhancing and strengthening job skills. The WIN helps students struggling to earn their high school diploma or GED to prepare for the skills they need by mastering an appropriate level on Reading for Information, Applied Math, and Locating Information. Once they have mastered



these skills the student is also eligible to take the WorkKeys assessment offered through our local WORKFORCE Center to earn a National Career Readiness Certificate verifying job skill competencies.

Adult Transition Services is also looking forward to the implementation of the WIN High School Diploma Program that will be offered to our service area high schools. This program is designed to be a self-paced, competency-based opportunity. Students gain knowledge and skills necessary for high school completion, which will give students the opportunity to continue with post-secondary education, or enter into the workforce better equipped. Each student can benefit by:

- Finding another avenue to successfully complete high school
- Having the opportunity to graduate from the high school they are enrolled in resulting in letting them to walk with his/her class at com-

mencement

- Allowing students to work on campus - with a tutor, and independently from home
- Progressing into college level coursework including completing a certificate or degree, utilizing ASCENT if applicable
- Obtaining the competencies needed to pass the WorkKeys® nationally-recognized workforce Career Readiness Certificate
- Receiving incentive scholarship to LCC after completing diploma program (some limitations apply).

As you can see from Amy's information, this portion of the program is a true partnership with our local schools. They fully decide who is best served by this learning method for student success.

I firmly believe education is one of the few ways for individuals to improve their lot in life. Our mission at LCC is "We enrich lives through learning". I think that is a perfect mission for a Community's College in Southeast Colorado.

OH! The places we will explore... in sunny Southeast Colorado

By Cheryl Sanchez

It's time to explore the Big Timbers Museum. The museum is a wonderful place close to home where you can experience a trip down memory lane. The museum is more than a building full of old artifacts; it is a place where the rich history of the area comes alive.

The museum's name comes from the large cottonwood trees that grew along the Arkansas River. The trees provided protection for the early settlers traveling the Santa Fe Trail. The bark from the trees was used to feed the horses and the wood fueled campfires.

The museum is located at 7515 US Highway 50 just north of the Arkansas River Bridge. You can visit the museum Monday through Saturday 10 am to 5 pm. during its summer hours. A small admissions fee is charged per adult. I would suggest taking the family and pay the family rate of \$5. All students get in free!

From 1929 to 1966 the original part of the museum housed the American Telephone and Telegraph Company. In 1966 the building was donated to the Prowers County Historical Society for the purpose of housing a museum. June 25, 2011, the Prowers County Transportation Museum was dedicated and opened to the public. The new museum is located just west of the original building. Transportation collections from the past will be on display in the new building.

Take a break from the summer heat by visiting Big Timbers Museum. This exploration is something to do close to home while providing a living history experience. As you view the authentic artifacts, use your imagination to reflect on how they played a part in history. I know you will enjoy browsing through the museum. Don't forget your camera!

Resource: <http://www.museumsusa.org/museums/info/1161499>



The Transportation wing of the Big Timbers Museum had its grand opening on Saturday, June 25, 2011 with nearly 600 people attending. It is now open and summer hours for the museum are from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday - Saturday.

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TRiO
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TRiO and Student Success

Kett Winsor
Director of Learning Support Services

Thank you for another opportunity to further identify what the TRiO program is designed to do at Lamar Community College and just briefly tell you how successful it has become over the years. The LCC TRiO program must provide: academic tutoring, which may include instruction in reading, writing, study skills, mathematics, science, and other subjects; advice and assistance in postsecondary course selection, assist student with information on both the full range of student financial aid programs, benefits and resources for locating public and private scholarships; and assistance in completing financial aid applications. Education or counseling services designed to improve the financial and economic literacy and assist students in applying for admission to graduate and professional programs; and assist students enrolled in two-year institutions and applying for admission to, and obtaining financial assistance for enrollment in four-year programs.

The SSS projects may also provide individualized counseling for personal, career, and academic information, activities, and instruction designed to acquaint students with career options; exposure to cultural events and academic programs not usually available; mentoring programs, securing temporary housing during breaks for students who are homeless youths and students who are in foster care or are aging out of the foster care system. The TRiO program is funded through a 5 year (2010-2015) TRiO Grant from the U.S. Department of Education for \$262,289.00 for each academic year.

How have we been performing? In the past four years the LCC TRiO program has surpassed all retention and graduation goals and metrics put forth by the Department of Education. This summer the LCC TRiO program has already determined that last year's cohort graduated over 50 students this summer and last spring! But we are prepared to do more.

The TRiO team is already formulating the strategies for the next academic year to provide even more dynamic tutoring, transfer, and career counseling workshops that will target the incoming LCC student. These academic support functions will further assist incoming students by assisting and helping them develop an even better academic vision and strategies to succeed.

I would just like to finish by exclaiming, "If you or a family member attend Lamar Community College and participate in TRiO and other programs you WILL be at a four-year college or university in just a few short years!"



TRiO Students (L-R) Jennifer Arguello, Jose Dominguez, Orlando Ramos, and Jose Villasenor enjoying the Denver Aquarium during one of TRiO's many cultural events.

✓ For an opportunity to win a free lunch with LCC President John Marrin, who is the program coordinator for WorkKeys on the LCC campus? The first to respond correctly will win the lunch. Please submit your responses to pronk@lamarcc.edu

STRONG foundation

While many people may not completely understand the mission of a college foundation, the LCC Foundation is critical to the future of our college. Where it continues to be a strong source and conduit for scholarships, it will become an alternative resource for funding college initiatives. Come along for the journey. Contact the LCC Foundation Office at 719.336.1511 or foundation@lamarcc.edu as the college and LCCF continue to build a solid foundation for the future.

**Alumni - keep informed by registering
at lamarcc.edu/alumni.**



Lamar CC Sports



Bryce Ingo



Cole Dorenkamp

Zufall, Maltos-Garcia drafted to MLB teams

Two Lamar Community College sophomores were taken in the 2011 Major League Baseball Amateur draft in June.



Arturo Maltos-Garcia

2009 Brush High School graduate Arturo Maltos-Garcia was selected by the Chicago Cubs in the 30th round. Maltos-Garcia was also selected as a First Team NJCAA All-American as well as a First Team All-Region. Arturo finished the year 11-1 with a 2.11 ERA. His 139 strike outs led the country and placed him fifth in the nation in strike outs per inning at 1.48. He broke three LCC season records with innings pitched (94), strike outs (139), and games started (17). The 139 strike outs passes current Oakland A's pitcher and 2002 LCC alum Brandon McCarthy's mark of 130, set in 2002. Maltos-Garcia also established two career records: strike outs (202), and games started (28). Maltos-Garcia graduated with an Associate of Arts degree this spring and has signed with the University of New Mexico to play this fall.

2009 graduate from Pueblo South, Tim Zufall was taken in the 45th round as an outfielder by the Florida Marlins. Tim was also a First Team All-Region selection with a .351 batting average, 45 RBIs, 19 doubles, and 12 home runs. His 12 home runs earned him 23rd in the national NJCAA stats. Zufall was also 12-1 on the mound with a 2.91 ERA. Tim was selected NJCAA Pitcher of the Week (4/27/11) after firing a no-hitter against McCook Community College on 4/23/11. Zufall leaves LCC with a



Tim Zufall

3.42 GPA and is currently being recruited by numerous Division I schools. While at LCC, Maltos-Garcia and Zufall helped the Lopes to back-to-back Empire Conference and Region IX Championships. The Lopes finished 47-17 in 2011 and 48-12 in 2010. Since 1999, 30 Runnin' Lopes alumni have been drafted.

Rodeo results

Lamar Community College sophomore Carter Coble finished tenth in Steer Wrestling at the College National Finals Rodeo at Casper, Wyoming on Saturday, June 18. Carter finished fourth in the third round of Steer Wrestling on Friday evening. Teammate Tyler Schnauer placed second in Team Roping at the second go-round on Tuesday.

Former LCC students Bryce Ingo finished eighth in Tie Down Roping and Cole Dorenkamp placed second in the first round and fifth in Tie Down at the third round. Former Runnin' Lope Dan Yeager from Durango competed in Saddle Bronc Riding, riding three broncs but failing to place.

Welcome to LCC



Pictured is LCC President John Marrin (at left) with new Head Women's Volleyball Coach and part-time psychology instructor, Chris Weber.