



The Pronghorn Pronk

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*...Moving forward by
leaps and bounds*

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Campus calendar

Wednesday, May 4 - Finals

Study Break sponsored by Lamar
Methodist Church, Residence Hall, 10p

Thursday, May 5 - Finals

Cinco De Mayo

Friday, May 6 - Finals

Antelope Night, Community Building,
6p

Region IX Softball Tournament,

Citizens' Field, 1p vs. McCook

Saturday, May 7-

Commencement, 10a,

Nursing Pinning, 3p, Wellness Center

Region IX Baseball Playoff vs

WNCC, Merchants' Park, 1p

Region IX Softball Tournament,

Citizens' Field, TBD

Sunday, May 8- Mother's Day

Residence Halls Close @ Noon

Region IX Baseball Playoff vs

WNCC, Merchants' Park, 1p

Region IX Softball Tournament,

Citizens' Field, TBD

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Photo by Mike Bowen

LCC employees Kelli Gaines and Mike Bowen recently attended the Title III and Title V Directors' Meeting in Washington, D.C. Pictured is the U.S. Capitol Building.

Title III Conference held in Washington, D.C.

Lamar Community College Title III employees, Kelli Gaines, activity director, and Mike Bowen, admin assistant recently attended the Title III and Title V Program Directors' Meeting in Washington, D.C.

The conference was held April 19 – 21, 2011 in Washington, D.C. at the Marriott Wardman Park.

The annual conference brings grant project directors together from around the country to be better prepared to administer grants on their campuses. The conference provides an opportunity for grantees to share best practices with each other and also provides an opportunity for project directors to meet with their program officers.

LCC received a five-year Title III Strengthening

Institutions Program (SIP) grant in 2008. Since then it has begun STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) and Construction Tech offerings, with a Renewable Energy Tech program to begin this fall.

Gaines and Bowen attended meetings at the conference that were specific to the grant life cycle and responsibilities. Such workshops included covered enhancing student performance in STEM, promising practices for student success, and strengthening institutional effectiveness through strategic quality assurance, among others.

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LCC President John Marrin

For college administrators the months of March, April and May are brutal in terms of high activity level. Usually there is a major accreditation program to attend, graduation ✓, and other celebrations are happening, five or six compliance reports seem to be due and usually this is the time to formalize the next year's budget. Along with these significant yearly projects, we are finishing the spring semester of classes and preparing for the upcoming semesters. We must like it because we keep coming back for more year after year. This year though seems especially hard because of necessary budget decisions. I know my executive team wishes we just had more money, but we are in a new environment in regards to state support for higher education. The poor economic times are real, and our friends and neighbors are feeling the pinch. The current situation we

are in isn't changing what we should do as far as our mission, but we have to make financial decisions without any room for error. Our budget for 2011/2012 will be 5.6% less in state general funds as compared to this current year. Over the past two years, we have seen a net reduction in state funding of almost 15%.

To offset this reduction we are able to raise in-state tuition 9% this year and 10% next year. The net effect to LCC, if we have stable enrollments, will almost be a wash. With growth we would have additional revenues, but with additional costs.

The new paradigm I was talking about is where students and their families will pay for a larger share of their college education. The grants and scholarships available have become more important to students and I think will continue to be important to help fund a part of tuition for a college degree.

For a college this means we



have to continue to add value for our students, region, and state. Fulfilling our vision and mission is a good start, but we also know we need to produce a goodly number of students

each year. The term production isn't something commonly thought of in higher education but is becoming more relevant each year. Because of this new environment we initiated a program level strategic planning process this year. We are no longer asking for budget numbers alone, but we are including marketing efforts, staffing needs, and the potential production in numbers of students for the money requested. In addition, each program is considering how additional funds through grants, projects, or other sources may be utilized. Even though this process is in its infancy it will become the core of our college strategic planning process, which in turn will drive our budget decisions.

Our marketing and recruitment efforts will have to become very efficient, and we will need to better understand our customer's wants and needs. The coordination of effort between instruction and enrollment management will need to improve exponentially, with each other's role in the process. Not only will we do the general college advertising we have done in the past, but we need to research ways to improve marketing each of our programs on an individual basis. In doing so the quality of the programs and the education the students earn must be communicated to the appropriate markets in a very succinct manner.

The changes we make because of this new environment aren't all bad. To gain efficiencies and add value at the same time seems to align with our continuous improvement concepts.

OH! The places we will explore...

By Cheryl Sanchez

This month I would like to encourage you to explore the following website <http://www.secoloradoheritage.com/about-our-heritage/>. This is a great place to develop your own exploration of southeast Colorado. The website provides a wealth of information on the history of southeast Colorado. You will find maps, suggested trips, calendar of events, and pictures of heritage attractions in southeast Colorado.

Enjoy learning about historic events that took place in our region. Summer is a great time for you to develop an outing that fits your schedule. Using the wonderful website resources allows you to concentrate on your special heritage interests. The website has a

special attraction on it for me. I would like to encourage you to go to the section "Our Stories" and click on the podcast titled "They were called Rollers." The podcast is an interview with James and Mary May Gourley (my family friends from Two Buttes) and Mildred Stolebarger (my mom). This webcast story is just one of the many stories about the dirty 30s I have had the privilege of listening to during my life.

I hope you enjoy browsing through the website to plan your summer adventure. Your adventure will provide you with something to do and a wonderful experience close to home. As you explore, reflect on how our heritage has influenced shaping this nation. Enjoy exploring our heritage! Don't forget your camera, a picnic, and a clear mind.

Mid April snow?

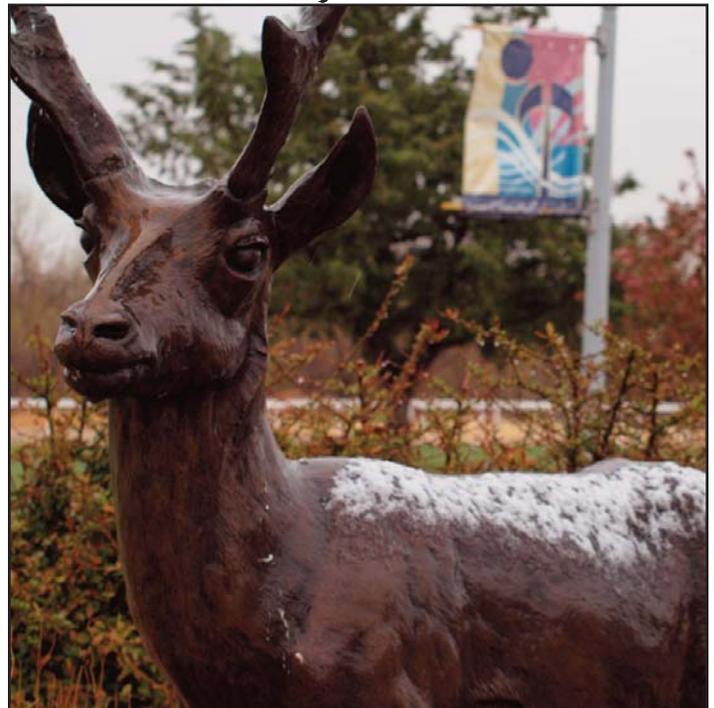


Photo by Mike Bowen

A rare April snow on the 14th lightly covered the ground and the antelope in front of the campus.

Four year degree offerings now available on LCC campus

Lamar Community College students seeking to earn a four-year bachelor's degree can now do so on campus, without leaving Lamar.

A recent partnership between LCC and the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs (UCCS) allows LCC students to complete their work for bachelor degree programs through UCCS.

Available degree options include a Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing; Criminal Justice and Business Administration.

The RN-to-BSN Dual Enrollment Program is designed for students enrolled in, or who have completed the LCC Associate's degree program in Nursing. UCCS's Beth-El College of Nursing and Health Sciences offers courses specifically tailored for RNs. The goal of the program is to facilitate the continued growth of a well rounded professional nurse able to actively participate in our rapidly changing health care environment by completing the Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Criminal Justice is a broad and increasingly interdisciplinary field. LCC students completing

an Associate of General Studies-Criminal Justice degree can now complete their Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from UCCS. The program utilizes an innovative virtual approach to capture both academic liberal arts emphasis and the professional and policy knowledge required in today's criminal justice professionals.

For the LCC student getting an Associate of Arts-Business Articulation degree, UCCS offers a complete, online Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, fully accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). Students can complete the degree without leaving home, while still benefiting from LCC's supportive environment.

LCC will provide the personal, academic, and instructional support necessary to ensure student success. Support services will be easily available to all LCC/UCCS students free of charge and will include: library resources, tutoring support, developmental skill building, ESL instruction, counseling, career assessment, transfer assistance, and cultural enrichment ac-

tivities.

UCCS and LCC are also partnering to employ a UCCS Student Services Coordinator/Diversity Recruiter for the LCC campus. This position would assist students to make a smart start at LCC and a smooth transition into UCCS coursework and completion, including advanced degrees. The position will be posted and advertised in the near future. Students who are interested in learning more about the partnership are encouraged to contact LCC at 719.336.1580 or information@lamarcc.edu.

UCCS, located on Austin Bluffs Parkway in Colorado Springs, is one of the fastest growing universities in the nation. The university offers 36 bachelor's degrees, 19 master's and five doctoral degrees. The campus enrolls about 9,000 students.

How to Fry a Couch Potato

By Deborah Loper

Are you holding true to your exercise New Year's resolutions? The following may provide motivation to help keep you on track.



before my brain figures what I'm doing.

- I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me.
- If you are going to try cross-country skiing, start

with a small country.

- I don't jog. It makes the ice jump right out of my glass.

- My grandmother started walking five miles a day when she was 60. She's 97 now and we don't know where in the world she is.
- I joined a health club last year, spent about 400 bucks. Haven't lost a pound. Apparently you have to show up.
- I have to exercise in the morning

Renew your commitment to your exercise program. If you've slipped, don't worry; physically and mentally start again. The whole point is to keep moving.

✓ For an opportunity to win a free lunch with LCC President John Marrin, what is the consecutive number of commencement ceremonies for Lamar Community College? The first to respond correctly will win the lunch. Please submit your responses to pronk@lamarcc.edu

Leave A Legacy

Supporting a cause that is 'bigger' than you and that will outlive us all is great way to leave a legacy on this earth. Well after we are gone, your generosity will be here... helping students and our community. Whether it is an endowed scholarship or a named room or building, your legacy - or the passion of a loved one - can live on at Lamar Community College. It is the ultimate gift to the future.

Contact the LCC Foundation Office at 719.336.1511 or foundation@lamarcc.edu for more information regarding naming opportunities and endowed scholarships.

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

Lamar Community College

TRiO

Scholars

TRiO takes cultural trip to Denver



Congratulations Lamar Community College TRiO Graduates

December 2010: Anayancy Molina; Angela Dawn Warren; Carrie A. Schroeder; Christopher J. Allen; Corey M. Bair; Francheska M. Ortiz-Torres; Keirsten R. Hunt; Kyle Mark Dodge; Mike Bate; Nancy J. Owens; Nicolas M. Benedetto; Petra O. Austin; Tanya Rae Adams; and Tyler Giannini.

May 2011: Allen Tate; Amanda Paige Cash; Arden John Dennis; Arturo Maltos-Garcia; Ashley Lynn Gutierrez; Brittani Dawn Richins; Carlos Hector Morales; Casie Marie Hawkins; Catrina Tixier; Christy L. Johnson; Christy M. McEndree; Clarissa Yesenia Garcis; Clint Nathon Baldwin; Corina Quiroz; Courtney Justine Williams; Damon Herron; Duane R. Leroux; Dustin Ray Burton; Haley Choat; Harmony Englert; Hillary Amelia Hunter; Iliana Zavala; Janae Ischael De La Virgen; Joanna Smith; Jose Angel Dominguez; Jose Rueda; Joseph Paintin; Joshua R. Turner; Judith Ann Schneider; Julie Raye Vandiver; Kasey Neal; Krista Watson-Currell; Laura Salgado; Leslie Ann Maggart; Limbert L. Largo, IV; Lindsey M. Cade; Madelyn R. Maestas; Mark J. Weis; Mary Feliz De La Virgen; Michael Alvarez; Miguel Angel Zavala; Monique Rose Brown; Monty R. Thompson; Nancy J. Owens; Nathan Palmer; Rebecca L. Clark; Ronnie Waller; Shadow Sky Wollert; and Tehra J. Burk.

August 2011: Briana Michelle Claflin.



Saturday, May 7:

- ~ LCC's 72nd annual Commencement at 10:00 AM, in LCC's Wellness Center.
 - ~ LCC's Nursing Pinning at 3:00 PM, in LCC's Wellness Center.
- Receptions for graduates and families will immediately follow both events. Each will be webcasted at lamarcc.edu.



Lamar CC Sports

Runnin' Lopes Sports Update

Booster Club holds appreciation dinner



The Lamar Community College Runnin' Lopes Booster Club hosted an appreciation dinner for the college's athletes on Wednesday, April 20th. With over 200 attendees, the crowd was a mix of student athletes, community members, and LCC staff & faculty. The evening provided an excellent overview of each sport's seasons with speakers, Michelle Reynolds and Scott Elarton augmenting the program.

Michelle Reynolds played softball for the Runnin' Lopes in 2005-2007, continuing at Colorado State University. She explained how the 'Lopes had been a significant step in both her athletic and academic careers, giving the 'small town girl' a valuable step between high school and a university. This step allowed for athletic, emotional, and academic growth and allowed her to succeed in a large college.

Hometown favorite Scott Elarton graduated from Lamar High School in 1994. He played professional baseball for approximately fifteen years, retiring last year. Master of Ceremonies Erik Stone guided a question and answer session for community members to ask questions and make comments about his experiences. Although Elarton did not play at LCC, he often practiced with the Lopes in the off-season.

The Booster Club presented its first \$1,000 sophomore scholarships drawn from freshmen athletes returning next year. Two students' names were drawn; they were Mario Coté (baseball) and Kelsey Plowman (softball).

For more information regarding the LCC Runnin' Lopes Booster Club, contact Craig Brooks at 336.1674 or craig.brooks@lamarcc.edu.

RODEO TEAM MEMBERS WIN SADDLES



Tyler Schnauer and Carter Coble won saddles for their efforts this year. Tyler won the region in Team Roping (header), while Carter received his for Steer Wrestling.

At left is Tyler Schnauer with Rodeo Coach Fred Sherwood and at right is Carter Coble with Rodeo Coach Sherwood

