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Moving forward by leaps and bounds...

PRESIDENT'S MONTHLY REPORT

PRESIDENT JOHN MARRIN

September/October 2015

Transform the student experience

- The Lamar Community College Rodeo Team hosted the Antelope Stampede October 2-4 at the Prowers County Fairgrounds. 14 teams competed in the Stampede with over 650 entries. Three Runnin' Lopes team members received points including sophomores Jessica Applegarth, Melanie Roman, and Blue Wilcox. Applegarth performed well in two events, finishing fifth in Goat Tying and ninth in Breakaway Roping, while Roman took fourth in Barrel Racing. From the men's team, Wilcox finished third in Bull Riding. The team concluded its fall season in Cheyenne, Wyoming, at the Laramie County Community College Rodeo.
- The LCC Wellness Center was packed as the Runnin' Lopes Men's Basketball team hosted their first ever Lopes Madness. Approximately 400 people came to the event, which was a kick-off celebration for the upcoming basketball season. Fans kicked off the event with musical chairs and good old-fashioned knock-out that featured competition between LCC students and employees as well as community members and their kids. Then the lights went down as the 2015-2016 Runnin' Lopes varsity team took to the court to be introduced for the first time this season. Team introductions were followed by those of the coaching staff including head coach Sercan Fenerci and assistant coaches Ross Convertino and Jimmy Bencomo. The night was largely about building excitement for the upcoming season. The team did just this by highlighting their skills with a 3-point shot contest, a slam dunk contest, and a blue vs. white scrimmage.
- The following Runnin' Lopes Baseball players were selected for the Sophomore Showcase baseball game in Phoenix, Arizona, on October 8; Jeremy Hochmuth, Adam Adkins, Donny Ortiz, Derek Rohleder, Joe Rosenstien, Alex DeBell, Lalo Porras, and Tristin Rizek.
- The Runnin' Lopes Golf team played in their last tournament of fall semester when they traveled to Central Wyoming Community College on October 2-4. Jeremy Minnick led the Runnin' Lopes team with a two-day score of 161, followed closely by Austin Matheny with a score of 164. Josh Lovett had a two-day score of 169, Matt Palmer scored 204, and Colton Wineberg scored 223. The Runnin' Lopes Golf team will return to competition spring semester.

- The Lady Lopes Women's Basketball team has taken the "adopt-an-athlete" program at LCC to a higher level. Head Coach Tom Sutherland and the team decided that they would "adopt" players from Campo, Vilas, and Pritchett. The team has adopted eleven girls, most of who had participated in LCC's summer basketball camp. The Lady Lopes plan to conduct a clinic for the South Baca girls in either Campo or Pritchett and will attend at least one of their middle school games this season. The team is pictured below with their younger adoptees.



Photo: Lady Lopes Women's Basketball team with adopted players from Campo, Vilas and Pritchett.

Transform our own workforce experience

- On October 2-3, the Old West came to life as the biannual Frontier History Encampment returned to the Lamar Community College campus. Chuck wagons, merchant tents and even Civil War Artillery sprang up on the LCC Campus, inviting everyone to take a step back in time. Historic interpreters at the Encampment created a walk-through immersion to help attendees experience Frontier life in the 1800s. The event and its participants strive to be as historically accurate as possible. More than a hundred area students on field trips visited the Encampment and approximately another 700 visitors explored the camps over the two day event. The Frontier History Encampment began in 2005 as a unique way to bring groups of living historians to LCC's campus and create layers of culture and history in a single event that captures an entire century of history. It is an original creation, as living history most often is connected to a single event or place. Longtime LCC history teacher Judy Arnold and Butch Kelley, an expert living historian of the US Cavalry, organized the first two Encampments. Since then, the event has returned every two years with Kelley's leadership and reputation among living historians, adding more camps each time.

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Changes in the LCC Welding Program

The Lamar Community College Welding program has changed significantly over the past year. LCC Welding was started in 2010. Utilizing funds from a federal Title III grant, the program was initially designed to supplement the Construction Technology Program. In the beginning, the program occupied a small space and offered a single certificate. Over the next couple of years, LCC Welding proved to do much more than supplement; it eventually became the dominant component of the Construction Technology program.

Within a couple of years, it became clear that the program would require more space and equipment than originally planned through the Title III grant project. Lamar Community College leadership decided to join a Department of Labor grant proposal, a Colorado Community College System wide project. The hope was to use the funds to expand welding lab space and purchase additional equipment. The grant was awarded.

In the summer of 2014, LCC welding and TAA Champ staff began work on course design for two new certificates and an Associates Degree. The new certificates and the Associates of Applied Sciences degree were approved in the fall of 2014. The result of this work is a completely new look for the program. The program now consists of three certificates: basic, intermediate and advanced. Students have the option to complete the three certificates in successive semesters and then continue for approximately one additional semester completing the general education courses required to be awarded their Associates of Applied Science in Fabrication Welding. Students also have the option to complete one, two or all three certificates and seek immediate employment using the gained credential.

During the changes, LCC added several new welding courses and redesigned all existing courses to be offered in a hybrid format. Hybrid welding courses have assignments that have to be completed online which include: articles, videos and discussions that provide pre-requisite information necessary to be successful in the lab. Completing this type of work outside of the lab maximizes the time students can occupy the labs for the more important hands on components. Students enrolled in these hybrid courses still spend a majority of their instructional time in the labs.

In 2010, Lamar Community College started with only a handful of students who were able to select from four or five courses per semester in pursuit of a basic welding certificate. In the current (fall 2015) semester, Lamar is offering a full slate of welding courses. Most of the courses are at maximum enrollment and some courses have to offer multiple sections due to student demand. For the first time, LCC has students enrolled in and pursuing all of the certificates offered.

Lead Instructor Doug Cash and Instructor Terry Martin may even let you have go on the Lincoln Welding simulator, if you ask nicely. The welding simulator, purchased with Federal Title III funds, has been with LCC for several years. This advanced machine provides a safe environment for students to practice their welds over and over without exhausting supplies. The processes for the virtual welder are as follows: SMAW (ER6010, ER7018 electrodes), FCAW (gas-shielded, self-shielded), and GMAW—plus all positions including pipe.

We would invite anyone who is interested to come and take a tour of our state of the art facilities with 16 self-ventilated welding stations fitted with high quality multi-process Lincoln welding machines which provides an impressive backdrop for LCC's first class welding program. Feel free to stop in the shop anytime to stay hello.

Contact Kelli Gaines if you would like to take a tour of the facilities. She would also be more than happy to answer any questions you might have regarding the program. Kelli Gaines contact information: kelli.gaines@lamarcc.edu or call (719) 336-1523.▪



Photo: LCC's advanced pipe welding students

A.K.A. the upcoming welding workforce in SE Colorado.



Photo: LCC's advanced pipe welding students are ready to work...



Photo: LCC's basic blueprint reading class ready to start the day



Photo: students in basic blueprint reading wearing welding hoods

LCC Surpasses \$1M Mark

By: Kristin Lubbers, Director of Marketing

(Lamar, Colorado; October 26, 2015) Lamar Community College and the LCC Foundation have hit a significant milestone on its journey to build a new residence hall... \$1 million dollars raised. Although they hope to raise funds beyond the college's goal of \$1.25 M, it is now only \$187,158 from that objective.

The construction project is due to be approved by the State Board for Community Colleges & Occupational Education at its December 9th meeting.

"With a plan for enrollment growth in place, we need to assure our students have additional on-campus housing available in the future," commented LCC President John Marrin. "We hope to begin construction after we receive state approval and can bid the project out. This could happen as early as spring of 2016."

"We are so grateful that our local businesses, ag producers, foundations, and individuals are continuing to support the project as a way to invest in the region's future."

Numerous individuals, companies, and foundations have made significant donations to the project. Businesses include 4 Rivers Equipment; Building Material Supply; Colorado East Bank & Trust; Community State Bank; Five Rivers/JBS; Frontier Bank; Heath & Son & Turpin; Parker Mechanical; Peacock Funeral Home; Ranchers' Supply; Tri-County Ford-Lincoln; Valley National Bank; and Wallace Gas & Oil. Individual donors include Norm & Kay Arends; Ken & Cathy Callison; Don & Patsy Colclazier; Susan & Alfred Bergquist; Ruth Esgar; Ronny Farmer; Jim & April Faull; George & Anna Mae Gotto; Dr. Lauren & Bill Grasmick; John Hartshorn; Karen Ketcham; Sean Lirley; Ellen Lovell; Darrell Kraupie; Jennifer Mortimeyer; Cheryl Preisser; Randy & Adeana Shaw, Dale & Darla Specht; Steve Sherlock; Joe & Carla Spitz; George & Georgetta Tempel; John Paul & June Unruh; Chris & Vicki Wilkinson; Ronny Wollert; and Bill & Kathy Wooten. The LCCF has solicited contributions and grants from the Boettcher Foundation; Esgar Foundation; Schlessman Family Foundation; and the Weitgenant Trust. It also has received anonymous contributions to the project.

Much of the contributions have given donors a double benefit. All donations to the LCC Foundation are tax-deductible. Because the contributions for the residence hall are eligible for Enterprise Zone tax, many donors have earned an additional 25% Colorado tax credit for their gifts. Potential donors may want to consider a contribution as part of their year-end tax planning. For farmers or ranchers, an in-kind commodity contribution may be advantageous. Donors are encouraged to consult their tax preparers for advice.

The new residence hall unit is one of three to be built just north of Todd-Burch Hall. The units will each hold approximately 30-32 students and will be suites with adjoining bathrooms. Todd-Burch Residence Hall will remain an integral part of the campus, and the attached Kelley Union Cafeteria will serve all residential students.

The LCC Foundation was formed in 1973 to support the College and its students. In its most recent fiscal year, donations to the LCCF provided nearly \$150,000 in scholarships and \$35,000 in program support in addition to the residence hall capital campaign. To contribute to the project, support the Foundation, or learn more about Enterprise Zone contributions, contact Anne-Marie Crampton at 719.336.1520 or foundation@lamarcc.edu. More information is also available at www.lamarcc.edu/foundation.

Spring Registration Opens Soon at LCC

By: Kristin Lubbers, Director of Marketing

(Lamar, Colorado; October 26, 2015) Registration for the Spring Semester at Lamar Community College will open on November 1, 2015.

Lamar Community College continues to offer a wide range of career and technical education (CTE) programs including welding, historic preservation, renewable energy, and cosmetology/barbering. These programs continue to grow in popularity because they provide hands-on learning experience while preparing students for immediate employment in today's demanding work environments.

Additionally, Lamar Community College has made several changes to the schedule in order to best serve a wide variety of students. Several classes that have not been taught for several semesters have been returned to the schedule including two Criminal Justice courses (Correctional Process and Criminology) as well as Science in Society and Abnormal Psychology. A number of new courses have also been added including Comparative Religions and Piping Skills, a construction trades course in plumbing.

Current LCC students should set up a meeting with their advisor to plan their next semester and make sure they are on the correct pathway. Any new students interested in registering for classes are encouraged to call 719-336-1590 to set up a meeting with an admissions counselor.

For a full schedule of spring courses, to apply for admission, or to register for courses, please visit www.lamarcc.edu or LCC's Student Service Center (Betz Technology Center). For more information, please contact 719-336-1590 or visit www.lamarcc.edu.

Apology

Due to extenuating circumstances the fourth and final section of the Jessica Medina interview will not be printed.

Taco John's is Hiring

Lamar Community College Career Center hosted a hiring event on October 19, 2015 in conjunction with the Workforce Center to make it easy for LCC student to apply for jobs at Taco John's. Marnie Garcia (District Supervisor) and Mike Torres (General Manager) for Mountain Restaurant Management along with Kyla Sather (Labor and Employment Specialist) from the Workforce Center were available with applications and hiring information for the students who stopped by. Cameron Nolder, (Business Instructor) brought his class of fourteen students to the event.



Photos above: hiring event participants

Taco John's is willing to accommodate student's class schedules when scheduling their work hours. They are also offering a 10% discounts to students who show their student IDs. According to Ms. Garcia, Taco John's intends to reopen in early November and looks forward to serving LCC students, instructors, and staff.

For more information on jobs at Taco John's contact Kyla Sather at the Workforce Center at 405 E. Olive St., Lamar or call 719-336-2256. •

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Create education without barriers through transformational partnerships.

- 27 LCC students volunteered to assist in clearing the Willow Creek Nature Trail on Friday, October 16. The trail is on LCC property and had become impassable due to extraordinary spring rains and active beavers felling trees. While the City of Lamar Parks & Rec Department cut trees into moveable pieces, softball and golf team members, LCCF Presidential Scholarship recipients and Biology students brought the limbs and branches up to road for chipping by Lamar Light & Power workers. The chippings will be put back onto the path in the near future. Lamar will host a Colorado Field Ornithologists Convention next spring and the trail will be ready for attendees.
- Lamar Community College hosted the annual Josten's Yearbook Workshop. The college was bustling with area high school students attending the informative event. The students attended the workshop in preparation for the production of their school's annual yearbook.
- The Lamar Community College Foundation annual Antelope Classic Golf Tournament set another record, with net proceeds of over \$9,000 for the Foundation. The tournament was held on Saturday, September 19 with a Friday evening social and went very well. Not only was it perfect weather and run at a reasonable pace, it made more money than last year. Thank you to everyone who was a part of the fantastic golf event. The Prowers County Development, Inc. (PCDI) partnership made an incredible difference in the golf tournament again this year.

Other News

- On October 14, the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education (SBCCOE) and the Colorado Community College System (CCCS) President made their annual visit to the Lamar Community College campus. Joining the tour this year were the rural presidents from Fort Morgan, La Junta, Rangely, Sterling and Trinidad. LCC Advisory Council members and LCC Foundation directors also enjoyed the tour of the CTE programs. Each year the LCC Presidential Scholars act as guides for each of the distinguished guests. This year LCC highlighted the Renewable Energy and Welding Programs. CCCS President Dr. Nancy McCallin and LCC Presidential Scholar Halie Schenck, the only female in the Welding Program, tested on the welding simulator. According to Welding Instructor Terry Martin both passed with excellent scores. Pictured below is Halie Schenck, LCCF Presidential Scholar and member of the LCC welding class. •



Photo: Halie Schenck

LCC Events Calendar —November 2015

The wealth of activities and events are too numerous to share in this space.

Please view our full calendar of events at <http://www.lamarcc.edu/calendar/>

LCC Sports: Volleyball, and Basketball

4th—6th Lady Lopes Volleyball Region IX Tournament

1st—Registration for Spring semester courses begins

6th—Knowledge Bowl

6th & 7th — 20th & 21st at 8AM —GED Testing

23rd-29th Thanksgiving vacation—NO CLASSES

December Preview

4th & 5th—18th & 19th at 8AM—GED Testing

9th-11th Final Exams

25th-Jan. 3— Winter Break—Campus closed & Reopens Jan.4