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PRESIDENT'S MONTHLY REPORT — March 2016

PRESIDENT JOHN MARRIN



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Transform the student experience

Lamar Community College announced that Kristin Arns and Beecher Strube were the two students named to the Phi Theta Kappa All Colorado Academic Team for 2016. Arns is the daughter of Michael and Sharon Arns of Sheridan Lake, CO. She is currently in her last semester at Lamar Community College and expects to graduate in May 2016 with an Associate of Arts Degree. After graduation, she plans to continue her education at West Palm Beach Atlantic University, possibly pursuing a degree in marine biology or engineering.

Strube was born and raised in Casper, WY. He loves to hunt, fish, hike, camp, and play baseball. Beecher chose Lamar Community College as the first step in his college education for its excellent baseball program and strong academics. After graduation, Beecher plans to move on to Metro State University in Denver and pursue a double major in Business Finance and Business Management. He hopes to someday run a successful business that works in the outdoors.

Lamar Community College sophomore Melanie Roman began the spring rodeo season ranked fourth in the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association. National rankings compare regional leaders based on points garnered to date. The LCC team entered this semester with the women's team at fourth place in the Central Rocky Mountain Region.



Ashten Marchant and Kady Hicks won buckles at the Gillette Community College Rodeo. Ashten, a sophomore from Newcastle, WY, won the goat tying and Kady, a freshman from Nunn, CO, won the steer wrestling. The win propelled both to third place in the Central Rocky Mountain Region standings in their events.

Transform our own workforce experience

The Tax Help Colorado free tax site at Lamar Community College assisted 88 clients, helping hard-working families claim more than \$161,812 in tax refunds this year. The IRS-certified LCC students prepared and e-filed tax returns making the process quick and confidential for their 88 clients.

A unique learning opportunity will be coming to Lamar Community College in early April. The LCC rodeo team is sponsoring the goat tying clinic, with their own Ashten Marchant teaching. Marchant will help young rodeo students

learn or expand their goat tying skills in a two-day skill-building clinic. "Ashten has plenty of experience to share," commented LCC Head Coach Fred Sherwood. "She qualified for the College National Finals last year and is doing well now. We had the opportunity to host a clinic for younger girls in the area to learn goat tying and I'm sure she can help them a lot." Ashten continues her college rodeo success this year as she sits in fourth place in goat tying in the NIRA's Central Rocky Mountain Region.

Create education without barriers through transformational partnerships

More than 70 middle school girls from the surrounding area attended the Girls in the Middle Conference held at Lamar Community College. The day was packed with fun-filled activities related to career exploration. Megan Meyer gave an inspiring presentation in which she described how she knew from an early age that she wanted to pursue a career in the swine industry and how she stuck with that plan despite the opinions of others. She included information about her career and how it has provided her with experiences and opportunities she may not have received otherwise, including traveling the world. She encouraged the students to follow their dreams, no matter what others may say or what obstacles they may face. After the morning's speakers, the attendees broke into groups depending on their interest in a specific field of employment. The break-out sessions highlighted a variety of careers including Agriculture, Banking, Law Enforcement, News Reporting, Space Engineering, Chiropractic, Audiology, Engineering, and a Dietitian.

Other News

Lamar Community College was the host site for the CHSAA District Basketball Tournament. The Wellness Center was packed with enthusiastic high school teams and their supporters.

Construction is underway on the new residence hall pod.



More photos of construction progress on page 3.

LCC President Marrin Announces Retirement

By: Kristin Lubbers, Director of Marketing

John Marrin, Lamar Community College’s president for the past eight years, has recently announced his decision to retire. Marrin said that leaving is bittersweet and that he will miss the LCC family, but having spent 40 years in higher education he thought it was time to retire. He made this decision after careful consideration, confident that the college is in great condition.

“Lamar Community College is currently in great shape financially and with a strong strategic plan, which includes our new dorm, the potential for strong enrollment is very real,” remarked President Marrin. “We have great faculty and staff, which compare to the best in our state. We have also done an exceptional job of achieving excellent accreditation reviews, and a system is in place to continue those efforts. I feel we are in a great place for my graceful exit and a good hand-off to the next president.”

President Marrin has decided to retire at the end of his current contract period, effective July 31, 2016. This timeframe will provide LCC and the Colorado Community College System (CCCS) plenty of time to find President Marrin’s replacement and allow for a smooth transition between leadership. CCCS President Dr. Nancy McCallin praised Marrin’s leadership of LCC. “I would like to thank John for his strong leadership at LCC,” commented Dr. McCallin. “We have been fortunate to have someone with his background and experience leading Lamar Community College for the past eight years.”

John has served as president since April 2008. Prior to that, he served as the Campus Dean/Chief Executive Officer at the Timberline Campus of Colorado Mountain College. He began his career in higher education in 1977 at Western Nebraska Community College in Scottsbluff, Nebraska, serving in many positions including as a Marketing/Management instructor, the College’s Assistant Dean of Student Services, Center Director, and Dean of Business and Individual Training.

In retirement, John plans to enjoy life and pursue a few of his passions. He plans to pan for gold, finish his Route 66 ride on his motorcycle, fly fish, travel, and spend plenty of time with family. “I will always think fondly of my years at Lamar Community College and I would like to thank all the faculty and staff at LCC for your support and hard work. In the eight years I have served as your president it has been my pleasure working with each of you,” remarked President Marrin. Lamar Community College thanks President Marrin for his years of vision, hard work and dedication to the school. Moving forward, Dr. McCallin and CCCS will conduct a search for President Marrin’s replacement. Information regarding the search will be provided as the process continues.



LCC to Host 4th Annual Career Expo

Kristin Lubbers, Director of Marketing

Lamar Community College’s annual Career Expo will be held on Wednesday, April 13th from 9:00am until noon in the LCC Wellness Center. The Career Expo serves as part career exploration, part career fair for the community. Lamar Community College students and community members are invited and encouraged to attend in addition to area high schools visiting.

Local businesses have willingly volunteered their time and expertise, so that all attendees to the expo have the opportunity to meet with a wide array of professionals who own, or are employed by, companies that offer careers in a wide range of sectors. The expo will be broken down into six employment sectors: Business, Marketing, and Public Administration; Agriculture, Natural Resources and Energy; STEM, Arts, Design and Information Technology; Skilled Trades and Technical Sciences; Health Science, Criminal Justice and Public Safety; and Hospitality, Human Services, and Education.

Individuals hoping to find their first career or wanting to make an occupational change should plan to attend. There is no time like the present to get the information necessary to make a career change for the better.

For more information: email career.center@lamarcc.edu. For additional questions, contact Deanna Siemsen at 719.336.1527 or Susan Frankel at 719.336.1526.



LAMAR COMMUNITY COLLEGE

OPEN HOUSE

JOIN US

APRIL 7, 2016
3:30-6:30PM
Betz Technology Bldg.

Stop by for a FREE light dinner and door prizes all night long while you learn about LCC!

ACADEMICS

ATHLETICS

FINANCIAL AID

CAMPUS TOURS



QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Here at LCC, we want to make your decision to go to school an easy one.

We will be here to answer all of your questions, from where to find financial aid or scholarships that you need to pay for school

For more information, contact Tori Hawks at 719.336.1580 or by email at tori.hawks@lamarcc.edu

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Progress on the New Residence Hall Described in Photos



LCC Events Calendar —April 2016

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

LCC Sports:

Lady Lopes Softball—Runnin' Lopes Baseball

Runnin' Lopes Rodeo—Runnin' Lopes Golf

Campus activities:

1st—Online registration begins for summer and fall 2016 semesters

6th— 7A—5P FFA Career Day Competition— Wellness Cente

7th—3:30P to 6:30P Open House—Betz Technology Center

(this is an opportunity to learn about Programs and Athletics at LCC)

13th—8:50A to12:10P Career Expo—Wellness Center

22nd—8:00A—5:00P Student Orientation for students registered or registering for summer or fall 2016 classes

May 2016 Preview

Softball and Baseball

4th—6th Final Exams

7th—10A—Commencement

30th—Memorial Day—Campus Closed

