



August 20, 2020

Dear Lopes Family Members:

Thank you for sharing your student with us. We are delighted they're here. This pandemic year is going to be a very different one for all of us, but I promise everyone at LCC is going to do all we can to not only keep our campus safe so we can stay open, but we will also focus on your student's experiences during this time of social distancing, mask wearing, travel restrictions, hand washing, and virtual meetings and activities. We pride ourselves on our personalized, small campus environment and are working hard to ensure we continue to do so this year, even though we may not always be able to do it "the way we've always done things."

One thing the pandemic has taught me is the importance of helping students gain valuable skills like adaptability, flexibility, a tolerance for ambiguity, and the ability to use a variety of technologies when they can't be face-to-face. These will be important skills even after the pandemic is over and it's been rewarding to see how well students learn them. Another thing I've learned is the importance of human connections, even when it can't always be in-person, so our focus will be on sustaining our connections with your student so they know we're here to support their success. I've also learned young people by nature want to do the right thing, even when it's hard, and right now we're relying on them to do so during one of the most exciting and uncertain time of their lives.

You can help us help your student by supporting our work in developing their skills, reminding them to connect with us, and reinforcing our COVID-19 guidelines, processes, and advice. You can also help us by letting us know when you have concerns about your student – the best way to do that is to text or call **LopesCares** 719-691-1601 or [LopesCares@lamarcc.edu](mailto:LopesCares@lamarcc.edu). We will also be updating information on the LCC COVID-19 webpages as the semester progresses, so please check it out. And if there's ever something you think we should be including in our information updates, please let me know – the best way to do that is by email at [linda.lujan@lamarcc.edu](mailto:linda.lujan@lamarcc.edu).

Thank you again and know that we will do all we can to help your student have a successful year at Lamar Community College as we remain #LopesStrong and #LopesSafe.

With warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Linda Lujan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Linda Lujan, Ph.D.