



## Lamar Community College President's Report October 2023



Fall on our college campus is a breathtaking transformation, as the vibrant foliage paints the surroundings with warm hues of red, orange, and gold. The campus buzzes with energy, from the laughter of friends reuniting to the sound of lectures in full swing. Fall is a time of change, growth, and the start of exciting journeys, making it one of the most enchanting seasons on our campus.

### **Transform the student experience.**

#### **NFL Day at the LCC Salon**

Every year, the LCC Salon marks the commencement of football season with an NFL-themed party day. This year, the Salon delighted attendees with a delectable spread of finger foods and an exciting prize-drawing session, offering lucky clients discounts on a variety of salon services, including haircuts, coloring, and nail treatments. Open to the entire community, as well as our campus employees and students, the Salon provides an extensive range of services catering to both men and women. This discount party not only attracts a substantial clientele but also represents a significant milestone for our aspiring students, as it signifies their first day of delivering salon services to real clients.

### **Student Spotlight – Diego Marquez**

The Lamar Community College Ranch Horse Team is thrilled to introduce their newest member, Diego Marquez, who hails from Queretaro, Mexico. Diego is embarking on his academic journey at LCC with a focus on Horse Training and Management and Equine Business Management. His passion for reining horses ignited at the tender age of 8, and he has been an active participant in the equestrian world ever since. With an impressive show record that includes appearances at prestigious events like the (NHSRA) National High School Rodeo Association Futurity Affiliate Show, Guadalajara Reining Classic, and San Jose Reining Cup, Diego's skills have consistently shone. Notably, he clinched the NHRSA Futurity Mexicano championship in both 2021 and 2022, a remarkable back-to-back achievement. His dedication to the sport also extended internationally, with a recent appearance at the World Youth Reining Cup in Italy. Matt Mills, Diego's former coach who had the privilege of working with Diego as an intern, speaks highly of him, affirming his potential as a valuable addition to Lamar. Sara Honegger from NRHYA, the National Reining Horse Youth Association, acknowledges Diego's exceptional work ethic and creative talents, highlighting the positive impact he is bound to bring to any team fortunate enough to have him.



### **Lamar Chamber of Commerce BBB Event - Beer, Brats and Basketball Boys**

During Lamar's Oktoberfest, the Lamar Community College Men's Basketball team donned pink tutus in a spirited display at the Beer, Brats, and Boobies 5k event. This occasion serves as a fundraiser for breast cancer awareness, offering an excellent chance for students to engage with the local community. As part of their commitment to community involvement, LCC coaches enthusiastically encourage their student-athletes to take part in these events, and it's not uncommon to see them participating alongside staff members.



## **COSI Barbeque**

Lamar Community College has 184 students enrolled in pre-collegiate COSI, a 12% increase from last year. The LCC COSI team has expanded its service sites to include Springfield, Walsh, and Las Animas high schools, effectively increasing our concurrent enrollment program by 50 students and the number of partner schools from 4 to 8.

Additionally, the LCC MSS Scholarship grant has been extended to 2024. So far, we have over 150 eligible students for this scholarship program. Furthermore, our "Back to Work" and "Finish What You Started" programs are also experiencing growth, with 8 and 10 additional students joining these initiatives, respectively.

To celebrate these achievements, the COSI team organized a barbeque for the scholarship recipients. The COSI scholarship recipient barbeque hosted by our college is a heartwarming and celebratory event that recognizes and honors the remarkable achievements of our talented students. It serves as a gathering where scholarship recipients, generous donors, and college staff come together to express their appreciation and share inspiring stories. This occasion underscores the transformative power of education and the invaluable impact of scholarships, as it provides financial support to deserving individuals. The barbeque fosters a sense of community, acknowledging the dedication and hard work of our students while reaffirming the college's commitment to providing opportunities for academic success. It's a testament to the enduring partnership between our college and its donors, with the common goal of empowering students to realize their dreams and reach their full potential.



## Farewell to Soccer

As October ushered in the closing chapter of the soccer season, it marked the culmination of Lamar Community College's second official year in the sport. Both the men's and women's teams displayed unwavering dedication and etched a remarkable legacy as LCC's inaugural soccer squads. In the aftermath of the final home games, a poignant and heartfelt tribute was meticulously prepared by the coaches to honor our exceptionally talented sophomore players, acknowledging their pivotal role in shaping the future of LCC's soccer program. Several soccer players were overheard stating that they "loved the camaraderie built amongst the other students on the team". These are the types of friendships and team building that their coaches have worked so hard to instill over the past two seasons. While these teams may not have brought home the gold this season, they will forever live in our hearts as proud and true Runnin' Lopes!



## Midnight Madness

Midnight Madness, a highly anticipated occasion at our college, is an electrifying basketball event that marks the official start of the basketball season. Held late into the night, the campus came alive with a contagious spirit of excitement and anticipation. Students, alumni, and fans gather in the arena to support our college's basketball teams, both men's and women's. The event was a thrilling showcase of talent and team spirit, featuring dunk contests, three-point shootouts, and spirited performances by both teams. Midnight Madness not only ignites school spirit but also fosters a strong sense of community, uniting individuals from all walks of life in their shared passion for the game. It's an unforgettable night of fun and basketball that kicks off the season with a bang.



## Fall Visit with the President

In October 2023, President Rosana Reyes extended a warm invitation to the entire student body, encouraging their participation in a Meet and Greet event. This occasion presented a remarkable opportunity for students to voice their perspectives on their college journey, offer constructive feedback, and partake in meaningful discussions. The event's primary objective was to nurture an environment of candid communication between the student community and our esteemed President. With a turnout of 52 students, their feedback encompassed both praise and areas for improvement, shedding light on how the college can enhance the student experience. Dr. Reyes underscores the immense value of each student's voice, recognizing that their insights hold the power to shape our college's policies and initiatives.



## Student Life

Deon Williams, Student Life Coordinator, has had his work cut out for him these past few months. Deon has worked tirelessly, coordinating with the different departments and programs on campus, to provide a diverse range of student life events and experiences for LCC students.

### Bloodstock Media

Gracey Taylor, an accomplished videographer and photographer in the horse industry, provided Instagram management, sale photography, email marketing, and social media support at the LCC Equine Center, enhancing our equine community's online presence and promotional efforts.

### Saddle Maker Clinic

Renowned saddle maker John Willemsman recently hosted an enriching saddle maker clinic at the LCC Equine Center. During the event, attendees had the privilege of delving into the intricacies of leather craftsmanship. Willemsman not only provided insightful reviews of leather craftsmanship but also conducted hands-on demonstrations of leather product practices, allowing participants to gain valuable insights into the artistry and techniques that go into creating high-quality saddles and leather goods. The clinic was a unique opportunity for equine enthusiasts and aspiring artisans to expand their knowledge in the world of leatherwork under the guidance of a seasoned expert in the field.

### Paint n Sip

The paint and sip event at our college offered a delightful fusion of creativity and relaxation. Students and participants came together to express their artistic talents while savoring a palette of colors and sipping on their favorite beverages. Guided by a skilled instructor, attendees painted, socialized, and unwound, creating their own masterpieces in a laid-back and enjoyable atmosphere. The event not only allowed for self-expression but also served as an excellent way for our college community to connect, de-stress, and foster a sense of camaraderie through art and creativity.



### Family Feud Night

At LCC, "Family Feud Night" was an evening of spirited competition and laughter, bringing students together for a friendly showdown of wits and teamwork. Modeled after the popular game show, this event featured teams facing off in a series of challenging questions and quirky surveys, all in the name of fun. It was a fantastic opportunity for our college community to bond, share a few laughs, and create lasting memories, all while showcasing their knowledge and quick thinking. "Family Feud Night" served as a reminder that, beyond academics, our college is a place for building connections and enjoying a sense of togetherness.

### Homecoming Week

Homecoming week at Lamar Community College is an exhilarating time when our campus comes alive with school spirit and celebration. This is a week-long extravaganza filled with a wide array of activities, from spirited pep rallies and sporting events to talent shows, themed dress-up days and a hopping dance at the end of the week. It's a time when current students, alumni, and the entire college community come together to revel in the shared pride for our institution. Homecoming week creates lasting memories and strengthens our sense of unity and pride, serving as a reminder of the enduring bonds that tie us to our alma mater and the vibrant traditions that make our college experience truly unforgettable.

### 9/11 Parade sponsored by the Tri-State 9/11 Tribute Foundation

Students from our institution proudly joined in a meaningful and display of unity as they participated in a local 9/11 parade. With respect and remembrance in their hearts, they walked alongside first responders, community members, and veterans to honor the lives lost and the heroes who emerged on that fateful day in American history. Their participation not only showcased their commitment to preserving the memory of 9/11 but also underscored the importance of civic engagement and solidarity, reflecting the values of service and remembrance that our college community holds dear.



### Constitution Day

Constitution Day at our college is an annual commemoration of the enduring significance of our nation's foundational document. This day is an opportunity for our campus community to come together, reflect on the principles that shape our democracy, and engage in meaningful discussions about our rights and responsibilities as citizens. Constitution Day serves as a reminder of the enduring relevance of the U.S. Constitution and the importance of an informed and engaged citizenry. It's a day that encourages critical thinking, dialogue, and a deeper understanding of the Constitution's role in shaping our nation's history and future.



Some events not mentioned include a dodgeball tournament, kickball, bowling night, open mic night, man hunt, college night at the grace family worship center, 3v3 basketball tournament, movie night, and a Halloween bash.

## **Phi Theta Kappa – National Honor Society**

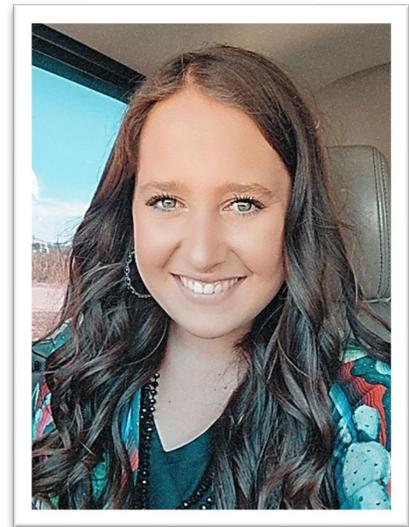
Lamar Community College was excited to invite approximately 92 students to join Phi Theta Kappa this semester. This is an increase of 15% of students eligible for an invitation to PTK from Fall 2022. These students have all completed at least 25% of their certificate or degree and hold at least a 3.5 cumulative GPA in their degree/certificate coursework. Phi Theta Kappa is the oldest and largest academic honor society for two-year colleges, and it has an excellent national reputation for the quality of its students. Joining Phi Theta Kappa is an excellent way for students to expand their college experience, meet other high performing students, build their resume, gain leadership and service skills, and take advantage of many scholarship and career-building opportunities. Phi Theta Kappa held new member orientation on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> and Induction will be held on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Phi Theta Kappa officers selected Dr. Reyes as their keynote speaker. This will be Dr. Reyes' first Phi Theta Kappa ceremony and she is honored to attend.

## **Transform our own Workforce Experience**

### **New Employees**

#### **Welcome Jaelin Parker**

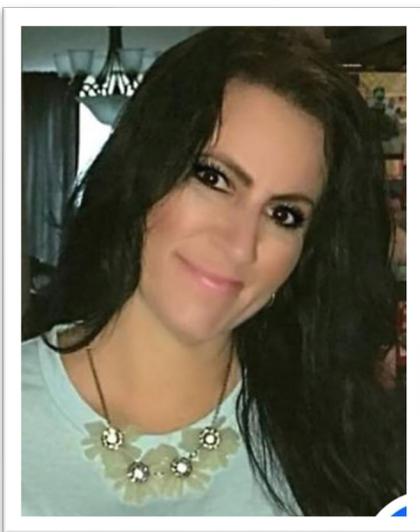
Jaelin Parker joins the LCC team as the communications specialist. Jaelin is from Wiley Colorado. She graduated from Wiley high school in 2021 and then continued taking classes at Lamar Community College. She graduated from LCC in May of 2023. While being a student at LCC she was a work-study in the student services for a year and a half. She was more than excited to come back and join the LCC team in October of 2023 and work alongside people she worked with as a work-study.



#### **Welcome Annissia Forney**

Annissia is a psychology and criminal justice graduate with a background in marketing, technology, and brand management, and certified in Salesforce. Has worked for companies like Rite of Passage/Ridgeview Academy, an adjudicated youth facility located in Denver and Accuweather, located in State College, PA. Annissia has earned Psychology and Criminal Justice degrees from CSU-Pueblo and Nicholls State, respectively. She is a proud mother of three sons. Braden, Christian, and Easton, who happens to be a senior and athlete for Lamar High School. Although born in Miami, Annissia grew up near New Orleans, where she returned to in 2015 after having lived near Denver in order to be close to her parents. She then decidedly moved back to Colorado in September of this year to be closer to her sons, and the opportunity to be closer to her granddaughter, Anastasia Wren, who are also residents of Lamar. She loves traveling and seeking new adventures, such as sky diving and

scuba diving. Also enjoys cooking some good southern cuisine, baking with her granddaughter, being involved in her church and community activities. She has come full circle being a part of LCC as a dedicated employee then as she was for the Lopes in the early 90's as a student and cheerleader.



### **Welcome Autumn Fisher**

Autumn Fisher joins the LCC team as the newly appointed academic services coordinator. Autumn has resided in Lamar since she was young and grew up to love this small town. In 2021, she proudly graduated from Lamar High school, alongside 113 fellow students. Throughout her high school tenure, Autumn actively participated in volleyball for all four years and was coached by Dave Tecklenburg that is now LCC's head coach! Autumn is deeply accustomed to residing within a closely-knit community, one which she is familiar with almost every individual she crosses paths with. This is why she has decided to continue her education through LCC. Autumn then earned her associates of arts degree May 2023, being the first of her family to graduate college. Simultaneously navigating her academic journey, she was employed at Sonic for four years to work with her always changing schedule. Autumn is delighted to assume her role here at LCC and getting to know all her colleagues!



### **Welcome Amber Settles**

Amber, a Clinical Master Social Worker, has been dedicated to patient-centered therapy since January 2022. With a Clinical Social Work Candidate license in hand, she's on track to becoming a fully licensed LCSW, expecting to complete her hours by December. Her Clinical Social Work Degree, earned online at Baylor University from 2020-2021, was a notable achievement, especially during the challenges of the COVID era.

In her role at Lamar Community College, Amber eagerly looks forward to providing therapeutic oversight, teaching essential skills, and supporting personal growth among students and staff. Her passion lies in building relationships, offering education, and empowering individuals to advocate, grow, change, and practice self-care. Amber's expertise spans eight therapeutic modalities, favoring cognitive behavior therapy and dialectical behavior therapy.

With over 25 years in the helping field, Amber's compassionate heart forms the foundation of her commitment to service, social justice, and respecting the dignity and worth of others. Previously, Amber managed grants and taught parenting skills at High Plains Community College for nearly eight years. Her responsibilities included grant writing, grant and staff management, as well as supervision and coaching. Since 2009, she has been dedicated to the healthcare industry, advocating for patients' rights, amplifying their voices, validating concerns, and connecting them to comprehensive services to ensure safety and independence.

## **Conversation Day: Strategic Planning – Action Priorities**

Conversation Day is an annual gathering that unites all employees in a dynamic exchange of ideas and collaboration. Dr. Reyes and the college leadership team, together with the assistance of our HLC Accreditation Liaison Officer, Kelly Emick, and the President’s Leadership Council (PLC) lead this event. PLC members met in the summer of 2023 for the PLC Retreat to review institutional data, KPI, faculty communications, and student feedback in order to develop the LCC Strategic Plan 2020-2025 action priorities for Year 4 and Year 5. A consultant was hired, Derek Grubb, to help facilitate the planning process and align our strategic framework and priorities with institutional assessment data.

This year we are planning ahead and creating action priorities for both year four “cultivating growth and sustainability” and year five “service: being the college that serves”. Informed by a full data set, the President’s Leadership Council’s (PLC) and HLC Accreditation Liaison, Kelly Emick, worked with LCC leadership and Dr. Reyes and identified priorities for the next two years. PLC members then put together presentations to highlight the steps of their priorities and tactics, explaining how data led them to these Strategic Planning Initiatives, implementation timelines and expected outcomes. As an Academic Quality Improvement Project (AQIP) campus, each employee at the College participated in or gave valuable feedback to each action priority. The Strategic Plan below is a summary of the action priorities identified by data and feedback, not included are the tactics and timelines.

## **LCC Strategic Plan – Academic Year 4 and 5**

### **Action Priority Projects**

#### **1. Student Success Priority**

- 1.1. Decrease student time to enrollment to less than 1 week during the registration timeframe.
- 1.2. Create a process and fail-over map for the flow in student services and identify cross-training needs.
- 1.3. Provide more inclusive student life activities.

#### **2. Employee Success Priority**

- 2.1. Work with employees to evaluate job descriptions and ensure efficient yet effective employee roles.
- 2.2. Enhance onboarding of new and existing employees.
- 2.3. Market positions and promote retention with work/life balance to meet LCC needs.
- 2.4. Create a space for employees to build a sense of community among the staff.

#### **3. Resource Success Priority**

- 3.1. Establish a budget process that evaluates enrollment potential and leads to strategic investments.
- 3.2. Invest in a program plan for the Trustees building.
- 3.3. Invest in campus housing to maintain and grow on-campus enrollment.

#### **4. Community Success Priority**

- 4.1. Continue a dynamic relationship with our community to maintain a positive perception.
- 4.2. Develop a work-based learning program that connects local industry to LCC and potential students.
- 4.3. Facilitate regular engagements with community donors and potential donors of LCC.

In addition to college-wide projects each department and unit have its own action priorities and projects related to cultivating growth, sustainability, and service.

## Create education without barriers through transformational partnerships.

### Career Fair

Lamar Community College recently hosted a dynamic career fair, serving as a valuable platform for students and community members to connect with potential employers and explore a wide range of career opportunities. This event facilitated meaningful interactions between students and representatives from diverse industries, fostering a bridge between education and real-world career prospects. This career fair brought together ten area high schools, over 200 high school students, 30 college/adult students, and more than 40 industry representatives. It was a testament to our commitment to preparing students for successful and fulfilling professional journeys, and we look forward to many more such events that empower our students to make informed decisions about their future careers.



## Homeschool Day

A unique and engaging "Homeschool Day" was hosted at Lamar Community College in October, providing homeschooling families with an insightful glimpse into the college experience. The event allowed homeschooling students to explore our campus, attend sample classes, and interact with professors and current students. It was a day filled with educational activities, campus tours, and information sessions tailored to meet the specific needs and interests of homeschoolers. Families had the chance to learn about admissions, support services, and the diverse academic programs offered at our institution. This Homeschool Day aimed to bridge the gap between homeschooling and traditional education, fostering a sense of inclusivity and encouraging students to consider higher education options that align with their unique learning journeys.



## Cultural Event

Our college is delighted to have participated in a vibrant Spanish cultural event hosted by the Lamar School District and dedicated to promoting education and providing valuable informational resources. This event showcased the rich tapestry of Spanish-speaking cultures, offering a diverse range of activities, including language workshops, cultural exhibitions, and interactive presentations. By engaging with the community and emphasizing the importance of education and access to information, our college reaffirmed its commitment to fostering cultural awareness and supporting individuals in their pursuit of knowledge. The event served as a bridge between different cultures, promoting inclusivity and demonstrating the role of education as a unifying force that transcends linguistic and cultural boundaries.



## Free Application Day

Lamar Community College celebrated the state-wide Free Application Day on October 17<sup>th</sup> by inviting potential students and students currently attending to the MAP center to discuss their options and their educational goals. Free Application Day is a day dedicated to making higher education more accessible and affordable. On this special day, prospective students could submit their college applications without incurring any application fees. It was a gesture of our commitment to breaking down financial barriers

and ensuring that every deserving student has the opportunity to pursue their academic dreams. Free Application Day exemplified our institution's dedication to fostering a diverse and inclusive community, and it was a wonderful opportunity for students to take the first step toward their educational aspirations without the burden of application costs. Applying to LCC is always free, but our trained MAP center advisors and professors encouraged students who are looking at continuing their journey to a bachelor's to take advantage of this money saving opportunity!



### **LCC Foundation Boots, Bling, and Blessings Kick Off**

The Lamar Community College Foundation usually hosts its annual BBB event in the Fall. However, due to a transition in the Director position this event has been pushed to the spring. This doesn't stop the LCC Foundation from engaging its donors in a grand kick off auction! Thanks to the generous donation from Undron Homes, LLC, the LCC Foundation was able to auction off an amazing sports package of Denver Broncos vs Cleveland Browns football tickets and parking passes. The auction ended on October 27<sup>th</sup> at a value of \$280, a steal for the lucky winner and a great start to Boots, Bling and Blessings event.



### **Innovate and Maker Space**

At LCC's Innovate and Make Space, the spirit of autumn comes alive through a vibrant array of exciting fall-themed crafts and projects. Students and c alike are immersing themselves in a world of creativity, constructing everything from intricately designed pumpkin carvings and seasonal-inspired 3D-printed decorations to crafting intricate leaf-shaped jewelry. This dynamic hub for innovation is buzzing with the sights, sounds, and scents of fall as individuals come together to explore their imaginative potential and craft unique, seasonal treasures, fostering a sense of community and creative expression on campus.



### **Horse Training Management and Equine Business Management Field Trip**

Our Equine Management class embarked on an educational journey as they toured Colorado Mills, gaining invaluable insights into the feed manufacturing process. The students had the privilege of engaging with Kent, who provided an in-depth understanding of the development of the Equine Performance feed. This hands-on experience was not only informative but also particularly meaningful, as it reinforced the direct connection between their learning and the practical well-being of the HTM horses, all of which benefit from Colorado Mills' Equine Performance feed. It was a fantastic opportunity for our students to witness the real-world application of their equine management knowledge and understand the impact it has on the animals they care for.



**Redefine our value proposition through accessibility, affordability, quality, accountability, resource development, and operational excellence.**

### **Groundbreaking News**

October 2<sup>nd</sup> bolstered a momentous occasion for the LCC Construction Trades Program symbolizing a bold step towards hands-on education and innovation. The official groundbreaking event was held for a new home that students in the trades program would begin building from scratch. With shovels in hand and a shared vision, students, faculty, and community members joined together to mark the beginning of this exciting project. This state-of-the-art home will serve as a dynamic learning space, providing students with the practical skills and knowledge required to excel in the construction industry. As the first soil was turned, it not only signified the construction of a building but also the construction of countless future careers, making this groundbreaking event a promising investment in the educational and professional growth of our students.



### **Career Advance Colorado**

Thanks to Career Advance Colorado, qualifying students who enroll in select Construction Trades, Nursing, Welding, and Education programs will have their fees covered while funding is available. Starting in August 2023, students who enroll in these select programs will have their tuition, fees, course materials, and other costs provided for by this grant. LCC has identified 62 potential students for this grant, has awarded 40 currently attending students with a grand total of \$94,210. We expect to award additional students as the requirements of qualifications are satisfied.

Lamar Community College has posted links and information on its social media, targeting individuals interested in changing their careers and bolstering our adult student demographic.

### **Zonta International Club hosts the Candidate Forum**

The Zonta International Club hosted an event on our campus for the local elections candidate forum. This engaging and well attended provided a valuable platform for candidates running for local office to connect with our college community and residents of the area to share their visions for our area's future. It exemplified the Zonta's commitment to civic engagement and promoting informed decision-making among our students and the broader community. By facilitating a direct dialogue with candidates, the forum played a pivotal role in fostering a sense of civic responsibility and encouraging active participation in the democratic process among our college students and beyond.

### **High School Carpentry Class in Action!**

Granada LCC concurrent enrollment instructor, Mr. Torres, took the reins, guiding our students in the art of assembling the sides of a structure. The class is working diligently on constructing a shed, which will ultimately serve as an educational project. It may be auctioned off, or it could find its permanent place right there at the school. This new course, offered at Granada Highschool, represents a fantastic opportunity for students to hone their carpentry skills and gain hands-on experience, all while contributing to the school community. It's an exciting endeavor that blends education and craftsmanship, providing our concurrent enrollment students with valuable skills for the future.



### **Workforce Resilience Program**

Lamar Community College has also been selected as one of the three leading colleges to host a Workforce Resilience Program (WRP) Coordinator position. This grant aims to support local industry, including non-for-profits workforce training and development in alignment with Skill Advance work currently underway at LCC. We will lead Trinidad College, Pueblo Community College and Otero College.

## Antelope Stampede – Lamar Community College Rodeo

The college rodeo is a thrilling and uniquely American event that showcases the incredible talent and skill of our students in the world of rodeo sports. Held annually, it brings together competitors from various disciplines, including bull riding, barrel racing, team roping, and more. The rodeo not only highlights the students' dedication and prowess but also provides an exciting opportunity for the entire community to come together and experience the excitement of this age-old Western tradition. It's a testament to the rich heritage of the American West and a fantastic way for students to demonstrate their passion and commitment to these rugged and exhilarating sports. This year, ten school attended with over 200 contestants for the Central Rocky Mountain Region of the NIRA. LCC's own Joe Autry placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the tie-down roping contest and we are so proud of this Runnin' Lope!



## Fall Student Enrollment

With the advent of a new academic year and the changing foliage, Lamar Community College is witnessing a promising trend - a surge in student enrollment.

As of September 28, the institution has observed a notable upswing in enrollment, with a fall enrollment yield increase from 24% to 45%, a 5.4% increase in Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) students, totaling 260 FTEs, and a 7% rise in headcount compared to the previous fall, reaching a total of 722 students.

- Continuing Student Population: This segment has shown a remarkable 9.3% increase, underscoring the sustained success of LCC's existing students.

- Concurrent Enrollment Students: The surge in concurrent enrollment, with a 13% increase, highlights the attractiveness of LCC's educational offerings to high school students and our strong partnerships with local high schools.

- New First-Time Students: LCC has welcomed a 6% increase in new first-time students, demonstrating its ability to attract and enroll college freshmen and nurture their educational journeys.

- Readmit Students: The return of readmit students has been exceptional, with an impressive 18% growth, a testament to our commitment to helping students complete their degrees and enhance their personal and career success.

These accomplishments are a testament to the unwavering dedication and hard work of Lamar Community College's esteemed faculty, staff, and students. Together, they remain steadfast in their mission to "Enrich Lives Through Learning," continuously expanding access and supporting students' success, shaping a bright future for the College and the vibrant communities in Southeast Colorado.

At LCC, the unyielding belief in the importance of accessible education for all is at the core of our mission. This commitment is exemplified through numerous initiatives, including a comprehensive range of scholarships and financial aid support, quality athletic programs, individualized student support services, and an extensive array of technical and transfer degree programs.

### **IREPO Update**

The IREPO Grant has been instrumental in enhancing LCC's teaching and learning experience by incorporating state-of-the-art technology to foster a more engaging, active learning environment. We transformed 22 classrooms with the addition of 2-4 85" flat screens each and new projectors, enabling seamless connectivity for instructors and students. Our lecture halls have been upgraded with 3x3ft and 4x4ft display arrays. In addition, we have implemented a Microsoft Surface checkout program through our library, enabling students without personal laptops to borrow a Surface for the entire semester at no cost. Complementing this, we offered a Wi-Fi/hotspot checkout service for students and athletes who may experience connectivity issues at home or while traveling. Our commitment to education extends beyond LCC, as we have equipped 15 local high schools with flat screens on mobile carts to support concurrent enrollment learners.

### **Mascot Reveal Event – sponsored by TA, Lamar, Colorado**

Lamar Community College is hosting a mascot reveal event on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, at the season's first Runnin' Lopes basketball games. This event is possible due to the extremely generous sponsorship donation of \$10,000 from TA, Lamar, Colorado site. The winning name from the naming contest will be announced, and we will be giving out concession vouchers for the first 100 people in the door, swag, and t-shirts throughout the event. LCC will also be holding a special tribute to the previous mascot that proudly served the Runnin' Lopes in the days of his prime. Lamar Community College is unbelievably grateful to TA for their thoughtful donation and for making the new addition to the Lopes family a reality.



## New LCC Website Launched

LCC's website (lamarcc.edu) is being redesigned with a phased approach, three phases in total. LCC contracted with Twenty-Fifth Hour Marketing to lead this project forward to help LCC create a website focused on serving our current students and addressing the information our larger audiences visiting our website seek. Phase One updated our homepage and landing pages with formatting and updated content and pictures. Phase Two is underway with the addition of new pages, including Registering for Classes and Adult Learners and a full architectural review of the content and presentations of the top 100 pages most searched on our website. Phase Three will be a review and updates to the flow and presentations of academic programming throughout the website. LCC plans to have a fully redesigned website by mid-February 2024 at the conclusion of Phase Three. A few highlights are listed below:

- Easy-to-find information our students need combined with intuitive navigation, making it simpler than ever to navigate through academic programs, admissions, campus life, and more.
- Staying up-to-date with the latest happenings at LCC, from campus events to important announcements and achievements.
- A modernized representation of the LCC experience through captivating photos of our campus facilities.

Twenty-Fifth Hour Marketing states "LCC's new website isn't just a facelift – it's a comprehensive upgrade designed to elevate your online experience. Enjoy intuitive navigation, stay informed with the latest news and events, dive into a dynamic learning environment with a wide range of academic programs, explore enhanced career services, engage the LCC community through interactive features, and immerse yourself in the Lamar CC experience through stunning visuals, showcasing the campus and activities."

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# Life-Changing College

Located on the golden plains of southeastern Colorado, Lamar Community College is a destination college attracting students from across the state and around the world. Earn a career-focused credential in two years or less, or spend two years with us and transfer. Start your future at our life-changing college.

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## Announcements

Spring registration opens on October 30th! Plan ahead for a successful semester by securing your classes early.

Ready for a career change? Take the first step with Lamar Community College and Career Advance Colorado!

Join us this fall. You're just in time! Apply & register today.

Save an average of \$10,000 by starting your path to a bachelor's degree at LCC!

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