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President's Updates | October 3, 2024

DEAR ESTEEMED COLLEAGUES,

Fall 2024 is upon us, bringing new students, new colleagues, and exciting new projects for our institution. As many of you know, the renovations at Bowman West and the upgrades to the Library/Academic Support areas are well underway. I want to extend my sincere thanks to all the faculty and staff who have been instrumental in managing the moves and adjustments during this time. While construction has its challenges, I am confident the results will be worth the wait. Please remember to keep up with Sean Lirley's regular updates on the progress.

This semester, we also launched a project we've had in our sights for quite some time - Lope's Café @ the Student Union. This vibrant new space is already enhancing campus life, not only for our students but also for staff and visitors. A big thank you to Sodexo, our Facilities team, and VP Debono for bringing this vision to life.

On another note, we have faced a few unfortunate student code of conduct violations. While regrettable, these incidents have provided opportunities for us to learn and grow. We recognize the need to more effectively communicate our Student Code of Conduct and Title IX policy to students and staff early on, ensuring that these important policies and procedures are clearly understood. It is equally important that we continue to reinforce the shared values of our institution—Communication, Respect, Integrity, and Valuing People—and use them as a guide when challenges arise. We must always approach these situations with empathy while maintaining clear boundaries that reflect our values and uphold the policies of both our institution and the law.

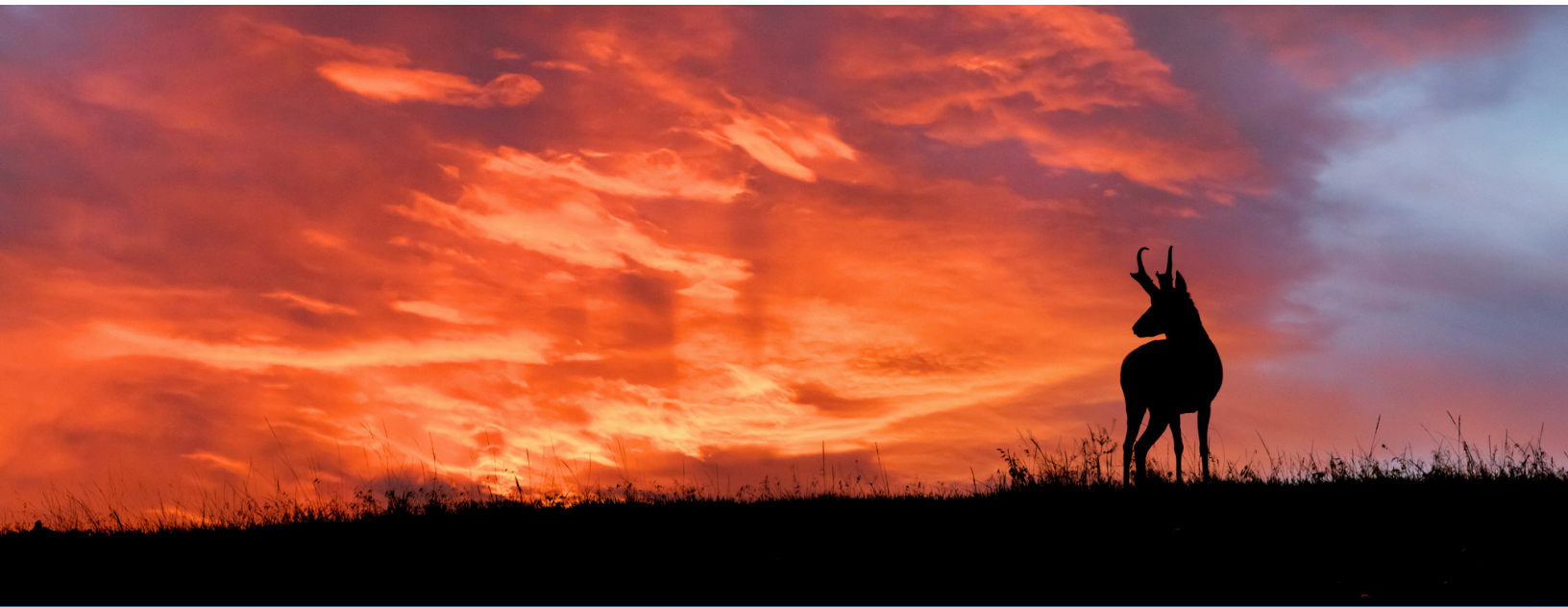
We are incredibly grateful for the rapid and professional response and support provided by our dedicated staff, including Jannet Martinez, Brian England, Tara Silvey, Jordan Kemp, Ben Griffin, and Delino Lewis, to all students affected by these incidents. We remain committed to fostering a safe and respectful campus environment. To that end, we will be launching additional educational programming on conflict resolution, Title IX rights and responsibilities, and bystander intervention. The first trainings will take place the week of October 14.



In addition to these educational efforts, we are implementing several new campus safety measures that were planned prior to the incident to advance campus security:

- Expanding our campus security force
- Improving security lighting on the east side of TBH, with updates to exterior lighting and the addition of five new light fixtures
- Installing automated door locks with card readers on all academic buildings, allowing for remote locking in case of emergencies
- Installing 70+ new exterior and entrance cameras, adding coverage to parking lots and key interior/exterior areas
- Activating three Emergency Call Boxes around campus, enabling immediate response when needed
- Other safety projects currently underway include repairing the west of Trustees between Betz & Bowman main sidewalk and the sidewalk from Bowman to TBH. We are also adding additional in our Equine Complex.

As we move forward into the academic year, let us remember our core mission: to “Enrich Lives Through Learning.” Every interaction should be characterized by civility, respect, integrity, and open communication. I am confident that this will be another successful year, filled with great achievements for our students, faculty, and staff. Let’s continue working together to make it so.



Wishing you all a wonderful fall semester,

A handwritten signature in white ink, appearing to read 'Dr. Rosana Reyes', with a long, sweeping underline.

Dr. Rosana Reyes

President

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- We are thrilled to announce the successful award of our Title V Application for the Aspira (to Aspire) 5-year Grant. This 3-million-dollar grant will help to expand access and support to students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds or from a Hispanic background.
- As we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, let's take a moment to recognize and honor the rich cultural contributions of our Hispanic and Latinx communities. As a Hispanic-Serving Institution, we are proud to embrace diversity and inclusion, which strengthens our campus and enriches the learning experience for all. Together, we continue to build a community that values and uplifts every voice.
- Student Services is happy to announce that we are expanding our Navigate services to include full scheduling implementation by January 1st, 2025. In addition, with the recent LMS integration between Navigate and D2L, Student Services is implementing automated alerts and student support measures to better enhance our student success outcomes.
- We are also happy to announce the addition of Gabriel Benabides to our team, as our interim Recruitment and Reengagement Program Manager! Gabe comes to us with a history of case work that contributes to his passion for students and will assist us in transforming the student admissions process to be more student-centric
- Student Athlete Mental Health Week is October 7 to October 10. This week is dedicated to raising awareness about the mental health challenges that student-athletes face. Throughout the week, Behavioral Health will be hosting on-campus events, including mindfulness session and art therapy for all students. Remember: If you're concerned about a student's well-being, you can connect with Jannet through the LopesCares Referral on our website or reach out to her directly for support.
- September 30th LCC hosts the Regional FFA BIG Event
- October 2nd LCC will host the 2024 Career Fair - Business Expo
- October 8th LCC Health Fair
- October 7th and 8th Phi Theta Kappa New Member Orientation
- October 8th Day/Night Fair and Transfer Fair
- October 11th Virtual New Student Orientation
- October 16th Ag Advisory Board Meeting
- October 18th LCC Antelope Stampede Rodeo
- October 22nd Construction Trades Advisory Board Meeting
- Welcome New Staff:
 - Jennifer Mortimeyer - Business Faculty
 - April Harbour - Accounts Payable
 - Catherine Tempel - Behavioral Health Faculty
 - Jaxon Autry - Head Men's Basketball Coach
 - Natalie Mills - Cosmetology Faculty
 - Gabe Benabides - Interim Recruitment and Re-engagement Program Manager
 - Anthony Letteer - Part-Time Student Life Coordinator
 - Shelby Hawkins - Financial Aid/Admissions Coordinator
 - Ethan Hart - Math Faculty
 - Jessie Miller - Part-Time Fitness Center Hourly
 - Shanice Davis - Part-Time Wellness Center Clerk