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President's Updates | November 26, 2024

DEAR ESTEEMED COLLEAGUES,

As we approach the Thanksgiving break, I want to take a moment to reflect on our collective accomplishments and challenges this fall semester.

While we faced some setbacks, including missing our enrollment target for Fall 2024 by 2.9%, the underlying causes have been identified, and we are actively implementing strategies to address them. I am confident these efforts will help us regain momentum and achieve growth in the semesters ahead.

City of Lamar Soccer Field

The City of Lamar has taken decisive steps to address the issues with Escondido Park, our partnership soccer field established in the Summer of 2022, which was deemed unplayable this season. Since October, the city has conducted comprehensive audits, including field condition, soil, grass, and water testing as well as maintenance audits. Guided by a contractual soccer field advisor, the city is finalizing plans for remediation and has already completed staff training on soccer field care and maintenance. We are optimistic the field will be fully restored and ready for play next season.

Leadership Update

I am pleased to announce that Kelly Emick has been appointed as Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs and Student Services, effective December 2024. Kelly is a long-serving faculty member in History, our Accreditation Liaison, and the driving force behind numerous successful accreditation reviews. She has also served as PTK advisor for 15 years, recently helping our chapter achieve 5-star status. We are fortunate to have Kelly step into this role as we continue the national search for a permanent appointment.

Grants and Financial Aid Milestones

LCC has reached a significant milestone with the recent award of a Title V grant, bringing our total grant acquisition to over \$7.8 million in the past two years. These funds have allowed us to expand staffing and capacity to meet the growing needs of our institution. Additionally, I am proud to share that this fall we distributed over \$1.1 million in state, institutional, and foundation aid to 402 students, enabling most of them to pursue their education with little to no out-of-pocket or loan costs.

Celebrating Student Success

On December 5, our Construction and Trades program will host an open house for the newly completed home built by our students. This project is a testament to the exceptional teaching and learning taking place at LCC and highlights the skills and dedication of our faculty and students.

Gratitude

Colleague, we are immensely grateful for your dedication and contributions to LCC and our students, which continue to drive our college forward. Your hard work, innovation, and passion are the driving forces behind our continued success. Please enjoy a restful and well-deserved Thanksgiving break. I look forward to finishing this semester strong, together.

Updates

- Jannet Martinez-Chavira have moved to PT schedule, seeing students for support on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Remember we have a Governor's Holiday on 11/29.
- Our Nail program is currently being offered this spring 2024 semester.
- LCC 2nd annual Winter semester has now moved to RCC delivery, allowing rural students from all CCCS schools to enroll at LCC this winter.
- Please take a moment to review the latest [President Report](#).

Gratefully yours,



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