

PRESIDENT'S AUGUST 2025 REPORT

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EDUCATION FOR ALL

Lamar Community College Welcomes New Students with Revamped Orientation Experience

Lamar Community College (LCC) welcomed the start of the academic year with a reimagined New Student Orientation, designed to ensure incoming students feel supported, connected, and prepared from their very first day.. Departing from the traditional format of back-to-back informational sessions, this year's orientation embraced a dynamic, interactive approach that prioritized relationship-building and campus exploration.

Held over the course of an afternoon, the event introduced students to campus life, academic expectations, and the vibrant LCC community. Highlights included small group discussions, icebreakers, and team-building activities that encouraged students to connect with peers, faculty, and staff in meaningful ways.

A campus-wide scavenger hunt and a "Meet Your Mentor" session added excitement and purpose, helping students familiarize themselves with their new environment while building lasting relationships. The reimagined format reflects LCC's commitment to student success, fostering a sense of belonging and community from the very beginning of the college journey.



Science Camp

From July 31st to August 2nd, the LCC Summer Science Camp welcomed young scientists ages 9-14 for three exciting days of hands-on discovery. The camp was hosted by LCC Biology Faculty Professor I'Ceyonna Ware, M.S., and Dr. Karla Moreno, and made possible through Title V grant funding, managed by Hanana Davis and Courtney Morris. Over the course of the camp, students explored the fundamentals of biology, microbiology, environmental science, and chemistry through interactive experiments designed to spark curiosity and build confidence in science. Campers left with new knowledge, hands-on skills, and a deeper appreciation for the ways science connects to their everyday lives



Lamar Community College Hosts Annual Ag Olympics, Celebrating Student Skill and Community Spirit

LCC recently brought together students, instructors, and community members for its annual Ag Olympics, held in the Equine Complex arena. This lively event offered a fun and informal setting for students in the equine, rodeo, and agriculture programs to showcase their talents through a series of creative, agriculture-themed competitions.

Participants demonstrated their agility, strength, and teamwork in events like hay bale relays, manure cart obstacle courses, ribbon roping, and goat tying. Each challenge highlighted the practical skills and dedication of LCC's agriculture students while fostering camaraderie and school spirit.

Open to the public, the Ag Olympics served not only as a showcase of talent but also as a celebration of the hard work and passion that drives LCC's agricultural programs. The event provided a valuable opportunity for students to network, exchange ideas, and build lasting relationships that will support them well beyond their time at LCC.



Ag Olympics



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PARTNER OF CHOICE

Lamar Community College Shines at Sand and Sage Parade

Lamar Community College (LCC) proudly joined the festivities at this year's Sand and Sage Parade, a beloved local tradition that celebrates community spirit and heritage. Students, faculty, and staff came together to represent LCC with a lively and colorful float, radiating campus pride and energy.

The parade was a joyful opportunity for LCC to connect with the Lamar community, celebrate shared values, and showcase the vibrant culture of the college. The warm reception from parade-goers highlighted the strong bond between LCC and the community it serves.



Sand & Sage parade

Kids day

Lamar Community College's (LCC) men's and women's soccer teams recently spent a fun and meaningful day volunteering at the Kids' Day event during the Sand & Sage Fair. The teams were excited to engage with local families, lead activities, and represent LCC with pride and enthusiasm. Their involvement brought smiles, laughter, and a strong sense of community spirit to the fairgrounds. It was a great opportunity for student-athletes to give back, connect with the youth, and show what it means to be part of the Lopes family—on and off the field. A big thank you to everyone who participated and helped make the day a success. Go Lopes!





ECONOMIC MOBILITY

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Starting Fall 2025, Lamar Community College (LCC) is offering the new COSI/ASAP program for Colorado residents who are full-time students pursuing an associate degree. This initiative provides strong academic, financial, and personal support to help students graduate in less than three years. Funded by Arnold Ventures and led by the Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative (COSI), the program brings the nationally recognized ASAP model to Colorado for the first time.

Students accepted into the program will receive tuition gap coverage after all other financial aid is applied, a \$250 book stipend each semester, and a \$200 monthly cash incentive for up to four months per semester if they meet engagement requirements. They'll also benefit from personalized, one-on-one advising for academic, career, and personal development.

To qualify, applicants must be Colorado residents or meet ASSET eligibility, complete the FAFSA or CAFSA, enroll full-time (at least 24 credit hours per academic year), and have no more than 24 completed college credits at the time of application (credits earned in high school don't count). Participants must also commit to regular meetings with their ASAP advisor and actively engage in program activities.

Lamar Community College at the Back to School Bash – August 2

Lamar Community College proudly participated in the annual Back to School Bash hosted by Grace Family Worship Center, an event dedicated to supporting K-12 students with the supplies they need for a successful school year. Alongside other community vendors offering fun and engaging activities, LCC's booth was a hit with its vibrant hair gel coloring station, welcoming both kids and adults to join in the colorful fun.

This marks our third consecutive year at the event, and once again, our chairs stayed full from start to finish. The energy, smiles, and creativity shared throughout the day made it another unforgettable experience for our team and the families we served.





EMPOWERED TALENT

**Kayla Brown:**

We are pleased to welcome Kayla Brown as the new Concurrent Enrollment Coordinator at Lamar Community College. With a strong background in education, teaching, and administration, Kayla brings a passion for student success and a proven ability to build meaningful partnerships with schools, students, and families. She has extensive experience in advising students, managing programs, and fostering collaboration between high schools and higher education institutions. Known for her excellent communication and organizational skills, Kayla is committed to creating a seamless experience for students while supporting the growth of LCC's concurrent enrollment programs. We are excited to have her join our team and look forward to the positive impact she will make in advancing opportunities for our students and community.

Audrey Rodriguez:

We are excited to welcome Audrey Rodriguez as the new Director of Human Resources at Lamar Community College. Audrey brings a strong background in personnel operations, leadership support, and HR compliance, along with extensive experience in education-based HR environments. She has collaborated with principals, department heads, and university leadership to streamline staffing and onboarding processes, ensure accurate salary adjustments, and maintain compliance across all stages of the employee lifecycle. With proven expertise in managing cross-functional responsibilities with Payroll and Finance, coordinating unemployment claims, and supporting staff transitions, Audrey is committed to upholding both accuracy and care in every aspect of HR operations. Her dedication to fostering a supportive, compliant, and efficient workplace will be a tremendous asset to LCC. We are thrilled to have her join our leadership team and look forward to the positive impact she will make on our campus community.

