

President's Report

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President - Dr. Rosana Reyes



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EDUCATION FOR ALL

A Warm Welcome Back Raffle and Mixer 🎁

A week before classes began at Lamar Community College (LCC), students experienced a joyful reentry into campus life at the Welcome Back Raffle and Mixer on Wednesday, January 14. Hosted in the Student Union by Israel Rodriguez, Coordinator of Residence & Student Life, the event featured more than 40 students participating in fun and creative activities, including making custom T-shirts for the upcoming Runnin' Lopes basketball games and indulging in delicious s'mores, chocolate fountain snacks, and an assortment of drinks. Those who entered the raffle had the opportunity to have their favorite food and drink delivered to their dorm, the end result for the winning student being a dinner of pizza and lemonade. All in all, it was an excellent way to close out the holiday season before turning to the books again.





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Forging New Paths at the 2026 CCCS Day at the Capitol

On Wednesday, January 28, Dr. Rosana Reyes, President of LCC, attended the 2026 CCCS Day at the Capitol. Organized by the Colorado Community College System (CCCS) and held at the Colorado State Capitol in Denver, the event brought together college presidents, members of the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education, CCCS staff, and lawmakers to discuss the opportunities, challenges, and recommended changes surrounding Colorado higher education and workforce development.



Dr. Rosana Reyes (third row, second last on the right) and other attendees pose for a group photo in the rotunda of the Colorado State Capitol.



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Celebrating Community at the Lamar Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet 🎉

On Friday, January 30, a group of LCC faculty and staff, along with their invited guests, joined numerous community leaders and organizations at the Historic Cow Palace Inn for the 2025 Lamar Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet. The group, which included Dr. Rosana Reyes, President of LCC, Kelly Emick, Vice President of Academic Affairs & Student Services, Courtney Morris, Work-Based Learning Program Director, Annessia Forney, Director of Library Services, and Robert Bradshaw, Business Faculty, took part in celebrating Lamar's notable professional achievements from the past year. Recognitions included Citizen of the Year, Beverly Augustine Business of the Year, Upcoming New Business of the Year, Young Professional of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, and the induction of the 2026 board officers. This event was an incredible opportunity for LCC to demonstrate its commitment to building community partnerships and strengthening local economic and workforce development.





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Dr. Rosana Reyes Appointed to Colorado's Fifteenth Judicial Nominating Commission

On Tuesday, February 3, Dr. Rosana Reyes, President of LCC, was appointed by the Supreme Court of Colorado as a member of the Fifteenth Judicial Nominating Commission, a role used by Colorado's Merit Selection System to select the state's judicial officers. Dr. Reyes' responsibilities will include attending nominating commission meetings, preparing for and participating in interviewing judicial officer candidates, and maintaining strict confidentiality concerning the nominating commission's rules and processes.

"What excites me about this opportunity is ensuring that Colorado continues to prioritize ethical, unbiased law enforcement practices," said Dr. Reyes. "I'm honored to play a role in upholding the standard of justice that our school community and the Southeast Colorado Region as a whole are so deserving of."





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Yahweh Today Christian Club Connects with Community and Spreads Valentine's Cheer

On Wednesday, February 11, LCC's Yahweh Today Christian Club handed out Valentine's Day treats and bracelets containing inspirational Scripture verses during the men's and women's basketball games. While the Runnin' Lopes played valiantly against Western Nebraska Community College, the club members were busy interacting with and giving back to 150 people. This included both community members and their fellow students.

"We are just following the instructions that Jesus gave us, to love one another the way that He loves us," one member remarked.

The enjoyable evening was made even better by LCC's victory in both games.





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Showcasing Achievements at the Lamar Rotary Club Meeting

On Thursday, February 12, LCC was invited to present at the monthly Lamar Rotary Club meeting held in the Historic Cow Palace Inn. Annissia Forney, Director of Library Services, and Courtney Morris, Work-Based Learning Program Director, shared updates on new college initiatives and community engagement efforts.

Forney highlighted LCC's Adult Career Education (ACE) Center's efforts with the new High School Diploma program, its GED program, and the wraparound services available to students and adults, Morris discussed upcoming youth and adult camps, the relaunch of the Innovate and Make Space, and ongoing recruitment for the Career and Technical Education Advisory Committees. Following the presentation, they both had productive conversations with Rotary members and further strengthened LCC's community involvement by identifying several promising local partnership opportunities.



Courtney Morris (above) and Annissia Forney (below) during the presentation.