

President's Report
Late April - Early May 2026

President - Dr. Rosana Reyes

STUDENT UNION



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Learning Through Doing at the 2026 AgFest

On Monday, April 27, a total of 175 fifth-grade students visited LCC to attend the 2026 AgFest. Hosted in partnership with Colorado State University (CSU) Extension and supported by statewide commodity groups and private industry partners, AgFest highlights the importance of agricultural food production, Colorado's second-largest industry, while helping students connect classroom science concepts to real-world applications.

The event offered rotating learning stations that emphasize STEM concepts in agriculture, with a vast array of topics such as dairy production, GPS technology, embryology, water quality and erosion, microbes and bacteria, plant science and biotechnology, pollination and honeybees, rangeland ecology, and beef production. Students and teachers from Lamar and other surrounding areas, including Holly, Granada, Wiley, Pritchett, Alta Vista, and Eads, participated in hands-on experiential learning activities designed to develop a deeper understanding of the agricultural systems that sustain local economies and a growing global population. AgFest is one of several programs that LCC is proud to offer through its partnership with CSU Extension.



LCC Strengthens Collaborative Connections at CSU Roundtable

On Thursday, April 23, Dr. Amy Parsons, President of Colorado State University (CSU), visited Lamar Community College (LCC), along with members of CSU's executive team, for a roundtable discussion with Dr. Rosana Reyes, President of LCC, and members of LCC's executive team. The discussion was a valuable opportunity for the two schools to explore stronger collaboration and partnership opportunities.



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From left to right: Dr. Brian Gauck, Dean of Academic Services (LCC), Matt Tillman, President's Office Chief of Staff (CSU), Gene Kelly, Professor of Pedology & Deputy Director of the Colorado Agricultural Experiment Station/Associate Dean for Extension (CSU), Kelly Emick, Vice President of Academic Affairs & Student Services (LCC), Dr. Rosana Reyes, President (LCC), Dr. Amy Parsons, President (CSU), Dr. Carolyn Lawrence-Dill, Dean of the College of Agriculture (CSU), Dr. James Pritchett, Vice President for Engagement and Extension (CSU), Don Thorn, Director of External Relations - Rural Colorado (CSU), and Gabriel Benabides, Recruitment & Re-engagement Program Manager (LCC).



EDUCATION FOR ALL

Delicious Beginnings at the International Food Festival

On Saturday, April 25, LCC's International Student Club, with help from Sodexo and a team of enthusiastic staff, faculty, and sponsors, hosted the first-of-its-kind International Food Festival. 10 students gave recipes from their home country to Sodexo staff, who prepared and served a buffet to students, staff, faculty, and community members in the Todd Burch Dining Hall, many of whom indulged in second helpings of hot pots from China, stewed sausages from Panama, and numerous other amazing dishes. All proceeds will be put towards helping international students afford food, tuition, and other necessities while they acclimate to life in the US.





EDUCATION FOR ALL

Student Life Ends the School Year with a Splash

On Friday, May 1, Student Life hosted an end-of-year trip to Parrot Cove Water Park in Garden City, Kansas. Before buckling down for Finals Week, students took a break from the demands of the semester, created lasting memories, and celebrated the successful completion of another year. Events like these are an example of LCC's commitment to supporting students both inside and outside the classroom as they build community and form lifelong friendships.





EDUCATION FOR ALL

Yahweh Club Wraps Up a Semester of Faith and Fun

On Friday, May 1, LCC's Yahweh Today Christian Club, alongside Pastor Tim Servati of Pearl Street Church, hosted "The Final Sizzle," an end-of-year celebration complete with a BBQ, worship, games, and sports. Not a single hamburger or hot dog went to waste. Attendees played volleyball, tick tack toe, and spike ball until it was too dark outside to continue, giving them a chance to unwind before the grind of Finals Week.

Earlier in the semester, the Yahweh Club also hosted two successful Worship Karaoke Nights, allowing students to showcase their talents outside the classroom. Alongside giving vocal performances of their favorite worship songs, many participants played the keyboard and cajon box drum, giving both events a rich, rhythmic atmosphere.

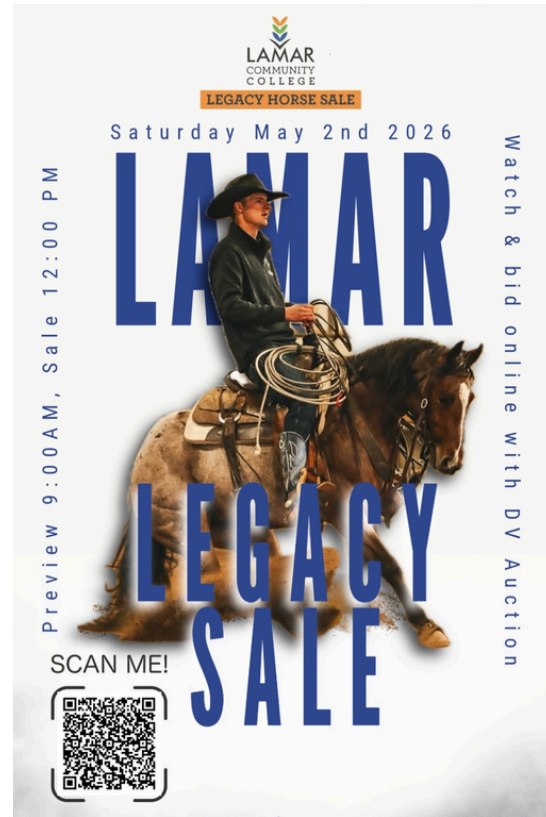




ECONOMIC MOBILITY

LCC Hosts Third Annual Lamar Legacy Horse Sale

The third annual LCC Legacy Horse Sale was held on Saturday, May 2, at the Equine Complex. As it is each year, the sale was organized by students in LCC's Equine Business Management and Horse Training & Management programs. In fact, half of the horses sold received colt starting training from students in both programs, which involves gradually introducing the horse to a rider and farm tasks through specific, foundational stages. The financial result of \$269,100 was very impressive, and the programs received a commission from each sale. Most importantly, the students gained practical knowledge of the equine industry and developed other skills for future success, such as customer service, marketing, hospitality, and event management. Alongside their dedication, the sale was made a tremendous success through support from consignors, buyers, and sponsors.





EDUCATION FOR ALL

Showcasing Student Skills at Cinco de Mayo



Students in LCC's Cosmetology program volunteered their time and talents to Lamar's Cinco de Mayo celebration on Saturday, May 2. Through providing colorful tinsel hair services for children, the students gained hands-on experience, engaged with community members, and proudly showcased the results of their LCC education.



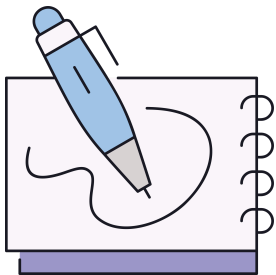


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Students Get COSI During Exam Stress-Relief Activities



On Tuesday, May 5, and Wednesday, May 6, staff from LCC's COSI ASAP program invited students to prepare for Finals Week by participating in a variety of stress-relief activities, including button making, canvas sketches, hand painting, rock painting, a Play Doh building contest, chair massages, and leg compression massages. The result was a well-deserved study break and time for peer-to-peer connection.





EDUCATION FOR ALL

Runnin' Lopes Softball Team Closes Out Season at Region 9 Tournament



On Thursday, May 7, the Runnin' Lopes Softball team ended a remarkable season by playing in the National Junior College Athletic Association Region 9 Tournament for the first time in six years. The team finished with a 15-19 conference record, which is its strongest conference performance since the 2017-18 season. After completing conference play at 2-18 last year, the student-athletes and coaching staff alike improved and made major strides as this year progressed. Although the tournament didn't end the way the team hoped for, this season created positive momentum moving forward.

"With 11 returning players, I'm excited to see what they can do next year," said Head Coach Demi Magdaleno. "Cotalena Duran led us offensively and earned All-Region Honorable Mention honors as a freshman, so we're excited to see what next year holds for her."

With a strong returning group and valuable post-season experience, the team is looking ahead to next year with excitement and confidence.



The LCC Runnin' Lopes Softball Team



EDUCATION FOR ALL

LCC Nursing Class of 2026 Celebrated at Pinning Ceremony

LCC's annual Nurse Pinning Ceremony was held Friday, May 8. Family, friends, faculty, staff, and community filled the Wellness Center in support of 15 registered nurse (RN) candidates and 13 licensed practical nurse (LPN) candidates. The RN candidates looked sharp and professional in black scrubs, while the LPN candidates wore their traditional LCC scrubs of royal blue tops and black pants embroidered with the school's logo.

The ceremony, which was steeped in tradition, featured each student receiving a nursing pin by an RN of their choice, reciting the Nurses' Pledge, and participating in the traditional Lamp Lighting Ceremony. The Lamp Lighting Ceremony symbolizes the passing of knowledge from one nurse to another and is a nod to Florence Nightengale, the founder of modern nursing, who carried a lamp throughout the night to check on her patients during the Crimean War. The ceremonious "pinning" of candidates stems also from Nightengale's practice of pinning her own brightest students.

To be eligible for the LPN licensure exam, the LPN candidates have opted to take an additional course after their first year of the RN program. They will return to LCC in the fall to complete the RN program in their second year of studies. The RN candidates will take their licensure exams this summer and enter the workforce, with many planning enroll in Bachelor of Science in Nursing programs to continue their education.



LCC's graduating RN and LPN candidates of 2026.





EDUCATION FOR ALL

Awe-Inspiring Achievements at Antelope Night

Antelope Night, LCC's annual student awards celebration, was held on Friday, May 8, at the Lamar Community Building. The evening included a Tex-Mex dinner, and approximately 100 students received awards from their professors, advisors, work study supervisors, club advisors, and coaches for excellence in athletics, academics, and student leadership. This event, scheduled the night before commencement, is an opportunity to honor outstanding students in the presence of their loved ones and the faculty and staff members who have supported and encouraged them throughout their time at LCC.





EDUCATION FOR ALL

LCC Hosts 87th Commencement Ceremony



LCC's 87th Commencement took place on Saturday, May 9. 111 students proudly crossed the stage to officially receive their associate degrees and certificates. Additionally, three students were honored for completing their Bachelor of Arts in Education and Human Development through The Partnership for Rural Educator Preparation (T-PREP). A partnership between the University of Colorado Denver and rural community colleges, the T-PREP program allows students to complete their bachelor's degree and work toward a secondary or elementary education license while remaining in their home community. Just like it is every year, the ceremony was a celebration of each graduate's commitment, perseverance, and successful completion of their post-secondary credential.





EDUCATION FOR ALL

Adult High School Diploma Program Graduation Begins New LCC Legacy



On Saturday, May 16, LCC reached another milestone with the inaugural graduation ceremony of its Adult High School Diploma (AHSD) Program. 14 graduates were recognized for the commitment, perseverance, and resiliency they displayed while pursuing their high school education as adult learners. The celebration featured encouraging remarks from college leadership and inspiring personal reflections from student speakers.

The AHSD Program continues to serve as a vital access point for individuals seeking to advance their education, enhance career opportunities, and achieve personal goals. Graduates represent a diverse group of learners, many of whom balanced academic responsibilities alongside work, family, and other commitments. Their success reflects not only their determination but the strength of the college's supportive learning environment.

The continued growth and success of the AHSD Program demonstrate LCC's dedication to enriching lives through learning and expanding opportunities for all students. The college looks forward to building on this success and supporting future graduates as they pursue further education, training, and workforce advancement.

