

President's Report
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LCC Relaunches Iconic Innovate & Make Space

In partnership with the East Colorado Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Lamar Community College (LCC) relaunched its Innovate & Make Space on Tuesday, February 17. This collaborative workspace allows students, community members, and entrepreneurs to make their creative ideas a reality using advanced fabrication equipment. While enjoying delicious appetizers, attendees toured the space, destressed with some coloring activities, and watched live demonstrations of the updated equipment, including a high-precision 3D printer and laser engraver/cutter.

"The energy at our Make Space relaunch was absolutely electric! We couldn't have asked for a better turnout, with both familiar faces and curious newcomers filling the studio to help us kick off this new chapter," said Martha Alvarez, Associate Director at East SBDC. "Between the buzzing conversation and the great food, the sense of community was stronger than ever. It was a fantastic afternoon of connection and creativity, proving that our makers are the most important part of the space."



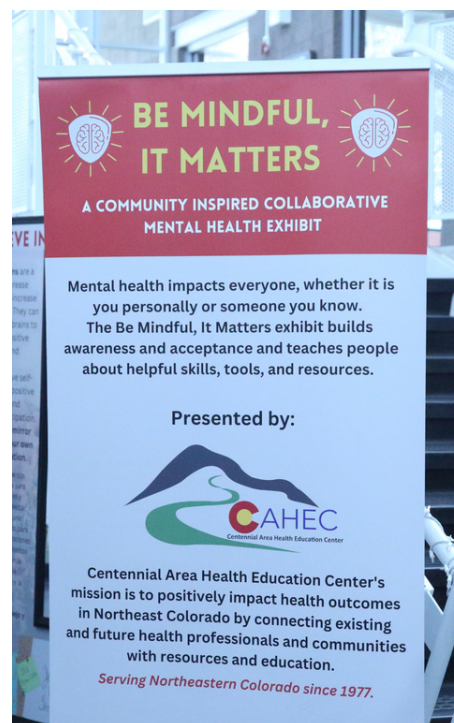


EDUCATION FOR ALL

Be Mindful, It Matters Exhibit Puts Mental Health at the Forefront

For the second time, LCC had the opportunity to display the collaborative mental health exhibit Be Mindful, It Matters in the Atrium of the Betz Technology Center from Friday, February 27, to Wednesday, March 18.

Created by the Centennial Area Health Education Center, the exhibit tours around different organizations in Colorado and features interactive and reflective experiences focused on mental health and well-being. Students, faculty, staff, and the wider community explored personal stories, educational materials, creative expression activities, and resources designed to raise mental health awareness and decrease stigma. One stand-out activity was the “Worry Shredder,” which allowed participants to write down their anxieties and run them through a paper shredder as a symbolic release. Overall, the exhibit was a powerful way for the LCC community to practice daily mental wellness.



The “Worry Shredder”





ECONOMIC MOBILITY

Student Skills on Display at Construction Trades Department Open House

On Thursday, March 5, LCC's Construction Trades Department hosted an Open House to showcase the fantastic work done by students and alumni on the recently finished home at 3101 Memorial Drive in Lamar. The event marked the fourth completed project by the Construction Trades Program, led by faculty members Jake Specht, Rod Dunn, and Kyle Beffa, under the Colorado Partnership for Education and Rural Revitalization Grant. It was attended by LCC students and staff as well as community members. The home is already under contract, and the proceeds will be invested into the program for future home builds or remodels. The next build is already underway in Wiley.





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Advancing Student Success with CoCEAL

On Friday, February 27, Dr. Rosana Reyes, President of LCC, presented at the Colorado Coalition for Educational Advancement of Latinxs (CoCEAL) Spring Meeting and President's Forum. Made up of education professionals in both the post-secondary education and education service sector, CoCEAL's mission is to provide greater access to all students, with a particular focus on opportunities for LatinX students. The panel focused on best practices for increasing success for all post-secondary students and staff in Colorado.



Dr. Rosana Reyes (second last on the right) with her fellow panelists at the CoCEAL Spring Meeting and President's Forum.

Dr. Rosana Reyes Presents at AMI Presidential Panel

On Friday, March 6, Dr. Rosana Reyes, President of LCC, presented at the Academic Management Institute (AMI) Presidential Panel at the University of Denver alongside Dr. Lisa Jones, President of Colorado Northwestern Community College, and Dr. Stephanie Fujii, President of Arapahoe Community College. The panel was part of a series of five multi-day sessions that AMI hosts each year on advancing women's leadership in higher education.

Led by higher education leaders and subject experts from Colorado and Wyoming, the sessions included presentations, workshops, small groups and breakout sessions for deeper discussions, and plenty of networking opportunities. This year's panel included topics on leading in the ever-changing landscape of higher education, developing leadership strengths, change management, and each leader's trajectory to the presidency, all of which participants applied through a passion project at their home institutions.



AMI Logo
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LCC Hosts Counselor Collaboration Workshop

LCC welcomed 10 high school counselors to its Counselor Collaboration Workshop on Wednesday, March 11. Counselors from Lamar and the surrounding areas of Eads, Holly, McClave, Pritchett, Vilas, and Walsh shared ideas for LCC's annual Career Fair, which caters to both secondary and post-secondary students. Other details were shared around training, updates, and new program information for concurrent enrollment students and their counselors.



Courtney Morris, LCC's Work-Based Learning Program Director, speaking to workshop attendees.



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Students Experience Laughter and Life Lessons at A Shot of Reality 😄

On Wednesday, March 11, LCC hosted A Shot of Reality, an alcohol awareness program presented by professional comedians. Through real-life scenarios, research-based information, and a lot of laughter, students learned more about alcohol's effects, drunk driving, peer pressure, and how to make informed, responsible decisions during the upcoming Spring Break.





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Phi Theta Kappa Brings Midterm Motivation

LCC's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa gave out some much-needed midterm motivation bags to the LCC student body on Wednesday, March 11. The bags contained inspiring messages and tips for success from fellow students, fidget toys, candy, stickers, and other fun items to ward off the midterm blues.





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Runnin' Lopes Take on Region IX Tournament



The LCC Runnin' Lopes Women's Basketball Team participated in the Region IX Tournament at Western Wyoming College from Thursday, March 12, to Friday, March 13. The Runnin' Lopes entered the event as the top seed in the South Sub-Region after finishing their sub-region play with a record of 12-2, marking the first time the program has finished atop the standings. The team defeated Central Wyoming in the Region IX quarterfinals before ultimately falling in the semi-final round against Northwest College. However, they still finished the season with a 21-7 record, setting a program record for wins in a season.

For the team's efforts during the regular season, players Amaya Williams and Ana Zesati both received prestigious titles, with Williams named Region IX South Player of the Year and Zesati named First Team All-Region IX. Additionally, Coach Chris Godfrey was named Region IX South Coach of the Year. Prior to leaving for the tournament, the team was treated to a send-off lunch and goodie bags filled with fruit, chocolate bars, candy, and lip balm.



The Runnin' Lopes Women's Basketball Team following their send-off lunch.



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Prowers County Jail Tour Brings Classroom Knowledge to Life

On Thursday, March 12, students in LCC's Correctional Processes and Criminology courses attended a presentation about and tour of the Prowers County Jail. Organized by the Prowers County Sheriff's Office, the experience directly related to each course's material, especially when it came to corrections in rural communities, the challenges faced by smaller jails, and how environmental factors shape criminal behavior. Afterwards, the students shared how impactful the visit was, with one mentioning how the tour inspired him to consider pursuing a career as a correctional officer in his hometown. Along with this kind of motivation, interacting directly with professionals in their chosen field allows students to gain a hands-on perspective that can't be replicated in the classroom.

