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President's Updates | March 5, 2026

DEAR LCC COLLEAGUES,

I write today with an important update regarding the evolution of our senior administrative team. We have launched a national search for a Vice President of Student Services and Success. Over the past several years, Lamar Community College has experienced measurable growth in student enrollment, residential life, athletics, and academic programming, including a new bachelor's degree and externally funded initiatives. Most recently, the coming launch of COSI Achieve in Fall 2026 represents another step forward in expanding coordinated student support. This progress reflects the extraordinary work of our faculty, staff, and leadership team, including the strong foundation built within Student Services under VP Emick's leadership. Our commitment to students and steady stewardship has helped to position us well for this next phase.

As our college continues to expand, so too does the operational complexity, compliance landscape, and strategic importance of integrated enrollment management and student success work. Creating a dedicated Vice President role allows us to elevate this position to a more focused leadership aligned with institutional priorities and newly established CCCS strategic metrics. This adjustment is about building on good work and ensuring the infrastructure matches the scale and ambition of where LCC is headed.

We have also learned through prior searches that attracting the depth of executive-level expertise required to lead a comprehensive division of this scope is challenging within a dean-level structure. Notably, LCC is currently the only college in the Colorado Community College System without a Vice President dedicated exclusively to student services. Establishing this role strengthens institutional accountability and positions us to sustain momentum.

As we move forward, we will continue to aggressively pursue federal, state, and private grant funding to expand access, remove barriers, and ensure our students have the coordinated support systems necessary to persist, complete, and thrive. This step reflects our shared commitment to continuous improvement and building the leadership capacity necessary for the future we are creating together.

As we approach the midpoint of the semester, I want to pause and acknowledge the sustained effort I see across our campus. This time of year, brings a steady rhythm of deadlines, advising meetings, competitions, degree audits, events, and countless behind-the-scenes responsibilities. It is also the moment when persistence matters most for our students and for us as a team. Your work, whether in the classroom, on the court, on the field, in student services, in facilities, or in our community, directly shapes student confidence and completion. Thank you for continuing to show up with professionalism and care. Before you know it, we will be gathering for our Commencement Ceremony.

Warmly,

Dr. Rosana Reyes
President
Lamar Community College

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Employees of the Year

The President's Office is proud to announce that four recipients have been selected for the 2026 CCCS Employee Excellence Awards. Chosen for the categories of Administrative/Professional-Technical (APT), Classified, Faculty, and Adjunct Faculty Employees of the Year, each of these individuals were chosen by their colleagues as employees who, along with excelling in their roles, demonstrate leadership and integrity, are committed to professional development, and continually make a positive impact on the LCC community.



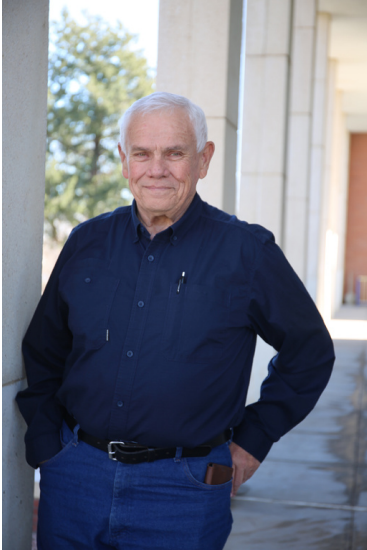
Kelly Emick, Vice President of Academic Affairs & Student Services
2026 CCCS APT Employee of the Year



Brian England, Security Officer
2026 CCCS Classified Employee of the Year



Jake Specht, COPERR Field Instructor/Manager
2026 CCCS Faculty Employee of the Year



Rick Robbins, Adjunct Faculty
2026 CCCS Adjunct Faculty Employee of the Year

ACT Prep Sessions

The LCC Student Success Center COSI team is finalizing plans for the ACT Prep sessions on March 13, March 20, and April 10, which we hope to host in Lamar, Holly, and Walsh from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with students from surrounding schools invited to attend. Dr. Zach Sands and Nathan Martinez will lead the sessions. Participating juniors should complete a pre-test in advance. Please forward junior names and contact information, if you have not already done so, to Julie Jones. Donuts and lunch will be provided for all students.

Enrollment & Student Success

We are seeing yet another semester with positive improvement in enrollment growth compared to last year. Currently, our FTE stands at 6% and Headcount at 4% up compared to last Spring 2026 at this same time.

High School Diploma

Our newly implemented High School Diploma program has launched successfully, with 17 adult students currently enrolled. Each participant is completing at least one college-level course to satisfy graduation requirements, strengthening their transition into postsecondary credentials. Given this early momentum, the College plans to continue and expand the program offerings in both Summer and Fall 2026.

Academic & Workforce Development

Workforce Development, in partnership with the Small Business Development Center (SBDC), relaunched the campus Innovate & Make Space this spring to expand hands-on training, entrepreneurship support, and small business innovation. This revitalized space strengthens our connection between technical skill development, workforce readiness, and regional economic growth.

Construction & Trades Open House

We are continuing to expand our Construction & Trades programming to align with regional workforce demand, including bringing our program into Wiley this spring for a new home construction project. In addition, the second new build on Memorial Drive will be listed for sale shortly. Please join us for the Open House **TODAY** at 12:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

New Degrees at LCC

The College will be adding several new degrees starting in Fall 2026, including:

Bachelor's Degree:

BS Nursing pending accreditation approval

Associate's Degrees:

AS Agriculture Education

AAS Health Science

AAS Ranch Management

AAS Behavioral Health

AAS Cyber Security

Certificates:

Cultivate Certificate

Field Crop Scout

Heavy Equipment

Massage Therapy

Plumbing Level I

Ranch Management

Sterile Processing

Water Quality Professional

Qualified Behavioral Health Assistant

Behavioral Health Plus Credential

Behavioral Health Assistant II Credential.

Athletics & Student Engagement

We proudly celebrate our Women's Basketball team, along with Coach Godfrey and Coach Rivas, on winning the Region IX South Championship and advancing to the finals. This is an extraordinary accomplishment that reflects their discipline, teamwork, and commitment to excellence. We will host a special send-off lunch for the team on Monday as they prepare for finals. Congratulations to our champions!

Parking Lots Project:

Beginning Monday, contractors will start milling and overlay work on the campus roads and parking lots. The Willow Creek Road (welding shop to CTE entrance) will be closed for approximately four weeks, with work then moving north toward Betz. Parking closures will occur in phases, with only portions of lots closed at a time. Updates will be shared weekly following Wednesday OAC meetings. Thank you for your patience as we complete these important improvements.