

President's Report
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On Saturday, June 27, LCC participated in the Fly-In & Pancake Breakfast hosted by the Southeast Colorado Regional Airport and the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Chapter 301. Pilots from Colorado and other neighboring states arrived at the airport in a variety of warbirds, ultralights, helicopters, and numerous other kinds of aircraft, giving attendees a chance to get up close and personal with these amazing machines while enjoying live music and a pancake breakfast. Alongside other local businesses, LCC was invited to share information about its programs and services. Kelly Emick, Vice President of Academic & Student Affairs, Courtney Morris, Director of Workforce Resilience, and Yetunde Adeyelu, Concurrent Enrollment & Recruitment Coordinator, made the day a success through many great conversations about all LCC has to offer.



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Courageous Cadets at Prowers County Sheriff's Office Youth Academy



LCC once again had the privilege of partnering with the Prowers County Sheriff's Office to offer the Youth CRJ/First Responder Academy from June 1-5. Throughout the week, participating cadets completed a variety of hands-on training exercises designed to give them thorough knowledge of public safety and the criminal justice system. This included learning first aid and receiving their CPR certifications, being trained in crime scene processing, and participating in a mock trial to better understand the judicial process. The cadets also finished a patrol vehicle driving course, learned vehicle extrication techniques, and took part in live fire suppression training. Additional instruction focused on leadership, teamwork, de-escalation techniques, firearm safety, and the importance of mental wellbeing and practicing self-care. Coupled with the skills and training they received, these lessons gave the cadets the opportunity to grow their confidence, develop responsibility, and gain practical life skills. Additionally, each of them earned three college credits for successfully completing the academy.

At the end of the week, three cadets were recognized for their outstanding achievements during an awards ceremony at The Brew Coffee Shop in Lamar. The awards were as follows:

- Maricella Saenz was named Top Cadet, earning a scholarship sponsored by Frontier Bank and a Samsung Galaxy Tablet provided by the Prowers County Sheriff's Office.
- Brennan Esparza was awarded the Prowers Medical Center Scholarship and Wholehearted Connection, LLC Scholarship.
- Hannah Borunda was awarded the Prowers County Sheriff's Office Scholarship.





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CSU Partnership Showcases the Trials and Wonders of Wheat Production

In partnership with Colorado State University (CSU) Extension, LCC hosted a Field Day on Thursday, June 25. This seminar-style event focused on wheat production, a critical component of Southeast Colorado's agricultural economy, with a particular emphasis on giving local wheat producers current information on wheat stem sawfly infestations and management strategies for insects impacting Colorado's wheat production. The event featured a presentation by Adam Osterholzer, Research Associate with CSU, who leads the annual wheat stem sawfly survey for the CSU Wheat Breeding Program. For the same program, Osterholzer also supports varietal screening, a process that evaluates different crop varieties to determine which ones best perform under certain environmental or man-made conditions.

Following the presentation, participants toured wheat demonstration plots on LCC's campus to compare varietal performance. The plots were established through a partnership between LCC Agriculture faculty and Stulp Farms, a family-owned dryland wheat and cattle operation in Southeast Colorado. As one of many successful collaborations between LCC and CSU Extension, this venture highlighted the value of applied research and extension partnerships in addressing local and regional agricultural challenges and supporting informed decision making in wheat production.





EDUCATION FOR ALL

LCC Shares Adult High School Diploma Journey at Summer Convening

LCC's Adult High School Diploma Program (AHSDP) was featured in the AHSDP Summer Convening at the Community College of Denver (CCD) on Thursday, July 9. Annessia Forney, Director of Library & Learning Resources and ACE/GED Program Manager, participated in a panel discussion alongside representatives from CCD and Morgan Community College (MCC). Kelly Emick, Vice President of Academic & Student Affairs, also attended to represent LCC and participate in breakout sessions throughout the day.

LCC is the second community college in the state to offer an AHSDP so far, with CCD's program underway and MCC's set to launch this coming fall. Because of this, the convening was an excellent opportunity to highlight LCC's successes, challenges, and commitment to student-centered practices that emphasize persistence, completion, and long-term success. For the other community colleges in attendance, it provided valuable insight into the process of launching an AHSDP and how these programs help students overcome barriers and advance towards meaningful careers and further post-secondary opportunities. Overall, the convening reinforced LCC's dedication to student success and identified key areas for future growth, including strengthening support systems, expanding community partnerships, and improving recruitment and retention strategies. Moving forward, the information gained will help inform the college's strategic planning efforts and support its ongoing mission of providing accessible, high-quality educational opportunities that empower adult learners to achieve their goals and contribute to the economic vitality of Southeast Colorado.



From left to right: Annessia Forney, Director of Library & Learning Resources and ACE/GED Program Manager (LCC), Tara Boyer, Director of Secondary Transitions (MCC), Geoff Monteith, Academic Coordinator, High School Diploma (CCD), Kayla Zelig, Dean of Instruction (CCD), Josh Margolin, Assistant Director, Admissions, Recruitment & Outreach (CCD)