

**President's Report**  
**Late July - Early August 2026**

President - Dr. Rosana Reyes



**LAMAR**  
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# POWER OF 13

## LCC Staff and Faculty Take on New Roles and Greater Heights



In July, two trusted Lamar Community College (LCC) staff and faculty members were selected to fill crucial roles on campus.



### **Dr. Morgan Clark: Dean of Integrated Health Education Programs**

Dr. Morgan Clark, Director of Nursing, is now serving as LCC's Dean of Integrated Health Education Programs, a position that will provide strategic leadership across the College's expanding portfolio of healthcare and allied health programs, such as Behavioral Health, Exercise Science, Nursing, EMS, Water Quality, Sterile Environment, and the soon-to-be-launched evening nursing program. Through the contributions of this role, LCC will be able to advance rural healthcare workforce development and drive greater access to high-demand healthcare careers. Most significantly, this venture directly supports LCC's mission to address critical workforce shortages in the communities it serves while creating life-changing, family-sustaining career opportunities in our region.

### **Gabriel Benabides: Director of Enrollment, Advising, and Retention**

Gabriel Benabides' role has expanded to Director of Enrollment, Advising, and Retention. This role plays a big part in increasing LCC's operational effectiveness and advancing its strategic priorities around recruitment, enrollment, and advisement. Through the coordination and alignment of LCC's enrollment and student success strategies, this role is continuing to strengthen the College's cross-departmental collaboration and drive institutional goals.





# PARTNER OF CHOICE

## Youth Entrepreneur Summer Camp Gives Bright Beginnings to Big Ideas



From July 20 to 22, LCC hosted its Youth Entrepreneur Summer Camp, which welcomed students ages 11 and up for a hands-on introduction to starting and running a business. Over three days, the students worked through the essentials of launching a business, including how to get started, the basics of tracking profit and loss, and the beginning stages of marketing their business. They then put that knowledge into action in the College's Innovate and Make Space, where they had the option to either prototype their ideas or design signage for their ventures. Through this mix of instruction and hands-on activities, students got a taste of what it means to bring a business idea to life, from the first concept to a tangible product.

The camp also showcased the strong partnership between LCC and the Colorado Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Serving East Colorado. Alongside business faculty member Professor Robert Bradshaw, SBDC's Associate Director Martha Alvarez, who's based on the College's campus, provided the students with real-world business expertise as well as direct access to the same experts and resources available to local entrepreneurs. Overall, the camp was an ideal example of LCC's ongoing commitment to connecting young people in the community with mentors, resources, and campus spaces to help make their entrepreneurial ideas into a reality.



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**YOUTH ENTREPRENEUR  
SUMMER CAMP**

JULY 20-22, 2026 9 AM - 3 PM  
| \$40 PER STUDENT  
FOR AGES 11+

Unlock your entrepreneurial potential this summer at Lamar Community College's Youth Entrepreneur Summer Camp, where you'll learn from industry experts like Faculty Robert Bradshaw and Eastern Colorado SBDC's Martha Alvarez! You will gain hands-on experience in starting a business, mastering accounting basics, marketing strategies, and prototyping your ideas in our Innovate and Make Space. Don't miss this opportunity to turn your dreams into reality. Register online today!

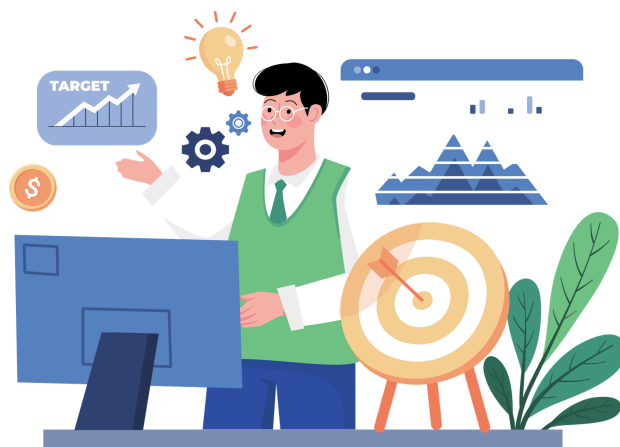
- How to Start a Business
- Track Profit and Loss
- Where to Begin with Marketing
- Prototype your idea or make business signage

**Register Online!**  
Deadline to Register: July 19, 2026



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# EDUCATION FOR ALL

## AHSDP Inspires Courage and Completion for LCC Adult Learners



On Thursday, July 30, 27 adult students successfully earned their high school diplomas through LCC's Summer Adult High School Diploma Program (AHSDP). Each student's journey represents perseverance, determination, and a commitment to creating new opportunities for themselves and their families. Many of them returned to education after overcoming personal challenges and remained dedicated to balancing work and family responsibilities while pursuing their academic goals. Their success demonstrates that it is never too late to achieve a lifelong dream.

For a lot of these students, earning their diploma also meant overcoming the stigma often associated with not completing high school through traditional pathways. Rather than allowing past circumstances to define their future, this group showed incredible resilience by taking the next step toward their educational and career aspirations. The AHSDP provides a supportive pathway for adult learners to achieve this important milestone, and these 27 remarkable individuals serve as an inspiration to the communities LCC serves by showing the power of second chances, lifelong learning, and personal determination. The official graduation ceremony will take place on May 8, 2027.



LCC faculty member Professor Vikranth Kodavatikanti, who taught English and civics for the Summer AHSDP, poses with the group of diploma completers.



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## A Colorful Start to the Year at the Back to School Bash



LCC took part in the Back to School Bash on Saturday, August 1. Hosted at Grace Family Worship Center in Lamar, this fantastic community celebration provides free school supplies to children in K-12<sup>th</sup> grade at schools in Lamar and the surrounding communities of Wiley, McClave, Holly, and Granada. Children also enjoyed a variety of fun activities while their parents and guardians learned about the local programs and services available to them throughout the school year. At the LCC booth, one of the most popular attractions was the colorful streaks that the children were able to put in their hair, allowing them to get creative and express their unique personalities. Watching each child light up with excitement as they picked their favorite colors made for countless smiles and photo-worthy moments, adding to the contagious energy as community members came together to celebrate learning and the start of another exciting school year.

The Back to School Bash showcased the strong partnerships that make Lamar such a supportive community and reinforced LCC's commitment to encouraging students at each stage of their education. Events like these are also a great reminder that education is not just about academics but building connections, encouraging self-expression, and creating a sense of belonging for every learner.

