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Learning Center Dedicated at LCCC Shamokin Site

The LCCC Northumberland Regional Center in Shamokin recently held a dedication ceremony for the Goldman Sachs Learning Center. The ribbon cutting event acknowledged the \$650,000 donation to LCCC by Goldman Sachs toward improving the educational experience for students in that region. In addition, Jennifer Wheary and Paul Walker were honored for their \$100,000 personal donation to endow a scholarship fund for students pursuing a career in the health sciences.

Goldman Sachs Gives has made an additional donation to the LCCC Foundation in the amount of \$30,000 to fund the extension of the dual enrollment program in Shamokin. The Goldman Sachs Young Scholars Program is providing a partial scholarship to qualified high school students attending classes at the Northumberland Regional Center. This gift has resulted in the retention of 28 students.

The learning center was established to help all students reach their academic potential, including both advanced students and those who need assistance with basic skills. It uses such methods as collaborative study groups, computer technology, professional and peer tutoring and workshops to help students become more successful learners.

Since its opening on June 2, the center has provided help for 28 students and has hosted more than 95 group and individual sessions on all subjects. The funding of the center was made possible through

the philanthropic efforts of the Whearys, residents of Brooklyn, N.Y.

Jennifer Wheary is a native of Shamokin and Walker is a vice president with Goldman Sachs Gives. Wheary's parents, John and Constance Wheary, still live in Tharptown, and were present at the dedication.

"My dream of obtaining a degree and financial independence are in my near future," said Jessica Trader, a 31-year-old student from Trevorton. She spoke about education at the College over the summer. Trader praised her tutor and the staff for being cooperative and understanding, and the resources the new learning center has to offer. "I'm grateful to live in a small community and have access to this College," she said. Trader is returning to college after 13 years in the workforce. She credits the Goldman Sachs Learning Center with providing her with the skills needed to earn a 4.0 GPA in her most recent semester at Luzerne County Community College.



Student, Jessica Trader, speaks about her experience with the new Goldman Sachs Learning Center



John and Constance Wheary (front) cut the ribbon as Northumberland County Commissioner Frank Sawicki, President Leary and Laura Siko, Northumberland Regional Center Director, look on.

Federal Dollars to Help Pennsylvania's Community Colleges Train Workers for 21st Century Jobs

The 14 Pennsylvania community colleges were awarded \$20 million as part of the Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training Initiative (TAACCCCT) grants – the largest award in the nation. The lead applicant was Philadelphia Community College. Sue Spry, Vice President for Workforce and Community Development at LCCC, worked on this initiative with representatives from other community colleges. Luzerne County Community College will receive a total of \$751,185 over the next three years. The college programs that will benefit from this grant include advanced manufacturing and logistics, energy (solar technicians), and healthcare technology. The grant will provide for grant administration, instructor time, supplies and equipment, software licensing, and solar training certification.

Laid-off or under-employed workers will now have a better chance to enter high-wage, high-demand jobs throughout the state with the help of the TAACCCCT grant from the U.S. Department of Labor.

Dr. Jill Biden, U.S. Secretary of Labor, Hilda L. Solis, and Under Secretary of Education Martha Kanter announced the grant award through the TAACCCCT program that will help Pennsylvania's community colleges expand their capacity to meet the skill needs of state or local industries while increasing attainment of college degrees and other industry-recognized credentials.

According to employers, there is a critical shortage of qualified workers to fill jobs in industries like advanced manufacturing, energy and healthcare technology. The grant will help the community colleges to work with area employers and design curriculum which will serve industry needs.

The U.S. Department of Labor says 57 percent of those who work in a trade-related field in Pennsylvania have received only a high school diploma or equivalent and nearly 60 percent of Pennsylvania's trade workers are 40-60 years old.

LCCC has already begun work on strategies and procedures to accelerate recruitment, retention, credential attainment and job placement for low-skilled adults.

"The community colleges are collaborating in an unprecedented way to bring our workforce delivery and curriculum development systems to scale for achieving new levels of success with our adult students, particularly for our laid-off workers who have little chance of returning to prior wage levels without new credentials," said Diane Bosak, Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Commission for Community Colleges.

With the assistance of this grant, the colleges will begin to build programs around industries such as advanced manufacturing, energy distribution, production and conservation, healthcare, and information technology. The type of courses offered will vary regionally based on the needs in that specific area.

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Dr. Deborah Vilegi-Peters '84, Director of Surgical Technology and her students utilize the modern operating room facility in LCCC's newest building, the Health Sciences Center in downtown Nanticoke







LCCC officials and local legislators cut the ribbon at the dedication of the Luzerne County Community College Health Sciences Center.

From left are Hon. Maryanne C. Petrilla, Chair, Luzerne County Board of Commissioners; Hon. John T. Yudichak, State Senator, 14th Legislative District; Joseph Rymar, Chair of the LCCC Board of Trustees; Dr. Dana Clark, Vice President of Academic Affairs/Provost; Thomas P. Leary, President of LCCC; Sandra Nicholas, Executive Director of the LCCC Foundation

LCCC opens new Health Sciences Center

After several years of negotiations, planning, fundraising, and remodeling, Luzerne County Community College recently opened its doors to its newest building, the Health Sciences Center. The new facility, located along Main Street in downtown Nanticoke, welcomed its first classes over the summer and fall of 2011.

The Health Sciences Center now houses all the programs in LCCC's health sciences curriculum that were previously scattered throughout the Main Campus including: Nursing, Dental Hygiene, Dental Assisting, Dental Practice Management, Surgical Technology, Respiratory Therapy, and Emergency Medical Services.

College officials, board members, legislators, city representatives, donors, alumni, and students attended a ribbon cutting ceremony September 23. Speaking before the crowd were Sandra Nicholas, Executive Director of the LCCC Foundation; Thomas P. Leary, President of LCCC; Brent Makarczyk, Nanticoke City Council; Hon. Maryanne C. Petrilla, Chair, Luzerne County Board of Commissioners; Dr. Dana Clark, Vice President of Academic Affairs/Provost; Hon. John T. Yudichak, State Senator, 14th Legislative District; and Allison Bailey, nursing student.

The new center will provide advanced educational and technological health care

resources needed in Northeastern Pennsylvania. The \$12 million, three-story, 51,000 square foot facility provides more space to train additional healthcare students, simulates a hospital clinical setting, and has room to update and utilize the newest technology.

Filling the center are a new Dental Clinic with 24 chairs, simulation equipment, X-ray room, radiology interpretation room, sterilization room, blood gas test room, lung function room, seven labs and 19 smart classrooms. The new facility brings all of the College's healthcare programs together to interact, share labs, and save on training costs.

Allison Bailey, nursing student and president of the nursing forum, gave the Health Sciences Center a blessing from her fellow students.

"The vast opportunities we now have to learn and practice our skills will further prepare us for our professions," Bailey said. "This new high-



tech building will give us the edge we need to be successful in the demanding field we face today.”

Bailey said the overall experience the students are having in this new building is a great one. She points out that students are thrilled with the many improvements including study rooms, new supplies for practicing skills, bigger classrooms, high-tech practice labs, and computer labs.

Thomas P. Leary, President of Luzerne County Community College, said the dedication marks the best of what can happen when people come together and form partnerships with the express interest in improving the community. “When we looked at this facility in downtown Nanticoke, it required the commitment of many different entities including the state, the county, the City of Nanticoke, donors, private businesses, and the LCCC Board of Trustees,” Leary reflected.

“For many, many years, our faculty, administration, and staff have stood out in terms of educating these students and preparing them for these noble professions,” he said. “But now we are able to enhance their learning opportunities through state-of-the-art equipment and technology which will only prove to be more beneficial for them in preparing to respond to the needs of Northeastern Pennsylvania.”

The new Center updates the educational facilities for the College’s health science programs that prepare students for high priority, high demand careers in healthcare. LCCC now has the ability to increase graduates in the health sciences areas and add new academic programs based on the needs of the area.

Many naming opportunities are still available for the Health Sciences Center. If you or your business would like to name a particular area of the new facility, please contact the LCCC Foundation Office at 1-800-377-5222, ext. 7757.



HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER DONORS



Alumni Association - Lobby Dedication

Members of the Alumni Association Board

Left to Right: Melissa Taney '03; Ann Marie Schraeder '79; Thomas P. Leary; Bonnie Brennan Lauer '87; Lisa Owens '97; Jennifer Pawlowski '88



Security Savings Charitable Foundation Supports EMS Training (above)

Left to Right: Dr. Dana Clark; Thomas P. Leary; Sandra Nicholas; Peter Deisroth, Security Savings Charitable Foundation; Jim Johnson, LCCC Director of Paramedic Programs



Berwick Dental Arts Supports Dental Clinic

Top photo: *Left to Right: Dr. Dana Clark; Sandra Nicholas; Dr. John DeFinnis, Berwick Dental Arts; Thomas P. Leary; Cathryn Brown, LCCC Director of Dental Health*

Pennstar Bank Contributes to Children's Dental Health Program

Right photo: *Left to Right: Cathryn Brown, LCCC Director of Dental Health; Sandra Nicholas; Elizabeth Balduin, Marketing Manager Pennstar Bank; David Raven, President, Pennstar Bank; Thomas P. Leary*



Remembering 9/11

College President Leary praises those who devote their lives to being first responders.

By CAMILLE FIOTI
Times Leader Correspondent and
LCCC Journalism student

A gigantic American flag, suspended high in the air by two ladder trucks, flapped gently above the entrance of Luzerne County Community College's Regional Public Safety Training Center.

Led by bagpipes and drums, a long procession of local first responders and members of the community made its way to the site of a new monument marking the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

At the front of the procession, a piece of steel from the World Trade Center was carried on a gurney to the monument – a concrete replica of the twin towers. Bagpipe strains of "God Bless America" played as members of Boy Scout Troop #418 assisted in peeling back an

American flag to unveil the artifact, which was then hoisted into its permanent home between the two "towers."

"As time passes, we have learned to live again, laugh again, and love again," said College President Tom Leary.

He commended people who choose careers in the emergency services field. "They've dedicated their lives to each of us," he said. "They know what it's like to risk it all for another. We saw this happen over and over again on 9/11."

The force of terrorism, as well as the force of nature, have only strengthened us, Leary said, as he thanked the first responders and volunteers who helped the victims of the recent flooding.



"The response from our service people was the same," he said. "They were stepping up to help each other."

Susan Porter Allen, a student at LCCC, sang the national anthem, and "Hold My Hand," a song she wrote in honor of her nephew, who served in Afghanistan and became a triple amputee after being a victim of an IED.

Phyllis Carlo of Newport Township presented a wreath in honor of all first responders and her son, Michael Scott Carlo, a New York firefighter with Engine #230 in Brooklyn, who was killed at the World Trade Center on 9/11. He was 34. "He lived life to the fullest," she said of her son.

Wearing a necklace with a photo of Michael dressed in his uniform, Carlo said her son had always wanted to be a firefighter, and followed in his older brother Robert's footsteps. "They were both working that day," she said.

Robert, who was with a fire department in Harlem, was on his way to the World Trade Center that day, but was told to turn around and cover a station for firefighters who were dispatched to the scene.

County Commissioner Stephen Urban recalled the crystal blue sky on that tragic day 10 years ago. "Beauty was in the air as thousands awoke, but beauty would not remain."

Urban said the tragedy affected him personally as he spoke about his friend's wife, who was killed in the Pentagon that day.

"Remember the victims and remember their families," Urban told the crowd. "And as you leave here today, never forget them, and God Bless America."

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LCCC's 10th anniversary ceremony of 9/11 featured an artifact from the World Trade Center being placed in a monument at the Regional Public Safety Training Center on the campus of Luzerne County Community College, Nanticoke.

LCCC aids flood victims

Just three days after the waters receded following the recent flooding in our area, the Public Safety Training Institute (PSTI) was called upon to help out the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) as they established a Disaster Recovery Center (DRC). Dr. Karen Flannery '78 became the point of contact for FEMA. FEMA brought in its mobile unit and set up in the PSTI parking lot. The state agencies offering assistance set up in the classrooms before they moved to the Advanced Technology Center.

FEMA and PEMA were joined by the Pennsylvania Department of Health and many other state agencies to offer assistance to flood victims. The Commission on Economic Opportunity (CEO) also joined in to supply bags of food to those visiting the DRC. Gloves, MREs (Meals Ready to Eat), hand sanitizer, masks, and water were also handed out free of charge.

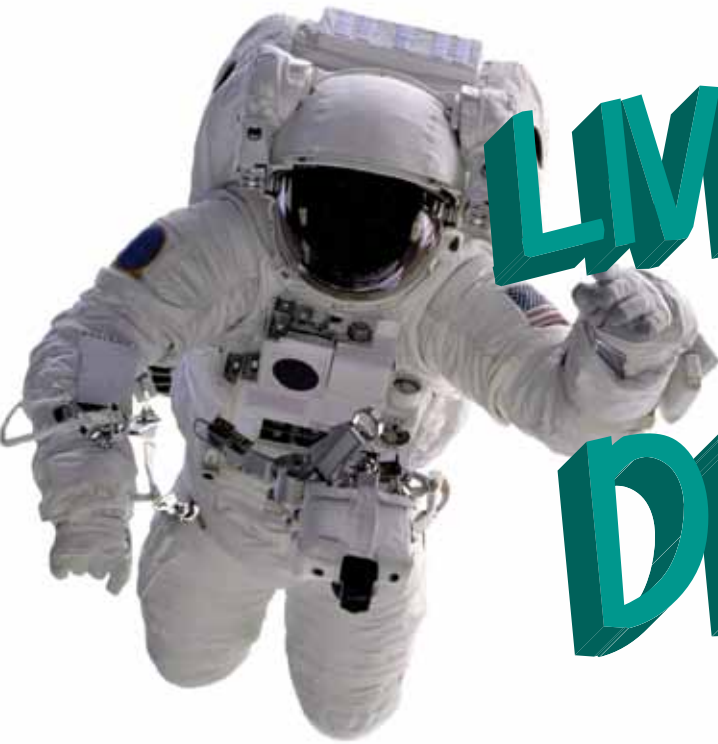
The PSTI was also called upon to become a distribution site for water, MREs, gloves, masks and hand sanitizer for the municipalities. Over 30,000 MREs were distributed from the PSTI to flood victims.

The Pennsylvania Department of Health also utilized the Headquarters Building and the ATC to administer tetanus shots to emergency responders and public works employees working the flood zone.

LCCC's gymnasium was used as an American Red Cross shelter for many displaced families for weeks after the flooding.

FEMA and various Pennsylvania state agencies helped over 1,500 families and businesses through the DRC.





LIVING YOUR DREAM JOB



If we all landed the dream jobs we wanted when we were kids, everyone in the world would be firefighters, astronauts, ballerina dancers, movie stars, baseball players, archeologists, and police officers. How many times have you watched someone on television or met someone with a really cool or unusual job and said, "Wow! I wish I could do that!"

Dream jobs are different for everyone. You also have to have the right personality and interest to land a "cool" job. Some people actively go on to pursue their dream jobs, while others sometimes just fall into them.

Remember, most people no longer work for the same company for a lifetime. So, it's quite acceptable in today's workplace to consider other career options, including that exciting job you have always dreamt of doing.

Some of the more popular dream jobs out there include:

- Stand-up comic
- Disc Jockey
- Concert promoter
- Work for an Outdoor Adventure Travel Show
- Cruise Line Photographer
- Writer
- Rock Star
- Movie Actor
- Oceanographer
- Back-up dancer
- Video game designer
- Fashion Designer
- Demolition Expert
- Work for NASCAR

Many people have gone on to land very interesting and unusual dream careers like Feng shui expert, head veterinarian at the National Zoo, winemaker, brewmaster, professional volleyball player, whitewater guide, skydiver, and many other creative employment options you may not have thought of trying. Landing your dream job requires identifying which jobs fit that title for you and then actively working towards obtaining one of them.

How do you decide how to find your dream job? First ask yourself a number of questions: What do you like doing? Examples: tinkering with car engines, eating gourmet food, playing video games.

What are you good at? Examples: Fixing problems with your computer, designing things, writing music, making web sites.

Which work conditions are important to you? Examples: Having your own hours, working in an office, frequent travel, steady hours with weekends off, overnight work.

List your answers for each of these questions and then try to think of jobs that might fit your answers across all lists. Check websites like Monster.com, CareerBuilder.com, Quintcareers.com or read the book [The Complete Idiot's Guide to Dream Jobs](#).

Once you have a definite idea of what your dream job would be, do everything you can to land it. Consider a short-term work experience, working for free, or an internship as a way to



experiment with different positions. If you need new skills to accomplish your goals, consider going back to school to get the appropriate training.

With the right determination and sometimes a little luck, you will find that job you have always wanted.

Now go follow your dreams.

Many graduates from Luzerne County Community College have landed their dream jobs:

Patrick Jordan '94 is the Marketing Director for Red Light Management which manages such groups as Dave Matthews Band, Alanis Morissette, and Cheap Trick.

Richard Singer '99 practices psychotherapy in the Cayman Islands and is author of several self help and therapeutic books.

Joe Palko '97 was the co-founder and CEO of Solid Cactus, an Internet e-commerce company and is now the Chief Marketing Officer at 3dCart.com.

Leonard V. Shimko '69 just recently retired as President of Cross Valley Federal Credit Union.

Darlene Murawski '06 is a flight paramedic on Geisinger's Lifeflight Helicopter.

Charles Onesko '90 is a supervisor with the FBI.

Dave Cusatis '02 is a fire marshall for the PA State police, fire instructor for LCCC, instructor at the National Fire Academy and author of several books.

Claudia Fazzino '06 has authored a children's book, *Josh's Wild Adventure*.

Mark Altavilla '80 is the Advertising Director of The Citizens' Voice and Standard Speaker newspapers.

Donna Bigoski '95 handles Marketing and PR Promotion for Highlife Farms, a full service equestrian complex and owner and president of D.L. Enterprise, LLC.

Charles Consagra '74 is an architect and principal of Highland Associates.

Richard Kossuth '82 is the owner of the Rock Street Music Studios in Pittston.

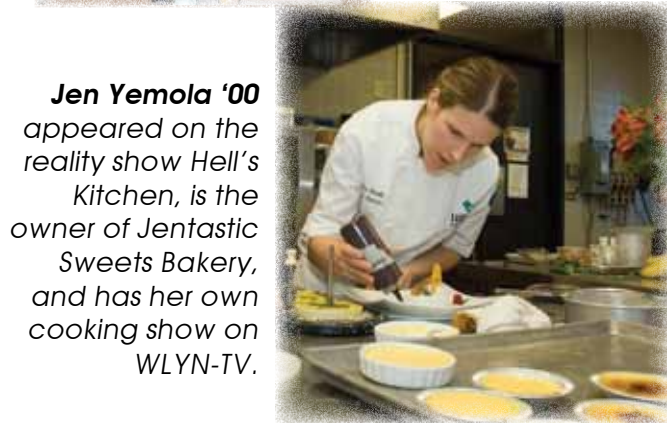
Don Godleski '83, aka "Chef Ozzie," is the Chef and Brand Ambassador at Heartland Sweeteners, LLC. His cookbook, *Sweet Revolution*, was just named the winner of the 2011 Indie Excellence Award.



Michaelyn Ghilardi '02 owns her own restaurant, the A/V Room in Moosic.



Jackie Manzollillo-Blais '03 works behind the scenes for The Martha Stewart Show.



Jen Yemola '00 appeared on the reality show *Hell's Kitchen*, is the owner of Jentastic Sweets Bakery, and has her own cooking show on WLYN-TV.



LCCC Alumni on the Pedregon Championship Quaker State Top Fuel Team: **Chris Spall '02**, **Warren Weber '99**, and LCCC student, **Chris Hegge**.



A second chance to do what you love

By Marie Burrell and Robert Bogdon

Nikki M. Mascali's passion has always been to write.

"I love reading newspapers and magazines and wanted to write for one," Mascali says. "I love the smell of ink and feel of paper in my hand."

But when Mascali prepared to enter college to choose her career path in the late 90's, she didn't feel ready in her abilities to pursue a degree in the writing field.

So when she decided to attend college at LCCC, she entered the Business Administration program. By 1997, she finished her degree and found employment in the corporate business world.

But after a number of years in the field at a job she found unfulfilling and with the threat of a layoff, Mascali decided to return to LCCC to pursue her original dream of writing. This time she enrolled in LCCC's Journalism program. She found it challenging to balance school work, a writing internship at the *Weekender* newspaper, and her regular job. Mascali said she pushed herself to the best of her ability, often taking sick days to work on articles, because she knew that writing was what she really wanted to do.

"It was hard juggling everything, but there was nothing that I wouldn't do to be a success at the paper," Mascali says. "I worked in communications for my real job, and it was basically just corporate America, which isn't my type of personality, nor my type of setting. School and my internship really gave me that outlet I needed to be creative. So to have that outlet, it made the nine-to-five number pusher part of my life not so bad because I was doing something that I knew I was going to love and it was going to be fulfilling for me."

Mascali says she feels that all too often high schools baby students and don't fully prepare them for the life that comes after graduation. But at LCCC, she feels the professors don't treat students that way.

"The professors didn't baby you," Mascali says. "The classes were hard, but the teachers were there for you if you needed support." Mascali says the faculty at LCCC gave her the writing and interview skills she needed to be a journalist.

With her second degree in hand, Mascali said she felt prepared to follow her new career path. Using the tools given to her by LCCC, she worked



Nikki Mascali, '07 looks over the Weekender newspaper at her desk. Mascali is the editor of the popular weekly arts and entertainment magazine in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

her way up at the *Weekender*. She began her career at the *Weekender* as an intern in 2005 - and holds the honor of being the oldest intern the paper ever had. She received her degree in journalism from Luzerne County Community College in 2007 and joined the *Weekender* staff full-time in 2006 as staff writer/designer before becoming associate editor in 2010. In March 2011, Mascali was named editor.

The *Weekender* newspaper covers arts and entertainment news and events throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania. More than 40,000 papers are distributed to over 1,000 locations weekly and cover five counties while boasting over 174,415 readers. The paper covers area concerts, theater programs, music, art, books, movies, video games, motorsports, and food.

Mascali has interviewed celebrities such as Gene Simmons, Peter Dinklage, Richard Simmons, Bret Michaels, and Slash. Her articles have run the gamut from local and national theater to music and in-depth reports on the radio industry and negativity in NEPA.

Mascali also updates the website version of the Weekender and monitors their social media interactions.

She enjoys writing, quoting movies, traveling and being a diehard foodie, which is why she pens the weekly food and drink column, "Dish."

"My parents owned a local restaurant for many years, so as a child I loved not only writing, but enjoying different types of food," she says. Mascali follows trends, food shows, and blogs to keep up on the topic and writes about her interest in her column.

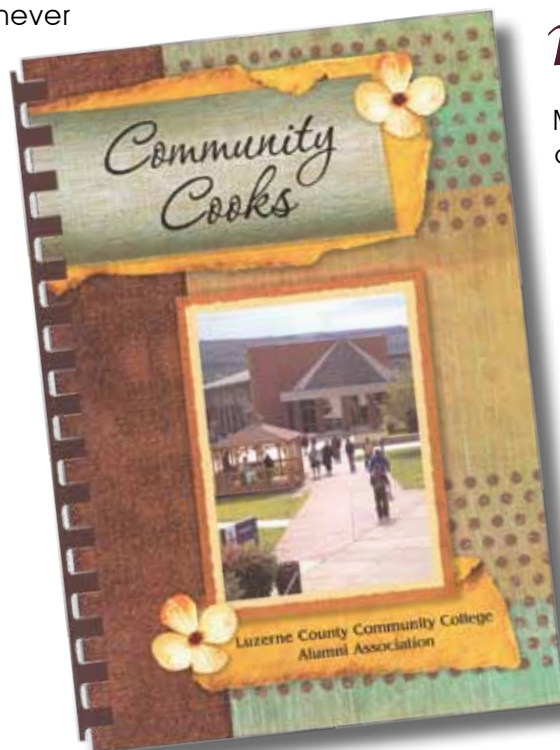
And despite having graduated almost four years ago, Mascali has still kept a connection with LCCC, having volunteered for the Alumni Association and the Journalism Advisory Board, as well as occasionally working with LCCC interns.

"They do prepare you for what to expect. There's nothing that I wouldn't do for LCCC because it changed my life. It gave me a career that I always wanted and never had the guts to try. There's nowhere else that I'd rather have gone."



Weekender staff from left, Shelby Kremiski, account executive; John Popko, Sr. account executive; Steve Husted, creative director, Rachel A. Pugh, general manager, Nikki M. Mascali, editor, Stephanie DeBalko, staff writer and Alyssa Baldacci '07, account executive

LCCC Alumni Cookbooks now on sale!



Members of the Alumni Association recently compiled a cookbook with recipes submitted by current students, faculty, alumni, and the College community. The hard cover book includes nearly 250 different recipes ranging from appetizers and beverages, soups and salads, main dishes, desserts and more. There is a wide variety of crockpot recipes and quick meals for busy people on the go. In addition, there are ethnic and healthy recipes for those who like a little variety. The cost of the cookbook \$12 with proceeds benefitting the Alumni Association's Health Sciences fund. There is a \$5 fee plus shipping and handling for orders that must be mailed via USPS. To order your copy contact the alumni office at blauer@luzerne.edu or 570-740-0734.

SCHULMAN GALLERY

*Five Years of
Exhibits*





For five years, LCCC's Schulman Gallery has provided a professional setting to feature student art in individual and group shows, as well as serve the community as a venue for faculty and area artists to exhibit their work. Thanks to generous donations by the community and a naming award from Roxanne and Dr. Norman Schulman, the Gallery has presented amazing visual showcases from our area and international artists. The Gallery is located on the second floor of LCCC's Campus Center. It is open Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

The Long Distance Journey of a Cross Country Runner

by Malcolm Bowes

Patience is not always a virtue known by athletes. But for Luzerne County Community College student Bornfase Omurwa, the delay of his athletic arrival as a medal-decorated runner allowed him to master and appreciate a genuine sense of humbleness and helped him establish plans for his future.

Omurwa, 28, is currently one of the area's most talented cross country runners. Due to circumstances beyond his control, he was not able to compete and participate in high school as a cross country runner and was essentially forced to wait until his mid-20s before he could begin to recognize and fulfill his natural talent as an athlete.

Since his arrival in LCCC's cross country program, he helped pace the team to a second-place finish at the PCAA All-State Championships, finishing 2nd with one of his best individual times of the 2011 season.

Before his recent rise to competition, Bornfase admits that he was far from the dedicated athlete he is today. "I wasn't all that athletic," he remarks.

Yet, now, he talks about the spirit of running in an introspective way.

"I'm talking about dreams that don't die," Omurwa elaborates. "I don't just do running for fun, I run to understand how life goes. That's

how I relate to whatever comes in life, to know my limits."

It is just one of the steady mantras by which he lives his life.

Bornfase was born in Kenya, the sixth oldest in a family of seventeen. After high school, he moved from Kenya to Uganda and then to Sudan, eventually moving to the United States. He lived in Virginia and New York before settling in the Wyoming Valley.

"I ended up in Sudan for four years," Omurwa says. "I didn't know anybody. I lived there for four years, and the biggest challenge was that they never spoke my language. In Kenya, we speak English and Swahili. In Sudan, they speak Arabic and their native language. I had to start from scratch."

He now speaks four languages and his travels have become notable experiences.

"It was heavy, but it was a great experience," he says. "I feel like I have the potential to interact with other cultures and understand differences, and if I can do that, I can bring it here to the world."

He is a second year student at LCCC, and is working to graduate with a degree in General Studies. When he moved here, Omurwa first found work in construction. He became a skilled roofer, even serving as a participant with Habitat for Humanity in Scranton for the Home Depot Team. He married his wife Megan, then made plans to return to school. That was when everything started to take off.

"I had to choose between a four-year school and a two-year school," Omurwa remarks.

"I knew LCCC would help me develop myself very well. I was out of school for six years, and I wanted to be independent and suit myself to the environment. I've been here for two years and now I'm a student ambassador."

Aside from his academic achievements, he is also a tutor at the College and a dedicated advocate of community service.

Bornfase eventually wants to work in the field of international relations.

"This is a stepping stone," he says. "I'm



working with my counselor, and I'm really lucky. When I'm done with school, I will have a good background for international sciences."

He is looking to a career in international insurance work, global business consultations, risk management and international relations.

As for his athletic accomplishments, he has reached a point of domination and talent as a runner for LCCC. Omurwa participated in his first race at the Race for the Cure in 2009 in Scranton. He finished in second place.

He even impressed himself. "I was surprised," he admits.

Omurwa would follow up his maiden run with a first place finish in the Cancer Awareness 5K held at LCCC in 2011. He won the local 2011 Winter's End 4.5 mile race by a thrilling single-second, and has consistently found great success during college competition, helping the Trailblazers medal in each competition during the past season.

His talents were most recently recognized by the "Ryan's Run" team for Allied Services Integrated Health System, who offered Omurwa an opportunity to participate in the New York City Marathon. He finished with a time of 2:58:17, placing 930th.

Bornfase is not only a natural athlete, but also a natural sportsman. When he wins, he is humble when other people might be arrogant.

"You should always be humble in everything you do," he says. "You should never be so proud even if you think you're the best because someone's better than you."

He considers running a learning experience, a continuing lesson of life, learning about human limits and pushing his own. He learns in order to know more of himself through the sweat and the long strides, through the early morning hours and sore muscles late in the day.

"Everyone always asks me how I always run with a smile on my face and I say, 'I just learned something,'" he remarks. In these ways, he remains a hard worker, model student, dedicated husband and impressively talented athlete.

Amazingly, his race has seemingly just begun.

FACULTY & STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Robert J. Boyer, professor, criminal justice, has been chosen by the PA Department of Education to serve as a subject matter expert for reviews of new criminal justice programs at technical schools and colleges in the Commonwealth. Bob assisted in the evaluation of a proposed criminal justice program at Keystone Technical Institute in Harrisburg during the summer. He will remain on the PA Department of Education's call list for the review of future programs.

Mark Choman, associate professor, CIS, recently presented a workshop "Getting Started with Microsoft Office 2010 VBA (Visual Basic for Applications)" at the STEMtech 2011 conference in Indianapolis, IN. Mark also delivered a research poster session "Considerations for Second Life Adoption" at the same conference, which is held annual by the League for Innovation in the Community College.

Congratulations to LCCC faculty member **Julie Cleary**, associate professor of dental hygiene, on being selected the 2011 recipient of the Outstanding Oral Health Initiative. Each year, the Northcentral PA Area Health Education Center planning committee recognizes a person who has addressed a definable community dental need and improved the oral health of the under-served. Julie was honored at the 10th Annual Trends in Management of Dental Disease in September 2011. Congratulations to Julie on this well-deserved recognition!

Mark James '95, LCCC staff photographer, won third place in the recent Professional Photographers of America (PPA) 2011 Affiliate Communications Competition. Mark is editor of Northeast, the Northeast PA Professional Photographers Association (NPPPA) newsletter. In November, Mark successfully completed the Certified Professional Photographer examination.

Dr. Murali Panen, associate professor, science, and **Andrew Petonak**, coordinator, journalism, recently offered classroom presentations to students and staff at four college and university sites in Kerala, India. Topics included the role of American community colleges and the expanding use of the English language in the global environments of mass media, business and education.

Does your business employ a number of LCCC Alumni? If so, we would love to come to your company and take a photo! Please contact Bonnie Lauer, Alumni Director, at 1-800-377-5222, ext. 7734 or blauer@luzerne.edu



Guard Insurance Group Graduates

Shown are, from left, seated – Keri McDermott '91, senior staff accountant; Andrea Anzalone '91, medical claims representative; Suzanne Concklin '93, customer service manager; Diane M. Dugan '85, customer service representative; and Brenda Navin '85, senior account underwriter.

Second row – Alison Drozdowski '08, claims associate; Marsha Richardson '94, sales advisor; Thomas P. Leary, president, LCCC; Carl J. Witkowski, Jr., chief operating officer and executive vice president; and Bonnie Brennan Lauer '87, director, alumni relations, LCCC.

Third row – Dina Becker '97, claims coordinator; John Malta '86, director of facilities management; Andy Minnick '07, property & casualty adjuster; Kevin Kratzer '91, senior investment accountant; and Kathleen Thomas '01, senior policy operations assistant.



Martz Technologies Alumni

Shown are, from left – Greg Martz '00, CEO, member, LCCC Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors; Dori Tipler '06; James Timony '11; Arthur Hosler; Arty Oliver; Scott Cole, student; Carl Hosler '99; Greg Kehoe; Andy Sarge '10; Thomas P. Leary, president, LCCC; and Bonnie Brennan Lauer '87, director, alumni relations, LCCC.

MotorWorld Alumni

Shown are, from left, seated – Eileen Parsons '85, HR manager; Barbara Shemanski, receptionist; and Maureen Kiluk '82 accounting clerk.

Standing – Thomas P. Leary, president, LCCC; Gerry O'Donnell, president, MotorWorld; Debra Casey '98, treasury management; William Zaleppa '89, sales manager; Peter McMonigle '89, Mercedes Benz sales; Bonnie Brennan Lauer '87, director, alumni relations, LCCC; and Jay Thomas, sales manager.



PPL Graduates

Shown are from left, first row – Bonnie Brennan Lauer '87, director, alumni relations, LCCC; Rose Goin, director, Berwick Center, LCCC; Thomas P. Leary, president, LCCC; Jeff Hessel, vice president of nuclear operations, PPL Susquehanna, LLC and member, LCCC Foundation Board, Inc.; Jim Betzko '96, Trucksville; and Joe Reilly '91.

Second row – Peter Lello, major gifts/planned giving specialist, LCCC; Joe Ropietski '97; Jim Schultz, Jr. '99; Aaron Gearhart '01; Al Swank '75; and Russ Kearney, site vice president.



Back Mountain Dental Alumni

Shown are, from left, first row – Bonnie Brennan Lauer '87, director, alumni relations, LCCC; Beth Patterson '01; Doreen Ackers '85; and Janine Kravitz '02.

Second row – Thomas P. Leary, president, LCCC; James C. DeFinnis, DMD; Leigh Hoover '87; and Terri Dempsey.

Grainger Industrial Supply supports LCCC scholarship program

Grainger Industrial Supply has made a donation to the Luzerne County Community College scholarship program from the Grainger Foundation Community Grant Program.

The two main philanthropic areas of focus for the worldwide company are emergency preparedness and technical education. The scholarship will benefit students in LCCC's trades and technical programs.

Shown are, from left, seated – Thomas P. Leary, president, LCCC; and Daniel Schoenauer, branch manager, Grainger Wilkes-Barre.



Standing – Sandra Nicholas, executive director, LCCC Foundation, Inc. and JoAnne Yuhhas, resource development assistant, LCCC Foundation, Inc.

LCCC Board of Trustees seats three alumni

The Luzerne County Community College Board of Trustees can boast of three LCCC alumni on its roster. The appointed members include Susan E. Unvasky '86, Senior Vice President of Client Services for Prudential Financial; Paul Halsey '84, supervisor, CVS Caremark; and Paul M. Platukis '70, retired.



Susan E. Unvasky



Paul Halsey



Paul Platukis

AACA donates to Alumni Association

The Northeastern PA Regional Chapter of the Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA) recently made a donation to the Luzerne County Community College Alumni Association Scholarship Fund.

The regional chapter of the AACA held its 50th annual car show at the College campus and donated a portion of the proceeds to the College's Alumni Association. The donation benefited the Nancy Boback Memorial Scholarship at LCCC which is awarded to qualifying automotive technology students.

A 1931 Model A Ford, owned by Bernie Boback, was the featured car at this year's car show.

Shown at the check presentation are, from left – Bonnie Brennan Lauer '87, director, alumni relations, LCCC; Kim

Neary '09, volunteer, LCCC Alumni Association; Thomas P. Leary, president, LCCC; Bernie Boback, representative, Northeast Pennsylvania Region, Antique Automobile Club of America; Patricia Besermin '08, board member, LCCC Alumni Association; Joanne Yuhhas '08, resource development assistant, LCCC Foundation, Inc.; Ann Marie Schrader '07, treasurer, LCCC Alumni Association; and Carol Dean '90, board member, LCCC Alumni Association.





LCCC Alumni Association members, volunteers, and students staff the phones for the annual Phonathon



Sue Hand donates "Pemaquid Point Light," an original watercolor painting for the Craft Festival

2011 Alumni Events



Hoods up at the year's DroptoberFest



LCCC's Craft Festival had another great turnout this year with over 150 vendors



Members of the LCCC Alumni Association hold their basket raffle during the Annual Flea Market and Collectibles Show



Dental alumni from the 80's pose for a group photo at LCCC's annual Dental Health Alumni Day

Alumni Class Notes

1969

Leonard V. Shimko (Business Administration) has retired after serving as the president / CEO of Cross Valley Federal Credit Union for 42 years. He will remain active as treasurer of the credit union's board of directors and throughout the community. Len has been a strong support of Luzerne County Community College and continues to serve on its Foundation Board of Directors.



1975

Gerrie Zynel Zielinski (General Studies) is a private duty nurse working for Erwine Home Health. Gerrie furthered her education at Wilkes-Barre Area Vocational Technical School where she earned her LPN degree. She enjoys walking, taking her greyhound on trips, photography, time with good friends and reuniting with old friends too. She and her husband James reside in Plains.

1976

Jane Mizerak (Medical Office Assistant) recently joined the Northeast Regional Cancer Institute as a registry staff assistant.

Linda Nichols Philbin (Nursing) and her husband, Michael, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on May 30th. She and her husband own and operate several businesses in the Williamsport area. They are the parents of two sons, Jason and Shawn.

Toni Metzger Kusiak (General Studies) is the owner of The Confidential Ear which specializes in life coaching and "helping you to help yourself". She earned her bachelors of science degree in psychology from Nova Southeastern University and her masters of science degree in psychology from the University of Phoenix in April 2011. She and her husband, Frank, reside in Orlando, Florida.

1979

Chester J. Zaremba (Criminal Justice) has published a book Nanticoke which is a pictorial history of Nanticoke city. The book features more than 200 vintage images and memories of days gone by; many of which have never been published

before. The book is available for purchase through area and online book sellers or Arcadia Publishing at www.arcadiapublishing.com or (888)313-2665. All proceeds will benefit the Nanticoke Historical Society to support its ongoing mission to preserve the history of the city.



1983

Judy Martini (Health, Physical Education & Movement Sciences) is employed by Marian Catholic High School, Tamaqua, as a theology, English and drama teacher as well as a school play director and a SAP advisor. She continued her education at King's College earning her bachelors of arts degree in mass communications and The University of Scranton with a master's of science degree in secondary education.

1988

Keith Schutter (CA Graphic Design / Architectural Engineering Technology) has joined the Borton Lawson staff as a senior architectural designer with more than 25 years of experience.

1989

Lisa Williams Mahle (Office Management Technology) recently stopped by the LCCC campus and alumni office and was very impressed to see the developments on our campus since she graduated. Lisa lives in Macon GA and is a managed care specialist at the Medical Center of Central Georgia.

1993

Samuel S. Scarantino (Architectural Engineering Technology) was promoted to principal and director of operations for Architecture and Building Systems at Quad Three Group Inc. In this role he is responsible for the overall management and scheduling of the Architectural and Building Engineering Group, allocating resources, developing project budgets and serves as the firm's educational project team leader. In addition he is a member of the AIA and holds several professional memberships including being a registered architect in New York.

1996

Angela Evans (Nursing) was recently named director of Misericordia University's Health & Wellness Center. Angela earned her bachelors and masters degrees in nursing from Misericordia and is currently pursuing her Ph.D. in nursing through Villanova University.

1999

Lt. George E. Flanagan III (Fire Science Technology) was named the 2010 National Emergency Technician of the Year by the Pottsville Veterans of Foreign Wars. George is a 10-year member of the Prince George County Fire Department, MD, and is currently assigned to the Berwyn Heights Fire / EMS Station 814 as a firefighter and medic lieutenant. This award recognized him for rescuing a 4-year-old child from her burning Hyattsville apartment in February 2010. He is also a graduate of the Maryland Fire Academy and resides in Hanover, MD, with his wife, Jaclyn, and son Colin George.



Glenn Kaufman (General Studies) and his wife Cheryl celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on September 11, 2011. George served in both the Navy and PA National Guard and retired last year from Alcan Cable. The Kaufman's live in Penns- dale and have two sons, Kristopher and Brian who is serving in the Air Force in Germany.

2000

Heidi Gregorowicz Adams (Broadcast Commu- nication Technology) is currently enrolled at King's College studying mass communications. She is em- ployed at CVS/Caremark as a pharmacy techni- cian where she transcribes prescriptions. Heidi and her husband Thomas celebrated their 10th wed- ding anniversary in May 2011.

Bonnie Shoemaker (AS/400 Application Develop- ment and Computer Information Systems) earned her bachelors of science degree in software devel- opment from Champlain College, Burlington VT in May 2011. Bonnie is an adjunct faculty member in the CIS program at our Berwick site and also works for Bridon American Corporation. She and her hus- band Donald reside in Berwick.

Luciana Musto Herman (Social Science) recently accepted the position as development writer at Marywood University. She was previously the prospect researcher / grant associate at LCCC.

2005

Kathryn A. (Smith) Jones (Child Development) is a nanny working in a home setting in a one on one environment with children. She and her husband, Christopher, were married in March 2011 and re- side in Horsham PA.

2006

Tiffany Fagnani (Nursing) earned her bachelors of science in nursing degree in May from Misericordia University.

2007

Dawn Floyd (Business Management Technology) recently accepted the position of licensed practical nurse assessment coordinator at Hometown Nurs- ing and Rehabilitation Center. She and her husband, Donald, have three children, April, DJ and Kaitlin. Their son, **DJ Floyd '11** graduated from LCCC in May with an automotive technology degree. DJ is a third gen- eration LCCC graduate, joining his mom, Dawn and grandmother, **Dawn Klick '81** (General Studies).

Nancy R. Stasko (Business Management Tech- nology) was selected the recipient of the 2011 Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce Athena Award. This award is presented each year to a Hazleton Area business woman for outstanding professional achievement and was presented at their annual meeting in May 2011. Denise is the director of administration at CAN DO Inc., Greater Hazleton's economic development organization.

2009

David Campbell (Social Sci- ence) graduated from The University of Scranton in May. He graduated summa cum laude and was the recipient of the Excellence in Economics Award and the Franklin O'Hara Medal for having the highest grade point average in the Kania School of Management. Dave has taken a job with M&T Bank and resides in Nanticoke. Congratulations Dave!



2011

Stephen Swicklik (Education) was named the Alumni Association's Outstanding Graduate at the May 2011 Commencement Ceremony. Stephen is continuing his education at Bloomsburg University pursuing a double major of secondary education and history.

Shawn Kellmer (Journalism) was awarded the Outstanding Adult Learner Award at the May 2011 commencement ceremony. Shawn is a veteran of the US Army and the father of four. He is attending Misericordia University majoring in communications on an academic scholarship. He resides with his family in Hazleton.

2012 Events Calendar

January 25: 25th Annual Alumni v. student basketball game, 5:30 p.m., James T. Atherton gymnasium

March 12: Alumni Association Meeting, 5:30 p.m. Campus Center, second floor, Alumni Room (#214)

March 19-21: Alumni Association Phonathon, Educational Conference Center, room 119

March 26-27, 29: Alumni Association Phonathon, Educational Conference Center, room 119

April 13: Nomination deadline for the Outstanding Graduate Award – Presented by Alumni President during Commencement Ceremony

May 5: 13th Annual Alumni Flea Market & Collectible Show, Educational Conference Center, 8 am - 2 pm

May 11: Dental Health Alumni Day, Educational Conference Center, speaker: JoAnne Gurenlian, fee

May 14: Alumni Association Meeting, 5:30 p.m. Alumni Conference room (#214)

May 17: CIS Graduates Mixer, Bar Louie - Mohegan Sun

May 22: Graduate Reception, Educational Conference Center, 6:00-8:00 pm, free for 2012 graduates

May 24: Commencement Ceremony, Mohegan Sun Arena 6:00 pm and Alumni Association Flower Sale

For more information on these events contact the LCCC Alumni office at alumni@luzerne.edu or call 570-740-0734.

Alumni benefit offers discount on auto and home insurance

The LCCC Alumni Association has partnered with Liberty Mutual, the nation's fifth-largest auto and home insurer. Through Liberty Mutual's Group Savings Plus® program, LCCC graduates may save up to 20 percent on their auto insurance and 10 percent on their home, condo or renters insurance*.

That can be hundreds of dollars back in your pocket. Plus Liberty Mutual offers their customers who have both auto and home policies an attractive add-on multi-policy discount. To find out how much you can save, call 1-800-310-6764 or visit www.libertymutual.com/LCCC for an immediate, no-obligation quote.

*Discounts are available where state law and regulations allow and may vary by state.

In Memoriam

Sincere condolences are extended to the family and friends of alumni and members of the College family who have passed away since the last publication of "The Bridge."

LCCC Graduates

Christine Bender '97 (Nursing)
Matthew Bleistein '05 (General Studies)
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Donna Brown '00 (Nursing)
Kimberly Crouse '00 (Social Science)
Judy Decker '88 (Surgical Technology)
Samantha Dinan '04 (Nursing)
Rev. James E. Edwards '84 (Social Science)
Deborah Hemenway '04 (Nursing)
James Kazmeroski '83 (Plumbing/Heating Technology)
Donald Kelly '81 (General Studies)
John "Jack" Kelly '76 (Business Administration)
Elaine Kielar '72 (Education)
Frank Kossa '87 (Criminal Justice)
Tracy Mariano '1992 (Broadcast Technology)
Jerome Martis '78 (Business Administration)
Randy Moskaluk '86 (Hotel / Restaurant Management)
Edward Ozehoski '70 (Business Administration)
Robert Page '79 (Business Administration)

Regina Phillips '92 (Nursing)
Margaret Reino '77 (Nursing)
Henry Rembish '96 (Food Production Management)
Barbara Ross '73 (Office Management Technology)
Edith Ross '77 (Social Science)
August Rouse '74 (CA Graphic Design)
Mark Thomas '77 (General Studies)
Edward Thomas '11 (Accounting / Business Adm.)
Michael Topa '03 (Plumbing/Heating Technology)
Frances Williams '79 (Office Management Technology)
Maureen Yeagley '82 (Hotel / Restaurant Management)
Erica Zagata '94 (General Studies)
Debbie Zavada '72 (Computer Information Systems)

LCCC Faculty and Friends

Edward Brezinski, Scholarship Donor
Howard Federick, History, adjunct faculty
Mary Gavenonis, Nursing Faculty
Donna Lawson, Nursing Faculty
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Heartfelt thanks go out to our alumni, friends and community businesses, faculty and staff who have made gifts to LCCC. Thanks to your philanthropy, LCCC continues to make life better for current and future students by providing scholarships, financial aid, library books, technology and other necessities. Nothing touches the lives of LCCC students as much as the Annual Fund.

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Retired Professor authors book

Roy Pipher, who retired as LCCC Assistant Professor of English in 2002, published a book titled *A History of the Movie Theaters in Monroe County* in June 2010. The 296-page oversized illustrated book details the history of the theaters from the earliest nickelodeons to the more recent theaters in the County. Many people from Luzerne County may be familiar with movie theaters that were in operation in the resort area of the Pocono Mountains. In addition to dealing with individual theaters, the book also discusses the coming of sound movies, 3-D and Cinemascope films, the installation of air-conditioning in the theaters, the attempts to allow Sunday movies to be shown in Monroe County, the battles with censorship of films, and the community reaction to the showing of pornographic films in the theaters as the old movie houses went into decline.

Immediately after he retired, Pipher began work on the book, which took him eight years to complete since he had to care for his ailing parents during these years, both of whom have since passed away.

A website accompanying the book, www.MonroeCotheaters.com, explains the book's content in more detail and provides information on how to purchase the book. In addition, a copy of the book is also available in the LCCC library.

At the current time, Pipher, who now lives in Stroudsburg, is researching his next book, a history of Pocono Playhouse, which was a mainstay on the former straw hat summer theater circuit.



Hey, LCCC is on Facebook, MySpace and Twitter!

If you have a Facebook account, search for Luzerne County Community College, or find us at facebook.com/LuzerneCC and click the "Like" button. Also, please join our Luzerne County Community College Alumni group. And if you like to "tweet" look for us on Twitter as LuzerneCC. On MySpace, you can friend us at www.myspace.com/lccc1. Keep up to date with all the happenings at LCCC and keep connected with friends.

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LCCC hosts health sciences reunion

The Alumni Association recently held a reunion for graduates of EMS, nursing, respiratory therapy and surgical technology programs at the new Health Sciences Center. The event was co-chaired by Lynn Distasio, LCCC Board of Trustees, and Marie Robine, retired nursing faculty. Nearly 100 graduates, faculty, retirees and guests attended. Graduates were very impressed with the new facility. One of the most frequently heard comments was "I want to come back to school now!"

A brief program with remarks from Distasio, Robine, President Thomas Leary, Dr. Dana Clark, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, and nursing student Allison Baily kicked off the evening with tours and refreshments following. Alumna Cheryl-Ann Young '89 was recognized as the person who drove the farthest to attend – she traveled from Richmond, Virginia. Norman Honeywell's nursing students volunteered to do demonstrations on new equipment in the facility throughout the night, as did Dr. Deborah Vilegi-Peters '84 and her surgical students. Thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of this evening.



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IT IS GOOD TO BE BACK!

It is good to be back at Luzerne County Community College once again.

I am currently working as an annuitant at the Disaster Resource Center to help flood victims. I was very pleasantly surprised to see how LCCC has grown and the amount of courses being offered.

I attended LCCC in October of 1967 and am proud to be one of the 210 students who graduated in June of 1969. I came to LCCC after serving three years in the Navy during the Vietnam Conflict. I did not know what I was going to do with my life. I heard that there was a community college opening up in Wilkes-Barre. They were offering associate degree programs and were looking for students to attend. I decided to give it a try, and from the first moment on our small campus, I liked it and felt at home.

It was quite different back then; today there is a lot of parking. Back then, we had to park under the Market Street Bridge and walk across the bridge to



our building on River Street, next to the Sterling Hotel. A walk across that bridge in the wintertime, with the wind, snow and/or rain coming down, was quite an accomplishment in itself.

We were known as the Minutemen and our colors were red, white and blue. We had a small college atmosphere, and everyone got to know each other rather quickly. There were good times, and we studied hard. We were lucky to have such nice and concerned professors. I went further with my education and earned a bachelor’s degree. I worked for the Pa. Dept. of Revenue and retired as a Revenue Auditor Supervisor. I have always been thankful for Luzerne County Community College for being there for me and helping me get a good start in life.

From the looks of things, I see a lot of students off to a good start by attending this fine institution.

Mauro S. Notaro, Class of 1969

Mauro resides in McAdoo with his wife, Grace, two daughters, Julia and Maria, and a son, Mauro Joseph.

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