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Study Shows Student Success Achievements

Luzerne County Community College recently completed a self-study, conducted by 130 faculty, staff, students, Trustees, alumni and Foundation board members over a two-year period. The purpose of the study was to analyze the College's performance in meeting the characteristics of excellence prescribed by its accrediting body, Middle States Commission on Higher Education, as we pursue our periodic reaccreditation.

The self-study revealed that LCCC continues to successfully fulfill its mission of making education and training available and accessible to all in our community. Evidence in various forms supported this finding.

For example, in a recent survey on student satisfaction, LCCC scored above the norm for two-year colleges across the state in almost half the categories, including the College's commitment to part-time, evening and adult/returning students as well as under-represented populations. Students responded favorably when asked if classes deal with practical experiences and applications, if adequate services were available to help them decide on a career, and if the College does whatever it can to help them reach their educational goals. College staff were also rated highly, with the College exceeding the average on such issues as "faculty are interested in my academic problems," "faculty are knowledgeable in their fields," and "administrators are approachable to students."

In addition, LCCC's retention rate exceeded the national median for community colleges by almost five percentage points, based on a national survey. Retention is a key statewide and national issue. President Obama's American Graduation Initiative is just one current project aimed at increasing retention rates among higher education institutions. The push is to ensure that students not only enroll in college but that they complete their program and receive their degree as well.

Students like Dave Campbell and Jason Gogola provide evidence that LCCC is achieving this objective. Dave received an A.S. in Social Science from LCCC in 2009, graduating with a 3.85 GPA and with the distinction of being selected for the Outstanding Graduate Award. Dave was an active student leader, serving as first vice president and then president of the Student Government Association, through which he frequently worked with the administration to advocate for his fellow students. He was president of the History Club, a graduate of Intercollegiate Leadership Wilkes Barre, and recipient of the Student Development Award. Dave represented students on many committees and at many events, including the LCCC Master Planning Committee, the College's Presidential Inauguration Celebration and a NEPA Young Entrepreneurs



meeting with U.S. Senator Arlen Specter. Dave now attends the University of Scranton majoring in Economics. His career goal is to earn a master's degree in urban and regional planning.

Jason Gogola is another example. Jason, a former computer application developer, returned to college enrolling in the Web Development Technology program at LCCC. He wanted to expand his programming skills and talents to the world of the Web. While at LCCC, he helped design and develop the College's new Web site and the Web site for West Side Career and Technology as part of his curriculum. He has since started his own design business with anther LCCC graduate, Tim Martarano.

Students like Dave Campbell and Jason Gogola represent the successful outcomes of LCCC's academic program and give proof that the College provides students with the educational foundation, latest technology and career-specific training necessary to achieve their academic and career goals. They also demonstrate LCCC's continued success in preparing the workforce of tomorrow.

As technology continues to advance and the skills necessary to be competitive in the workforce continue to change, LCCC will likewise continue to grow and evolve to ensure that our students are well-prepared to assume their role as the leaders of tomorrow. One thing that will not change, however, is LCCC faculty and staff's commitment and dedication to its students.

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Thomas P. Leary President Luzerne County Community College

Major Gift Donation at Northumberland Regional Center

The LCCC Northumberland Regional Center has received major donations from private donors and the donor-advised fund of a worldwide investment bank. The gifts will assist students in the Shamokin area by providing tuition assistance and creating a regional learning assistance center.

The Jack and Constance Wheary Scholarship Endowment Fund was established through a major gift from Jennifer Wheary and her husband, Paul Walker, residents of Brooklyn, New York. Jennifer is a native of Shamokin, and the scholarship is targeted at students of that area.

Jennifer, like her two older siblings, is a first-generation college graduate. She and Paul established the scholarship to honor her parents, Jack and Constance, for their success in helping their three children attain college degrees. Jennifer and Paul's hope for the scholarship is that it will give hard working residents of Shamokin and surrounding communities an opportunity to improve their economic futures.

The Jack and Constance Wheary Scholarship Endowment Fund will provide assistance to students interested in health career training programs. The scholarship will assist residents in the Shamokin area who are looking for short-term training which will lead directly to full-time employment. Traditional financial aid does not include support for these programs nor tuition assistance. Even though LCCC's tuition is low, it is often beyond the means of many who have lost their jobs. The Wheary Scholarship will help defray the cost of this tuition for several students each semester. Candidates must be enrolled in a health care related career program or nursing curriculum and demonstrate financial need and motivation. This is a partial scholarship unless recommended by the scholarship selection committee based upon individual circumstances. The first Jack and Constance Wheary scholarships will be awarded for this spring.

In addition to establishing the scholarship, Paul, a managing director at Goldman Sachs, recommended a donation to the Northumberland Regional Center to Goldman Sachs Gives, a donor-advised fund.

The Goldman Sachs Gives donation will fund a new Learning Resource Center which will offer students individual tutoring and classes in reading, English, science and math as well as provide bridge programs for those students with special needs. Approximately 70% of freshmen enrolled at the LCCC Northumberland Regional Center are first generation college students who scored below proficiency in placement tests in reading, English or math or all three. The Learning Resource Center will help students transition from high school to college level work, perform better, increase their confidence, and help them continue through graduation.

The LCCC Northumberland Regional Center will be offering a new Pharmacy Technician program from March 7 through April 27. Pharmacy technicians work in pharmacies under the direction of a pharmacist. Their main responsibility is filling prescriptions according to doctors' orders. Most employers who hire pharmacy technicians prefer candidates who have had training in the field. Job opportunities for pharmacy technicians are expected to be good, especially for those with formal training or certification. The scholarship will help qualified students meet their tuition costs for this and other programs.

Goldman Sachs Gives is a donor-advised fund — a public charity that maintains individual accounts for donors who recommend grants to qualified non-profit organizations from their accounts. Established in 2007, Goldman Sachs Gives enables Goldman Sachs and its people to leverage their donations to charities in the communities where they live and work or elsewhere around the globe. The current focus of this organization is on those areas that have been proven to be fundamental to creating jobs and economic growth, building and stabilizing communities, honoring service and veterans, and increasing educational opportunities.

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Jared Floryshak, age 10, looks down on a dedicated brick at the Public Safety Training Institute's newly opened Walk of Honor. Jared's father, Jim, is an instructor at the PSTI and assistant chief of the Scranton Fire Department





Grotto Pizza co-founder and major donor, Joseph Paglianite, cuts the ribbon at the dedication of the Joseph A. Paglianite Luzerne County Community College Culinary Institute. Assisting are LCCC Hotel and Restaurant Management chairman Sal Shandra, LCCC President Thomas Leary, and Paglianite's wife, Erma.



Joseph A. Paglianite Culinary Institute Opens

To the delight of culinary aficionados, aspiring chefs and hospitality entrepreneurs, Luzerne County Community College officially opened the Joseph A. Paglianite Culinary Institute for the fall semester. The new facility, located at the corner of Market and Main streets in downtown Nanticoke, welcomed more than 160 students into its modern kitchens and classrooms.

Sal Shandra, chairman of the Hotel and Restaurant Management department at LCCC, along with several of his faculty, developed the layout of the cooking labs and pastry rooms. "I gave my vision, dream, concepts of an educational building that I wish I had as a student attending culinary school," Shandra said.

The new building offers students individualized cooking stations that are equipped with all cooking equipment and gadgets – a pastry lab, a line kitchen with attached dining room, a computer/learning resource center, smart classrooms, two student lounges, rest rooms with lockers and showers.

The Institute also features the Gertrude Hawk

video conferencing and high definition video capabilities, and an auditorium for culinary demonstrations.

The College held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Joseph A. Paglianite Culinary Institute on October 22. Many of those involved in the development and construction of the site spoke to a crowd of College supporters.



Maria Bernardo, Culinary Arts student

Thomas P. Leary, LCCC President, told those gathered that the project would not have been possible without several elected officials and community leaders working together to make it a reality.

"We have truly become an economic and community partner with the City of Nanticoke," Leary stated. "This is a commitment to that future."

Maria Bernardo holds a bachelor's degree in English and is now a third semester culinary arts major at Luzerne County Community College.

> She works for a catering company in Dallas and is attending the College in the evenings to earn a culinary degree and a pastry arts degree. "Food is so much more than something to keep you going through the day," Bernardo said.

Chocolate Room – a climate controlled chocolate/sugar room, and the Kowalski Auditorium and Media Center – a state-of-the-art broadcasting studio with a demonstration kitchen and the latest technology including



"I have been raised to realize that it not only nourishes you, your body, and your mind, but it also nourishes your soul."

She said it was only natural to major in a degree that she is passionate about.

"When I walked into the building for the first time, I was so in awe I nearly choked up. This facility, along with the incredible instructors here, will give any student an edge in the culinary world."

Bernardo hopes to one day to open her own cafe. Shandra says the new facility allows students to learn

> the culinary industry locally instead of having to travel out of the area to become chefs. He receives calls daily from parents asking how their children can enroll in the

program.

"We'll be keeping talent this community," Shandra said. He also envisions more degrees being offered through the program including a leisure and casino management degree.

State Senator, John Yudichak, called the Culinary Arts Institute the best in the entire eastern portion of the United States and thanked the donors and other state and local leaders for their work to make the downtown revitalization possible.

The College plans to open its Health Sciences Center on Main Street in this year just a few buildings away from the Culinary Institute.

The Culinary Arts Institute was named after Grotto Pizza owner, Joseph A. Paglianite, who donated \$1 million to the LCCC Foundation. Paglianite dedicated the building to his parents, Antonio and Mary Paglianite, his siblings, his first wife, and brother-in-law Dominic Pulieri, whom he describes as his mentor.



Students from the Pastry Arts Program show off their confection creations for ribbon cutting ceremony. Both students and LCCC alumni created desserts for the the event.

He said the motto of the Rotary Club International, "Service Above Self," is the way he strives to live his life.

"What ever you can do beyond yourself you do it in the spirit of helping one another. I am excited to give back to the community that has given me so much," Paglianite said.

LCCC also hosted an open house for the community to view the new facility. People attending the dedication and open house toured the two-story structure and treated to demonstrations on cooking techniques, plus various types of food, ranging from

ranging from deserts to dinners.



David Hawk, chairman of the board and director of research and development at Gertrude Hawk Chocolates, and his wife, Ann, meet with Pastry Arts students in the new Gertrude Hawk Chocolate Room.



LCCC students and alumni offer a cooking demonstration in the Kowalski Auditorium and Media Center. The state-of-the-art broadcasting studio and demonstration kitchen features the latest technology including video conferencing and high definition video capabilities. The room is named in recognition of Frank X. Jr. and Carolyn Kowalski, Frank X. Sr. and Sophie T. Kowalski Trust and affiliates.



Honoring our First Responders



Ollege faculty and staff, community members and local dignitaries gathered at the Public Safety Training Institute nine years after the fateful day that changed America forever. The grand opening of the Walk of Honor paid tribute to heroes, both living and deceased, on the anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

Special tribute was paid to Michael Carlo, a New York City firefighter who lost his life in the World Trade Center as he tried to rescue those trapped inside. Michael and his brother Robert grew up in Newport Township and decided to move to New York City in order to chase their dream of working for the prestigious New York Fire Department.

Phyllis Carlo of Wanamie attended in remembrance of her son Michael. With his sacrifice in mind, she established the Firefighter Michael Carlo Memorial Fund through State Senator John Yudichak's Lighthouse Fund. Other contributions came from monies received from the New York Stock Exchange Fallen Heroes Fund. Carlo's donation to Luzerne County Community College helped construct the Walk of Honor.

"I just think he was a hero and he should be remembered," Phyllis Carlo said in an interview with The Times Leader. "He would think it was wonderful. He would probably be smiling from ear to ear and would love all this attention."

"Phyllis Carlo did not want the story to end with Michael's death," said State Senator Yudichak. "While she had every right to be angry, every right to lash out at the world, Phyllis Carlo wanted to build a positive legacy for Michael. She wanted Michael's life and work to inspire others to build a safer, better America."

After the ceremony, in which LCCC President Thomas Leary, John Yudichak and Luzerne County Commissioner Maryanne Petrilla offered remarks, attendees were invited to look at the bricks and plagues that had been dedicated, as well as the time capsule that marks the entrance to the Walk of Honor.

Wooden benches in the memorial allow people to pay their respects or reflect on life as they view the bricks found on raised walls and underfoot. The Walk of Honor is free and open to the public.

The Walk of Honor not only acknowledges those who have served as first responders, but it also serves as a place where members of the LCCC community can honor family members, alumni, friends, and faculty members. Bricks, plagues and benches are still available for purchase. For more information on how to be

a part of the Walk of Honor, please contact the Alumni Office at 570-740-0734.



State Senator John Yudichak, along with Phyllis Carlo, present a check to LCCC President Thomas Leary on behalf of the Firefighter Michael Carlo Memorial Fund through Yudichak's Lighthouse Fund toward the construction of the Walk of Honor.



Local first responders carry the American Flag to its destination at the newly constructed Walk of Honor.







AROUND THE WORLD AND BACK AGAIN

Belinda Coulibaly, age 19, has experienced two different worlds. Born in Manhattan, Kansas, Coulibaly grew up in America until age four. That's when her parents decided to move back to their homeland of the Ivory Coast in West Africa. After growing up learning how to speak English, she now had to learn how to speak the African country's official language, French.

"My father was offered a job teaching back in the Ivory Coast in the math and biology Department in the University there, so we moved back," Coulibaly says. "I had to learn a whole new language and adapt to a new culture."

Coulibaly notes that family is one of the important aspects of Ivorian culture. "In the Ivory Coast, I spent a great deal of time with my family and extended family," she says. "Almost every meal and activity is shared as a family." The oldest of five children, Coulibaly takes on the role of a leader very seriously. "I want to be successful to help guide my siblings in the right path."

After 13 years in Ivory Coast, Coulibaly's father encouraged her to visit the United States to see where she was born. So, in 2008, she returned to the U.S. to stay with her aunt, uncle and their kids. She enrolled at G.A.R. Memorial High School in Wilkes-Barre. "I took a lot of ESL classes to learn English again," she states.

"After my high school graduation, my uncle was driving his car when a radio commercial for Luzerne County Community College came on. The same night, my uncle told me LCCC was a good college and that I should apply there to attend school."

Coulibaly enrolled at LCCC in the Fall of 2009. She chose to pursue a degree in Business Administration. "I chose business because I would like to eventually earn a degree in international business when I transfer to a four-year school."

Her favorite class so far has been business law. "I definitely see myself using the information I learned in this class in my future career."

Although gifted academically, Coulibaly has become highly involved in student activities at LCCC. She was a member of the Business Club, secretary of the Brothers and Sisters in Christ club, and is also the secretary of the Student Government Association.

LCCC President Tom Leary invited Coulibaly to be the student representative on the Board of Trustees. "I enjoy being the voice of the students to the Board. It is a great experience to learn to be a leader from the Trustees, faculty, and students."

Coulibaly says she would like to work with the banking industry to help invest money in community projects such as the construction of schools, hospitals, and other local social endeavors. She would like to stay in the United States for a while to build up experience in the field, but eventually is interested in traveling to Europe. "I would like to work with embassies and do business management work," Coulibaly says.

Once she graduates in May 2011, Coulibaly plans to continue her education at a four-year college or university, but says LCCC will always be special to her.

"At Luzerne, you don't just learn from reading a book, you experience learning."



Meeting the Needs of the Lifelong Learner

e face a world that is rapidly changing. Advances in healthcare translate to longer life spans, and many people can expect to spend up to three decades in retirement. Yet, things are changing for adults over fifty – who come from the generation, we call the "baby boomers" – who are re-defining life as they approach their traditional retirement years. This sweeping demographic shift is having a tremendous impact in the workplace, education and for our society at large.

The National Plus Fifty Initiative, which LCCC is part of, is helping plus fifty adults and the community deal with these changes. Most importantly, it enhances the skills and knowledge of this population through targeted, lifelong learning programs which are offered through the Continuing Education Department.

The Plus50 Initiative, which is coordinated by the Continuing Education Department, has been extremely active since it received an AACC Plus50 grant in 2008. Over 2500 adults, ages 50 and over, have attended classes at the College.

With funding from the grant and collaboration with organizations such as AARP, Generations to Generations, Cross Valley Federal Credit Union, Area Agency on Aging in Luzerne and Wyoming Counties, Luzerne County Career Link, SCORE and the colleges and universities of Luzerne County, the Continuing Education Department has offered a variety of noncredit programs such as computer training classes, Getting Paid to Talk, entrepreneurial skills, phlebotomy, pharmacy technician, nurse aide and Solutions I and II. Solutions I and II were free, full-day events that gathered experts and resources to help job seekers evaluate their careers and land a new job.

In the spring, the Continuing Education Department has scheduled "Solutions III – Money Camp." It's a freefull day program with top financial experts providing interactive workshops, free financial education materials, motivational presentations, resources, plus a free breakfast and lunch for all participants.

These workshops will encourage participants to take a fresh look at their financial outlook and goals. Individuals interested can sign up now for this free program by calling LCCC's Continuing Education Department.

For those wanting to learn a new career or just take a workshop for personal development, the Continuing Education Department offers classes

throughout the year in Phlebotomy, EKG, Pharmacy Technician, Industrial Maintenance Technician, Computer for the Terrified, Victoria Gardens, Floral Design, PA Safety Inspection, and much, much more. Numerous online classes are also offered. Check out their website at www.luzerne.edu/coned or call 1-800-377-5222 ext. 7495 for information on programs offered through LCCC's **Continuing Education** Department.



LCCC sets life course for alum

"If it wasn't for Luzerne County Community College, I wouldn't have gone to college and I wouldn't be where I am today."

Sue Unvarsky `86, is the senior vice president of operations at Prudential Financial. She often praises LCCC for steering her in the right direction to reach her educational and career dreams.

Sue Unvarsky was born and raised in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. Unvarsky was initially encouraged by her family to obtain a "co-op" job her senior year in high school so she could "get a good job." Wanting to further her education instead, her only option (considering her family's financial situation) was to attend Luzerne County Community College, which she pursued in 1984.

"At the time, LCCC was the ONLY choice for me with regard to starting my secondary education, in terms of affordability and flexibility. My professors were excellent teachers, experienced in real world businesses and situations. Most importantly, they were honest with me helping me to grow."

Unvarsky says many of the skills she learned at LCCC help her in her career.

"I speak in public frequently as part of my job," Unvarsky says. "I give presentations, speak in forums, present market updates and meet with clients. The only speech class I ever attended was at the College and the skills I learned in that class have always stayed with me." Unvarsky also credits her base classes in accounting and business law as helpful in understanding dealings with clients and businesses. "When discussing legal and financial implications with attorneys and regulatory agencies, LCCC helped me understand the basics and perspectives that professionals in the legal and financial field have and I can better communicate with those colleagues. As a way to give back to LCCC, Unvarsky joined the Board of Directors of the LCCC Foundation and is currently the organization's president.

Motivated by her early experiences at LCCC, she went on to attend King's College, and graduated May of 1988 with a B.S. in Business Administration.

Unvarsky was hired in June of 1988 by Prudential Retirement to learn the business, and acquire the skills necessary to support the company's relocation to Pennsylvania. Unvarsky was ultimately promoted into a "site lead" role for the Scranton facility, overseeing university relations, community involvement and overall employee relations at the site.

Unvarsky continued to climb the corporate ladder at Prudential from there. In 1998, after being promoted to Director, Unvarsky helped manage the conversion of services for one of Prudential's largest clients, with over \$1.5 billion in assets and nearly 200,000 plan participants.



Sue Unvarsky `86, senior vice president of operations at Prudential Financial

Unvarsky was promoted to Vice President in 1999 and, in 2004, she became Senior Vice President. Handling corporate and tax exempt client services. Unvarsky was made accountable for a staff of nearly 200 employees, located in three different sites including Scranton, Pennsylvania, Dubuque, Iowa and Hartford, Connecticut.

By 2007 Unvarsky joined the Institutional Income Innovation team as Senior Vice President, Operations, and is currently responsible for developing and executing a plan for building a service and operations model to support a new line of retirement income products. She has represented Prudential on numerous industry fronts in this role, including a September, 2010 joint hearing/ testimony in Washington D.C. of the Department of Labor, Department of Treasury and the IRS. This testimony is part of a larger effort to influence changes in the law to make it easier for Americans to retire with more financial security.

Unvarsky obtained her Master of Science degree in Banking and Financial Services from Boston University in May of 2010. She has also served as Prudential Retirement's Executive Sponsor for the Women's Leadership Forum for the past 3 years, and frequently speaks (internally and externally) on topics related to leadership, women's financial security issues and other related topics.

"If I had to do it again, I would do it the exact same way. LCCC helped to prepare me for future educational, as well as career experiences by making it 'real'."

Good-bye "Coach"

ong time Luzerne County Community College basketball coach and Director of Student Activities and Athletics, Jim Atherton passed away at the age of 80 this past December.

"Coach," as he was affectionately known, was not just a basketball coach. He was much more to many people...a husband, father, a grandfather, mentor and friend.

Atherton's wake was a testament to the magnitude of respect he had within the community. Friends, former students, colleagues and family waited more than two hours to pay a final tribute to the basketball legend.

"Everyone always respected him," said Teddi Janosov, who worked as Atherton's assistant for 25 years. "There wasn't a piece of paper in the office – from a napkin to a memo from the school president – that I could turn over and not see a basketball play drawn on it."

Atherton began his coaching career in the mid-1950's at the high school level. He joined LCCC in 1968 and in his first year the team won the first season championship in the Greater Philadelphia Jr. College Conference. The league later merged into the Eastern PA Collegiate Conference.

Atherton left LCCC for a two year period in the early 1980's to coach at Wilkes but returned to the Community College in 1983. In 1990, Atherton was inducted into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame. He remained coach at LCCC until his retirement in 1997. In 2007, Atherton was inducted into the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame.

Under Atherton's leadership LCCC won nine regular season titles, six postseason titles, ten holiday tournaments and along the way recorded a 55-game home winning streak.

His overall coaching record was 651-304 with 459 of those victories happening at LCCC. He was selected as coach



Jim Atherton and his secretary, Teddi Janosov, ready to broadcast an announcement over the PA system. Circa 1985.

of the year 13 times by various organizations and was president of the Eastern PA Collegiate Conference for two terms. LCCC's gymnasium was renamed "James T. Atherton Gymnasium" in his honor during a ceremony in January 2007. LCCC President Thomas P. Leary recalled

fond memories of his friend and colleague of 34 years. "He was a special guy," Leary remarked. "He had so much respect from everyone. Jim had a special relationship with all the students at the college, not just the basketball players or athletes. He was generous with his time

and every manner. He was known as 'Gentleman Jim.' I don't know if there's a higher form of respect then to call someone a true gentleman."

Health Sciences Center Set to Open for Fall 2011 Semester

Luzerne County Community College is pleased to announce that the Health Sciences Center located in downtown Nanticoke will be open for the start of the Fall 2011 semester. Renovations to the building will are expected to be completed in March, and in the following months, all equipment will be installed in anticipation of the grand opening.

"We are looking forward to providing our students in the health sciences with a state-of-the-art facility with the most advanced instructional technology," said Dr. Joseph Grilli, Vice President of Training Institutes, External Affairs and Planning.

Grants will help to ensure that students will be working with cutting-edge equipment. Recently, the College was awarded more than \$1 million dollars through the City of Nanticoke from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development. Additional funds from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and Health Resources and Services Administration will also be used to help defray the cost of equipment. Both the Procter & Gamble Foundation and the Blue Cross Foundation have made donations to purchase supplies for the Dental Clinic.

The LCCC Alumni Association has made a \$125,000 donation to name the lobby of the new building.

With updated educational facilities for health sciences programs, future students will be prepared for high-priority, high-demand careers in health care, including nursing, respiratory therapy, dental health, surgical technology, and emergency medical services.

Dr. Dana Clark, Vice President for Academic Affairs/Provost said, "Our students will be prepared to enter into careers that will provide family sustaining wages. Or they can choose to

take advantage of the articulation agreements we've set up with other colleges and universities."



SCHULMAN GALLERY Upcoming Exhibits

The Schulman Gallery provides 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. 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.

30th Annual Rossetti Exhibit March 6 - April 6 Winning artwork by high school students in the Back Mountain,Tunkhannock and Northwest Areas

Annual Student Show May 6 - July 1 An exhibit of graphics, paintings, photography, computer graphics and portfolios by students of the LCCC Art Department

Pink Ribbon Exhibit July 8 - Aug. 6 Artwork by area artists with a donation to Breast Cancer Awareness Tattoo ArtAug. 12 - Sept. 10Original artwork by area artists donein the style of tattoo art

Photography Exhibit Sept. 16 - Oct. 15 LCCC students, faculty and invited photographers

Old Masters Oct. 21 - Nov. 26 Artwork by students exhibiting the techniques of the Old Masters

Annual Faculty/Alumni Exhibit Dec. 2 - Jan. 7 An exhibit by faculty and invited alumni artists

LCCC's Motorsports Program Roars into National Spotlight

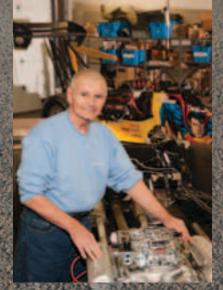
ven though the past few years have been tough economically, graduates of Luzerne County Community College's Motorsports Technology Program have had no trouble finding employment. Thanks to the hands-on nature of coursework and training from instructors who work in the field, students advance directly into the workforce with little need for on-the-iob training

training from instructors who work in the field, students advance directly into the workforce with little need for on-the-job training.
"Any of our students who want a job can get one with a race team or even a technical company," says Bob Komnath, Director of Automotive Technology. The Motorsports Technology Program was recently featured in Drag Racing Action, a national magazine dedicated to everything racing. The article highlighted LCCC's dedication to staying current in the industry and providing those willing to learn with an opportunity to break into the field of drag racing with a competitive edge. As the only two-yeat Associate's program in the country, LCCC is certainly a great fif for anyone interested in this protession.
Because of industry demands and the high cost of educating entry level employees, hiring inexperienced or untrained mechanics is no longer anyotion. In the article, Komnath states that he receives the though LCCC has graduated hundreds, there are still not enough graduates to fill open positions.
Momnath says that more students are choosing to major in both Motorsports Technology and Automotive technology, enabling students to have that much much songer in the assistant crew chief for the Tony Pedergon Quaker State Funny Car team. Danny Degennaro, '99 is Cruz Pedregon's crew chief. Warren Weber, '98 is currently employeed in the Northeast Division of the National Hot Rod Association's Technical Division.

Division of the National Hot Rod Association's Technical Division.

Weber explained that he had been working at his family business in Florida, but he wanted to follow his passion for racing. After placing a few phone calls, he quickly found out how much LCCC stood out.

"The instructors at Luzerne knew exactly what you had to learn in order to be on a race team, and they taught from their own experience," Weber says.



Bob Komnath, Director of LCCC's Automotive Technology Program

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

Community Outreach Dinner and Scholarship Gala raises \$30,000

LCCC Foundation recently hosted the 18th Annual Scholarship Donors and Community Outreach Dinner at the Woodlands Inn and Resort. Nearly 300 scholarship recipients, donors, and community representatives attended the event.

The dinner gives both donors and students an opportunity to meet one another. The donors met the students who received their scholarships and the students had a chance to meet and thank their donors.

Robert Tamburro, spoke on behalf of the donors. Tamburro is the Trustee and General Partner of TFP Limited Real Estate Development. He is also the current Treasurer of the LCCC Foundation Board. His family foundation, the Tambur Family Foundation, endowed an LCCC scholarship. His family chose to endow the scholarship for several reasons, including the quality of LCCC's education, the diverse curriculum, the fact that students remain local to live and work, and as an investment in the community.

Conrad Schintz, Vice President for Community Relationships for Geisinger Health System and member of the LCCC Foundation Board, served as this year's din-



Comedian Tim Walkoe entertained the crowd of 300 with jokes and musical interludes.

ner chairperson. He spoke on the crucial importance of scholarships to help keep our nation in the forefront of innovation in today's competitive global economy and students' need for financial backing to reach strong educational goals.

Sponsors of the event included: First National Community Bank, Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs, Geisinger Health System, and the Cross Valley Federal Credit Union in addition to the many table sponsors.

The dinner helped raise nearly \$30,000. These proceeds will go to provide funding for scholarships, upgrades to instructional technology, and areas of greatest need not funded by other sources.

Alumni win 24th Annual Basketball match-up with students

Congratulations to the Alumni team as they were victorious over the student team in the Alumni Association's 24th Annual Basketball game played in January. The alums squeaked out as the winners with a very close 54-53 decision. The annual game started in 1988 and the alumni team leads the series with 14 wins.

Students and alumni showed off some outstanding moves and had plenty of fun as they took the court in this annual competition. It was a great game! Be sure to join us next year when we have the games' 25th anniversary.



LCCC Alumni Association donates digital monitors

The Luzerne County Community College Alumni Association recently donated new digital monitors to the College.

The monitors were purchased with funds raised during the Alumni Association's annual phonathon. In addition, Dave '72 and Joy '84 Kozemchak, also contributed the funds to the Alumni Association for the purchase of one of the new monitors. The monitors have replaced the previous campus message system. Each monitor provides news, weather, class cancellations, campus bulletins, and photos from recent College events.

Shown with one of the new monitors are, from left -- Mia Bassham, Director of Learning Resources; Dave Kozemchak'72, donor and media technologist, Melissa Taney '03 secretary, marketing, and president, LCCC Alumni Association; Don Nelson '87, Chief Technology Officer; Thomas P. Leary, president; Bonnie Brennan Lauer '87, director, alumni relations.



LCCC Foundation elects new officers and board of directors

The Luzerne County Community College Foundation's Board of Directors has elected new officers who will serve a one year term in 2011. Susan E. Unvarsky '86, Senior Vice President of Client Services for Prudential Financial, was elected President of the Board. James Burke, Senior Vice President/Regional Executive for Luzerne Bank, will serve as First Vice President; Robert Tamburro, Vice President of TFP LTD Real Estate Development as Second Vice President; Robert Stanley, Financial Advisor for Merrill Lynch will serve as Treasurer and Judith Aita, owner of Company's Coming, was elected Executive Secretary.

In addition, the Foundation has announced the appointment of five new members to the Board: Jeff Helsel, Nuclear Plant Manager and Vice President of Nuclear Operations at PPL Susquehanna, LLC; Gregory Martz '00, President and CEO of Martz Technologies; Greg Mascioli, Eastern Insurance Group; Melissa Taney '03, President LCCC Alumni Association; and Carl Witkowski III, Chief Operating Officer of Kentrel, Inc.







Susan E. Unvarsky



Robert Tamburro

Robert Stanley

Alumni Association expands









The members of the Alumni Association recently elected five new members to the Board of Directors. New members are Patricia Besermin '08; Brenda Dill '97; Holly Evanoski '05; Susan Gilroy-King '10; and Ann Marie Schraeder '07. In addition, four new officers were elected to the executive leadership for the 2011-14 term. New officers are Melissa Williams Taney '03, President; Lisa Owens '97, Vice President; Ann Marie Schraeder '07, Treasurer and Holly Evanoski '05 Secretary.

Melissa Taney

Lisa Owens

Ann Marie Schraeder Holly Evanoski

Alumni Class Notes

<u>1970</u>

Joseph Cook (Graphic Design) recently retired from the Department of Corrections after 20 years of service. He and his wife, Kim, have been married for 35 years and reside in Edwardsville. They have a daughter, Kimberly Ann.

1979

Ann Marie Schraeder (Early Childhood Education) earned her Bachelors of Arts in Business Administration degree with a minor in Marketing from Misericordia

Marketing from Misericordia University in May 2010. She has been employee by LCCC since October 1994 and is the Assistant to the



Executive Director of Resource Development. Ann Marie also

earned an associate degree in Business Management in 1997 and an associate degree in Office Management and Microcomputer Specialist in 2007. She resides in Glen Lyon with her husband Jim and their two daughters Amanda and Kristin Schraeder '07. Ann Marie is active with the LCCC Alumni Association and serves as its treasurer.

1983

Dennis Redding (Science) was recently named Chief of the Computer Service and Repair Branch, Command, Control, Computer / Avionics Directorate at the Tobyhanna Army Depot. In this position, he supervises employees who work with diverse electronic equipment and systems. Dennis also holds a professional license from the Federal Communications Commission in general radiotelephone with naval ship radar endorsement.

1984

Dr. Deborah Vilegi-Peters MHA BSN (Surgical Technology) earned her Ph.D. in Organization and Management from the school of business and technology at Capella University in Minneapolis, MN in the spring of 2010. "Dr. Deb" was hired at LCCC in January 2010 as the Director of Surgical Technology. She states that she is, "excited to be returning to LCCC where I attained a solid foundation to build upon. I have had excellent teaching experiences in the past year and I look forward to the possibilities of the coming year." Deb lives in Mountaintop with her husband, Dave, and twin boys, Adam and Alex.

John Bonin (Science) is the manager of business development and territory sales for Jiffy Products of America. He is responsible for direct product and sales initiatives and managing and developing new market introductions. John continued his education at Wilkes University earning his bachelor's degree and his MBA. He and his wife, Tara, are the parents of two sons, Ryan, 7, and Jak, 5. They reside in Harding.

1990

Leanne Kaufman (General Studies) and her husband, Scott, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in November 2010. She is a Community Health Nurse and a Registered Nurse at Sun Home Health and Hospice. The Kaufman's are the parents of two daughters and reside in Williamsport.

John V. Morris III (Business Administration) is a Licensed Funeral Director with John V. Morris Funeral Homes. After attending LCCC, he continued his studies at the Simmons Institute of Funeral Service in Syracuse NY. He is a fourth generation mortician in the family run business that recently celebrated its 96th year. In addition, he served two terms as president of the Luzerne County Funeral Directors Association and is the immediate past district governor of the Pennsylvania Funeral Directors Association. John and his wife, Helena, reside in Wilkes-Barre with their two sons, John and Richard.

1996

Charles (Chuck) Mazzarella (Hu-

man Services) has published a book entitled *The Lion Shares* which is a collection of short stories and poems. The book was written while he was serving in Iraq with the US Army. While there he was able to use his human services training and serve as a counselor for the service men and women. His book is available locally through Barnes & Nobles, Wilkes-Barre



and online at www.thelionshares.com and www.storystar.com.

1998

Janet Kaczmarczyk (Business Administration) earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Professional Studies from Misericordia University in May 2010. She has worked at LCCC for 10 years and is a secretary in the Career Services Department. Janet and her husband, John, reside in Mountain Top and have a son, Eric '09 who is currently serving in the US Navy.





Heather M. Nestorick (Business Administration) earned her Masters of Business Administration from Strayer University in June 2009. Her thesis was on the Sarbanes Oxley Act and its cost to public companies. Prior to earning her MBA she completed her bachelor's degree at Wilkes University. Heather is self-employed and resides in Nanticoke.

2000

Matthew Toucheloskie (Computer Systems Technology) married Tara Cronin on September 11, 2010. He is employed by Dietz and Watson Inc., Philadelphia. Following a honeymoon in Montego Bay, Jamaica, the couple resides in Philadelphia.

2002

Lisa Joseph (Business Administration) joined Lewith & Freeman in their Mountaintop sales office. With more than five years of experience she is a residential agent for buyers and sellers. In addition to holding a degree from LCCC she graduated from the Pennsylvania Real Estate Academy. Lisa resides in Mountaintop with her husband, Larry, and their two children.



Jason Maciejczak (Electrical Construction) married Melanie Lynn Borish in June 2010. Jason is an electrician for Leonard Crawford Electric. Following a honeymoon to Ocho Rios, Jamaica, the couple resides in Swoyersville.

Paul Shaw (Journalism) and Nicole Caterino were united in marriage at the Scranton Cultural Center at The Masonic Temple. Paul is employed by Entercom Communications. Following a wedding trip to Key West, FL the couple resides in Wilkes-Barre.

Jim Walck (Horticulture Technology) is the owner and operator of Jim Walck Lawn & Shrub Service, Drums. He recently had his work featured on "Extreme Makeover Home Edition" on ABC TV for a needy family in Berks County. Locally Jim is on the board of directors for the Center for Landscape Design and Stewardship and he also serves on the board and membership committee for the Pennsylvania Landscape & Nursery Association.

Michael Berish (Electrical Construction) and Katrina

O'Day 'O6 (Human Services) were united in marriage on May 14, 2010. Michael is a journeyman electrician for PPL Electric. Katrina also earned her bachelor's degree in Social Work from Misericordia University and her master's degree in Social Work from Marywood University. She is a social worker for Mountain View Care Center in Scranton. The couple honeymooned aboard an eastern Caribbean cruise in June and resides in Kingston.

Rebecca Bría (Journalism) joined Pride Mobility Products, Exeter, as a Writing/Editing Assistant In June 2010. Rebecca previously worked for three years as a staff writer for *The Dallas Post/The Times Leader*. She also earned a bachelor's degree in communication studies from Wilkes University in 2007.



2006

Frank Owens (General Studies) was interviewed by Tara Gadomski of BBC Radio which was broadcasted on BBC Outlook in December 2010. The story focused on his living with Alzheimer's disease, graduation from LCCC and his recently published book entitled *My Writings, My Memories: Short Stories, True Stories, Thoughts and Poems.* To purchase his book visit his website at www.frank-owens.com.

Anthony S. Parlatore (Business Management) was recently promoted to Safety Coordinator for amazon.com, Hazleton. In this new position he must ensure the safety of all facility associates and that all standards based on Amazon, Kaizen and OSHA policies are implemented.

2007

Patrice Rimbey (Nursing) has been named program coordinator of the Penn State Hazleton Practical Nursing Program. Throughout her health care career, Patrice has served in a variety of positions including medical laboratory technician, registered nurse, clinical coordinator and director of surgical services. She has also been an instructor at Lehigh Carbon Community College and has developed educational programs for nurses as part of her duties as a clinical coordinator. Patrice earned her bachelor's degree in Nursing from Wilkes University where she is currently pursuing her master's degree.

2008

Judy Gumina (General Studies) graduated magna cum laude with a degree in Business Administration from Misericordia University in May 2010. She also recently earned her AINS (associate in general insurance) designation through the Insurance Institute of America. Judy is currently enrolled in the master's program at Misericordia pursuing a degree in Organizational Management. She works at LCCC in the payroll department. She lives in Newport Township with her husband, Ted, daughter and son-in-law Stef and Kevin and their two cats, Hermione and Lewis and dog, Abbey.

2010-2011 Events Calendar

March 20, 2011: Alumni Association Afternoon Out, Wilkes-Barre Penguins vs Charlotte Checkers, 3:05 p.m.

April 4, 2011 – April 13, 2011: Alumni Association Phonathon, Educational Conference Center

May 7, 2011: 12th Annual Alumni Flea Market & Collectible Show, ECC 8 am - 2 pm. Over 50 vendors selling wares and collectables.

May 9, 2011: Alumni Association Meeting, 5:30 p.m. Campus Center, second floor, Alumni Room (#214)

May 13, 2011: Dental Health Alumni Day, Educational Conference Center Topic: Oral Cancer • Fee to attend • Event chair: Barbara Montante `83

May 19, 2011: Computer Information System Third Annual Alumni Mixer, Bar Louie - Mohegan Sun • Event organizer: Shirley Yanovich, CIS department chairperson

Announcements

May 24, 2011: Graduate Reception, Educational Conference Center • 6:00-8:00 pm

May 26, 2011: Commencement Ceremony, Mohegan Sun Arena • 6:00 pm

June 5, 2011: Antique Automobile Club of America Car Show, Main Campus, Iower parking Lots

September 11, 2011: Walk of Honor Dedication Ceremony • To purchase a brick contact the Alumni Office

October 15, 2011: 22nd Annual Alumni Craft Festival, Main Campus • 10 am – 4 pm. Juried craft festival • Interested artisans may contact the Alumni Office to be added to the mailing list.

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

Attention all health sciences grads! We are planning an alumni celebration and reunion when the new health sciences building opens its doors this fall. More information will be mailed to you on the event this spring. If you are a graduate of dental health, emergency medical services, nursing, respiratory therapy or surgical technology we need your help! We are looking for graduates to serve on the planning committee, submit memorabilia from the program and more. To sign up please contact Bonnie Lauer, director of Alumni Relations at 570-740-0734 or email blauer@luzerne.edu. Hope to hear from you!

Retirees/Career Moves

The following members of the faculty, administration, and staff have retired from the College since the last issue of "The Bridge" was published. We wish them well in their future endeavors.

Joseph Clark, Director of Student Activities and Athletics, 7 years of service Roland George, Custodian, 12 years of service Kathleen Heltzel '80, Business Faculty, 24 years of service Russel Yurcha

Thomas Tengowski, Security Guard, 20 years of service Russel Yurchak, Custodian, 17 years of service

In Memoriam

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

LCCC Graduates

Thomas D. Amos '88 (Social Science) Kenneth Barto '87 (Social Science) Gregory E. Bartoli '90 (Real Estate Management) Mary Caruso '87 (Human Services) Stephen Feeko Jr. '82 (Business Administration) Elaine Gazek '04 (Computer Information Systems) John Harowicz '76 (Architectural Engineering) Mary Herbert '97 (Business Management) Nikki Hertzog '02 (CA Graphic Design) Rebecca Gerzarowski Jacobs '75 (Business Management) Jeffrey Janosky '05 (Electrical Construction) Maria Jeringa '00 (General Studies) George Kucirka Jr. '92 (Plumbing/Heating Technology) Christopher Konieski '98 (Health/Physical Education) Jen Sanderson '09 (Social Science) Jennie Spangler '94 (Legal Assisting) D. Michael Steele '93 (General Studies) Donald Whitt '84 (Plumbing/Heating Technology) Terri Zelenack '71 (Education) Nicholas Znak '91 (CA Painting Illustration)

Former LCCC Faculty and/or Staff

James Atherton, Director, Student Activities & Athletics Dr. Eugene D. Miller, Professor, Science

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Several gift options are available to you for making a financial contribution to LCCC. They include: a pledge, an outright contribution by cash, check or charge (Mastercard, Visa or Discover), securities (stocks, bonds or mutual funds) and a planned gift (bequest and charitable trust arrangement) through the Heritage Society. For more information, or to make a gift, contact the Alumni Office at (800) 377-LCCC, ext. 7734 or at 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.

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Beth Solomon (Nursing) and Troy Barnett were united in marriage in May 2010. Beth is employed by Heartland Hospice as a Registered Nurse Case Manager. The couple honeymooned in St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands. They reside in Hanover Township.

Sean Thibodeault (Emergency Medical Services) was recently named the Emergency Medical Director of Sullivan County. He is also the Captain and Vice President of the Mildred Volunteer Fire Company and is a Nationally Certified Fire Fighter 1, National Registered Paramedic, and earned Department of Health Certifications in Basic and Special Vehicle Rescue. Prior to accepting this position he was employed as a Paramedic for Memorial Hospital, Towanda. He currently resides in Cherry Township.

Donna Donovan (Nursing) was recently named the Director of Nursing for ManorCare in Pottsville where she has worked for more than a decade. She is also a graduate of Wilkes-Barre Vocational Technical School with her LPN degree. She is continuing her education at Misericordia University pursuing a bachelor's degree in nursing. **Brandon Sheperis** (Computer Information Systems) earned his Masters of Business Administration in Information Assurance from the University of Dallas in December 2010. He is also an alumnus of Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania where he earned his Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Systems in 2008. He is married to the former Heather Griffiths who graduated from LCCC in 2006 with an associate degree in science. Brandon recently accepted a job offer with Hewlett Packard in Austin, TX.

David Slusser (Electrical Engineering) and Amanda Sarge were united in marriage recently. David is an Installation Technician for Metrocast Communications. After honeymooning in Walt Disney World the couple resides in Berwick.

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Kelly Herman (Computer Information Systems) married Nicholas Baker in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, in May 2010. The bride is employed by Geisinger. The newlyweds reside in Elysburg.

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