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About the cover: Stephen Poremba found his career path at LCCC and now heads the area's largest sports and entertainment venue - Mohegan Arena.

LCCC...There is no better story

When I gaze out of my office window at Luzerne County Community College (LCCC), memories of my childhood and the ambitions they sparked come flooding back. Born and raised in northeastern Pennsylvania, my journey from the front porch of my family home in Plymouth Township to the president's office at LCCC is a testament to my dedication and vision for our community.

On July 1, 2024, I commenced my tenure as the eighth President of Luzerne County Community College, the largest and most accessible institution of higher education and workforce development in Northeastern Pennsylvania. With a public career spanning 24 years in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives and the Pennsylvania State Senate, I am poised to drive LCCC into a future marked by innovation and community enrichment.

My extensive background in public service has equipped me with a profound understanding of the region's needs. My tenure as a state senator was marked by significant community and economic development projects, earning northeastern Pennsylvania recognition as the number one region in the state for job creation and private investment. I am committed to advancing the mission of LCCC and empowering a whole new generation of students to start their remarkable success stories here at Luzerne County Community College.

Innovative Programs and Community Partnerships

LCCC is not resting on the laurels of its impressive legacy, it is aggressively expanding its service to students and the communities of northeastern Pennsylvania with cutting-edge programs to meet the demands of a 21st century economy. New offerings, such as Advanced Manufacturing, Game Art & Design, and Cyber Security and Networking, are tailored to meet the evolving demands of the workforce. The new Micro-Credential Certification Program at LCCC will allow students to go here, go fast, and go far on an innovative educational pathway to a



John Yudichak
LCCC President

high-demand, high paying career. Additionally, new initiatives, like the LCCC Career and Technology Academy, will deliver high quality, affordable college credit courses to underserved high school students in the region's career and technical schools.

The Role of Alumni and Community

The graduates of Luzerne County Community College embody the legacy and success of our institution. Their achievements and contributions reflect the quality of education and the opportunities that LCCC provides. Engaging with our alumni is crucial to our mission, they offer valuable insights in support to our current students, and their stories of success inspire new generations and reinforce the impact of an LCCC education.

We are dedicated to fostering a strong relationship with our alumni base, local businesses, organizations, and residents to ensure the college remains a vital resource for the region. Community support helps us identify emerging needs, improve our programs, and

create opportunities that benefit both our students and the broader community. Together, LCCC's alumni and community partners will play a pivotal role in driving the success of Luzerne County Community College.

Challenges and Opportunities Ahead

As I navigate my new role, I acknowledge the challenges facing colleges and universities today. Changing demographics and rapidly changing technological advancements are challenging the financial sustainability of the entire landscape of higher education. I am confident, however, that the resilient spirit of LCCC's trustees, faculty, staff, alumni, and most of all, our inspiring students will adapt and thrive in the years to come ensuring the financial stability of the college to support future generations.

Looking Forward

Reflecting on my journey, I often share my personal connection to LCCC's mission. As the first in my family to attend college, I understand the transformative power of education. My commitment to providing a debt-free college pathway for students in northeastern Pennsylvania is a driving force behind my presidency.

The future of Luzerne County Community College is one that embraces innovation, community, and a relentless pursuit of educational excellence. For Luzerne County Community College, community is in our name, community is in our mission, and stronger communities are what we are committed to building in northeastern Pennsylvania. Luzerne County Community College is the workforce development engine that fuels the regional economy by developing programs and graduating skilled, educated workers that meet the changing demands of industry.

For more than half a century, LCCC has been the place where students can go to get a quality education at an affordable price. I am proud and honored to work with the great faculty and staff at LCCC, along with an exceptional Board of Trustees, to continue the inspiring educational story of Luzerne County Community College, an educational legacy that has empowered students to achieve their career dreams and transformed the economic future of the communities of northeastern Pennsylvania.



Top three images: John Yudichak is sworn in as LCCC's newest president during his inauguration event. Image above, Yudichak signs an articulation agreement with King's College. Image left, Yudichak reads to the Head Start children at the center at Main Campus.



LCCC Hosts Business Symposium

Recently, the Luzerne County Community College Business Club hosted a Fall Business Symposium on the College's Main Campus. The Business Symposium provides an opportunity for Luzerne County Community College business students to connect with local business professionals and learn about their career paths, important issues in their professions, and current trends in the business environment.

The program featured Clarence Baltrusaitis, President & CEO of NET Credit Union, Jerry Lisman, Chairman & CEO of Lisman Holdings, and Armand Mascioli, President & CEO of Grotto Pizza Restaurants.



Shown are, from left:

First row: Bethany Stolz, GiaNina Larson, Monica Wells, Esha Patel, Yanitsa Gonzalez, Christine Ramos, Abigail Kush, and Ashley Santos.

Second row: Dr. Gary Mrozinski, department chair for business, LCCC; Edwin Mercado, Clarence Baltrusaitis, president and CEO, NET Credit Union; Jerry Lisman, chairman and CEO, Lisman Holdings; John Yudichak, president, LCCC; Mackenzie Salmonsens, president, Business Club, LCCC; Kelsey Kulak, Ashley Faux, Gabrielle Darden, and Dania Hernandez.

Third row: John Sedlak, faculty, LCCC; Brandon Gaizick, treasurer, Business Club, LCCC; Logan Jasnosi, Christian Howard, Jason Perdomo, Ricky Kokas, faculty, LCCC; Jayden Reedy, secretary, Business Club, LCCC; and Alex Cimoichowski.

LCCC College's Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences and the Literacy Committee help Head Start with Holiday Gifts

For the 7th consecutive year, faculty and staff of Luzerne County Community College supported the children of Luzerne County Head Start with holiday gifts. Coordinated by the College's Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences and the Literacy Committee, well over 300 children have received 1000's of gifts since the program's inception.

Shown are, from left, first row – Bonnie Lauer, director, Alumni Relations; Lori Shemanski, reference librarian, Library; Carmelitta Oakley, academic assistant; Dr Rachael Talpash, assistant professor, Social and Behavioral Sciences; Amanda Rodriguez Rogers, assistant professor, Social and Behavioral Sciences; and Richille Smith, adjunct professor, Social and Behavioral Sciences.

Second row – Heidi Birkel, family worker, Luzerne County Head Start; Dr. Janis Wilson Seeley, professor, Social and Behavioral Sciences; Sam Joseph, professor, Social and Behavioral Sciences; Dr. Kate Zielinski, professor, Social and Behavioral Sciences; and Katie Hrivnak, center manager, Luzerne County Head Start.



LCCC Cross Country Athlete selected for All-Region Team

LCCC cross country athlete Danna Saccone finished second overall at the Eastern Pennsylvania Athletic Conference (EPAC) Championship race and finished fifth overall at the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Region XIX Championship. She was also selected to the All-Region 19 Cross Country Team.

Shown are, from left: John Yudichak, president, LCCC; Danna Saccone, cross country athlete, LCCC; Miranda Costa, MS, Fitness Center staff, associate professor, Health and Physical Education, and head coach, Cross Country, LCCC; and Tyler Russell, director, Student Life and Athletics, LCCC.



AllOne Foundation and Charities presents \$82,500 grant for healthcare simulation mannequin

Recently, AllOne Foundation and Charities presented an \$82,500 grant to Luzerne County Community College to support the purchase of an interprofessional healthcare simulation mannequin. The state-of-the-art mannequin allows for students in multiple disciplines to collaboratively prepare for careers in various healthcare professions.

From the left first row: Dr. Karen Rainey, Director of Dental, LCCC; Sondra Ferraro, Director of Surgical Technology, LCCC; Lisa Babbish, EMS, LCCC; John Yudichak, President, LCCC; John Cosgrove, AllOne CEO; Mary Carroll Donahoe, AllOne Chief Program Officer; Susan Koronkiewicz, Dean of Nursing and Health Sciences; Dr. Mary Lou D'Allegro, Vice President, Academic Affairs; LCCC; Lori Totten, LCCC Foundation
Second row: JoAnne Yuhas, LCCC Foundation; John Conrad, Director of Respiratory Therapy, LCCC; Jacob Rose, Faculty, Nursing, LCCC; Mark Ercolani, Director of EMS Program, LCCC; Jesse Ergott, AllOne Chief Compliance Officer; Nora Kern, AllOne Program Officer; Vince Pepe, Faculty, Respiratory Therapy, LCCC; Nicole Chisman, Director Clinical Education, Respiratory Therapy, LCCC; Rebecca Brominski, LCCC Foundation



Dzien Dobry! Welcome to NEPA'rogi

Polish heritage is deeply ingrained in Northeast Pennsylvania. In fact, Luzerne County is the only county in the United States where an abundance of residents have Polish ancestry. Lauren Gorney, a local entrepreneur and owner of NEPA'rogi in Nanticoke, embodies this heritage. Following the loss of her grandmother in 2017, she and her brother took a trip to Poland that inspired her to open a shop dedicated to hand-pinched pierogi.

Gorney, a 2010 Journalism graduate of Luzerne County Community College, opened her hand-pinched pierogi shop in 2020. Before the idea of pierogi even existed, Gorney's family were grocers, and that experience led her to her first entrepreneurial job.

"I grew up with my grandparents in that house where the store was," she recalls. "I would have a dog treat baking business one day, and I'd be selling Wegmans candy to kids the next. I always had an entrepreneurial spirit which was why

after the trip to Poland, I came home and started writing a business plan for a Polish food business".

Raised in Glen Lyon, educated on Kosciuszko Street (named after the Polish War Hero, Thaddeus Kosciuszko) and a graduate of LCCC, she was able to build a career in a 5-mile radius and defied the "leave town" advice.

"Growing up, everyone told me that I had to leave town to become something," she recalls. "Maybe one day, I'll have a second home or relocate in my retirement. But I've been able to build a fulfilling life in my hometown".

Gorney always knew she was going to attend LCCC. Her parents, who attended and met at LCCC in the 80's, set the foundation for higher education in her family.

"My parents went for an associate's degree and certification and because in the 80's they were able to do that, they raised children that had the opportunity to at least start where they started," she explains. "So LCCC set the foundation

in the 80's for higher education in my family and the expectations. And because of the affordability, it was a no-brainer to at least start there".

Gorney credits the Communication Arts faculty for her connections made through her internships that opened doors.

"I built my connections through intercollegiate leadership and internship opportunities through the communications department with Ed Ackerman and Andy Petonak," she says. "The professors and the staff helped me to get an internship at 98.5 KRZ, Froggy 101, and an internship with John Yudichak, who was in the House of Representatives at the time. They saw potential in me, and they were generous enough to introduce me to their network and it took off from there".

Gorney chose communications after finding it a natural fit. She now thrives on having interpersonal interactions with her customers every day.

"People called me Julie from "The Love Boat" when I was little and I didn't know what it meant for the longest time, but I like getting to know people and, in this business, I get to do this with customers every day," she explains. "Then they share their stories which fuels me to keep going on the days I'm very tired because the food that we make isn't just food, it's a taste of home".

Gorney is not only an LCCC alum, but she is also a current business professor at the college. She values the unique perspective gained from both her student and teacher experiences.

"I never thought I'd be teaching college," she says with a chuckle. "I love that I've had the unique opportunity to be a student in the alumni side of things, in fundraising, administration and now, as an adjunct instructor is like the full higher ed experience".

In May, Gorney is traveling back to Poland and of course, she plans to learn how to make an authentic Polish hand-pinched pierogi but knows she must be humble.

"We're going to attend a farm-to-table pierogi pinching class," she says. "I'm probably going to get shown up. I'm going to be very humble because it's near the hometown of my ancestors. It's in the region, so I'm there to learn".

Can she speak Polish?

"I do speak Polish and I'm learning more," she explains. "I can speak it and read it, but I don't understand it. I used to be able to sing the Polish national anthem when I was a little girl. I was taught it as a party trick, but I don't remember it," she says with a chuckle.

A piece of baking equipment sits in her office, but it requires a unique form of repair. "It comes from Warsaw," she says. "They won't speak to me virtually; they want me to come in. So, while we're in Warsaw, I'll be getting it repaired".

Reflecting on her LCCC experience, Gorney emphasizes the significant influence the college had on her professional development.

"Because LCCC was able to provide both the foundational education I needed in media and communications, plus tasking me with the challenges to grow outside of my comfort zone and interview people, plus the newer technology where we were headed, it was a perfectly packaged education that I could take wherever my next step would be".



Lauren Gorney, '10 stands in front of the logo of her popular hand pinched pierogi business.



Jasmyne Morgans, '24, an LCCC graduate in Business Management, prepares pierogies at their store in downtown Naticoke.

ALUMNI EVENTS CALENDAR



SCAN ME

The members of the LCCC Alumni Association hold a variety of events throughout the year. These events are open to our community, and we welcome everyone to get involved. Whether you're interested in shopping, golfing, playing bingo, or learning a little more about your career we hope that you can join us!

The Alumni Association meets five times per year and is open to all graduates to attend. Please contact the Alumni Office for details on our events at 570-740-0734 or blauer@luzerne.edu.

LCCC ALUMNI CASH BINGO

April 27, 2025

Campus Center

Time to SPRING into another CASH BINGO event! Our CASH Bingo includes 20 games, specials, basket auction, 50/50, bake sale, food & more. DJ Rob Sax '22 will be our caller and will entertain while awarding CASH prizes!

The Bingo will be in the Campus Center, Building 14, Trailblazer Café. Seating is limited and tickets will not be sold at the door. Tickets are \$25/each. Tables of 8 or more can be reserved. Doors open at 11:30 AM. Food and drink will be available for purchase. Parking is available in the nearby lots (A & B).

26TH ANNUAL LCCC DENTAL HEALTH ALUMNI DAY

May 9, 2025 8:30 am – 3:30 pm

LCCC Educational Conference Center, Nanticoke

Featured Speaker: Jaime Murphy, RDH

A Look At Infection Control: The Art Of Seeing What You Don't See and Medical Emergencies: Are You Ready?

11TH ANNUAL ALUMNI GOLF TOURNAMENT

May 19, 2025

Blue Ridge Golf Club

The tournament includes catered lunch, swag bag, GPS cart, 18 holes of golf, reception and buffet dinner. Contests include flight winners, men & women longest drive, straightest drive, door prizes and more! This event sold out last year so please be sure to register early! A portion of the proceeds will support the Teddi Janosov Memorial Scholarship.

27TH ANNUAL ALUMNI FLEA MARKET & COLLECTIBLES SHOW

Saturday, June 14, 2025 8:00 am – 1:00 pm

(rain date: Sunday, June 15, 2025)

Hi Lites Motor Club car cruise

10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Held in the LCCC Educational Conference Center Parking Lot, Main Campus, Nanticoke

Featuring over 50 vendors participating selling a wide variety of flea market & household items, collectibles, crafts, direct sales, food trucks and more! Includes basket auction, raffles and more. Contact the alumni office for information on how you can become a vendor for this event!

36TH ANNUAL CRAFT FESTIVAL

October 18, 2025 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

James Atherton Gymnasium and Campus Center, Main Campus, Nanticoke

This Festival is a longstanding tradition that features nearly 150 artisans and food vendors and draws people from throughout our region to shop at this one-day event. Includes basket auction, raffles and more. Contact the alumni office for information on how you can become a vendor or volunteer for this event!

For more information on all alumni events visit www.luzerne.edu/alumni or call 570-740-0734

Bon Voyage

LCCC graduates, friends and family members sailed aboard the Norwegian Joy to Bermuda in June 2024. The group enjoyed time aboard the ship as well as multiple days in Bermuda.

The Association hosts bus trips and other outings throughout the year. In addition, plans are underway for a group trip to the beautiful Emerald Isle, Ireland in the summer of 2026! To sign up for additional information on Alumni travel please visit www.luzerne.edu/alumni and click on the travel tab.



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FROM CAPE VERDE TO COMMUNITY POLICING: OFFICER KATIA HARRIS'S AMERICAN JOURNEY

When Katia Harris first arrived in America from Cape Verde in 2013, she carried with her a dream that seemed almost impossible at the time: to attend college in the United States. Today, she patrols the streets of Duryea, Pennsylvania, as their newest police officer, embodying the very essence of the American dream while breaking barriers as a multilingual female officer in law enforcement.

"Honestly, coming to Luzerne County Community College was one of the best choices I've ever made since I came to America," Harris reflects, her voice filled with genuine enthusiasm. "It opened my mind. It gave me a better insight to help me understand this society. I was kind of like in a box until I came to the college and in exploring my mind, I was like, wow, this is not that bad." Harris's journey began on the western coast of Africa, in Cape Verde, an archipelago of ten islands where she worked at an airport information desk while pursuing a degree in translation. "I went to college and was working, but it was so hard I couldn't even finish it," she recalls. "It was supposed to be four years... I only attended two years because my job wasn't paying very well."

Unable to balance work and studies in her home country, she made the bold decision to seek opportunities in America, landing first in Scranton, Pennsylvania, where her uncle resided. "My main reason to come to America was to go to college," Harris explains. "For some reason, I fell in love with the English. I was taking English in high school in my country. I was like, wow, it's amazing. I wish I could go to America."

Harris started in the service industry, working two jobs – one at Longhorn Steakhouse and another at EDM. It was a chance friendship with a coworker that would alter the trajectory of her life, encouraging her to pursue higher education.

At Luzerne County Community College, Harris first earned an associate degree in Human Services, followed by one in Criminal Justice. The progression wasn't random – each step was part of a larger vision to serve her community. "I kind of see, they both were like helping your community," she explains. "But then I wanted to help in a different way. When it comes to people in trouble, I wanted to help them."

What makes Harris's achievement even more remarkable is that law enforcement had been her passion since childhood, though she initially doubted her capabilities due to language barriers. "Being in law enforcement was my passion since I was younger, I just didn't think it would be possible," she admits. "While I was

coming to school for Human Services, I was interacting with the criminal justice students, I was like, wow, I wish I could take criminal justice, but I don't think I'm capable enough because of my English."

Her success story is also a testament to the power of mentorship. Harris speaks warmly of her instructors, particularly Andrea Pabon and Bob Boyer, who provided not just education but encouragement and ongoing support. "Andrea taught me a lot," Harris says. "She helped me understand society and then for me to keep on growing because she shares so much knowledge." About Boyer, she adds, "He keeps pushing me. Even after I graduate, when I text him for help while working as a police officer, he helps me."

Now a patrol officer with the Duryea Police Department, Harris describes her daily duties with pride: "You patrol the areas, if you see a violation, you stop people, you speak to them. If you get a call to a house for some incidents, you go to people's house, and you try to solve the issue... It's been amazing so far. I'm still learning, and I would say it's so much to learn in law enforcement."

Her multilingual abilities have become a valuable asset to the department. "Sometimes if it's not in my town, they call me to help them out with translation," she explains. "Sometimes when they stop somebody that doesn't speak English or somebody they pulled over because they got lost... it's just amazing being able to help."

For Harris, Northeastern Pennsylvania has become more than just a place of residence – it's home. "I got so familiar to this place," she reflects. "Even when I go back to Africa, I try to go home twice a year, and after like a week, I miss America. This area is like my second home to me. I know so many people. I have a job here. I feel very comfortable."

Her advice to others, particularly women interested in law enforcement, comes from a place of experience and passion: "We really need a lot of females in this field," she emphasizes. "If you really want to help people, this is a great field. You'll be helping people in a good way."

Harris's journey from Cape Verde to becoming Officer Harris of the Duryea Police Department stands as a testament to perseverance, the power of education, and the continuing vitality of the American dream.



Alan Stout touts Luzerne County & Luzerne County Community College

From being an English and Social Studies teacher to a Music and Entertainment columnist to now the Executive Director at the Luzerne County Visitors Bureau, Luzerne County Community College alumni Alan Stout has done it all.

A 1987 LCCC graduate with an associate's degree in education, Stout went on to earn his bachelor's degree from King's College. He began his career as a substitute teacher at his alma mater, Wyoming Valley West, where he experienced the unique transition from student to colleague.

"I was substituting in most of the school districts in the Valley, but I did most of my work at Wyoming Valley West, which was my Alma Mater," said Stout. "It was interesting because I'm only 21 years old and some of my favorite teachers in Social Studies, which were part of the reason I wanted to become a Social Studies teacher, it wasn't that long ago that I was in their classroom four years earlier and then I got to work with them as a colleague."

This student-turned-teacher experience repeated itself when he taught four semesters at LCCC between 2009-2011 in the English department, working alongside his former English teacher, David Stout. "I remember the first day he took role when I was in his class, he was going around the room and he said to me 'like the name' because we have the same last name but no relation at all," said Stout with a chuckle. "Mr. Stout was not only a colorful, wonderful teacher that I had as a student, but I got to work with him. Once again, I went from being the student to the colleague."

During his substitute teaching career, Stout began freelancing as a writer in 1992, contributing articles to local newspapers. In the spring of 1993, he secured a full-time position at the Times Leader, starting as a feature writer, columnist, and editor before advancing to become an entertainment writer, music editor, and columnist.

Throughout these years, Stout interviewed countless Hall of Fame rock stars while promoting local entertainment establishments in northeastern Pennsylvania.

His column "Music on the Menu" became a platform for showcasing local talent. "I love to put the spotlight on some of the great talent we have here [NEPA] and I still do that every Sunday night on my radio show," said Stout.

"But when I got into journalism, the arena [Mohegan Arena which was previously Wachovia Arena at Casey Plaza], was built in 1999, the Montage Amphitheater [The Pavilion at Montage Mountain] was built in 1994 and the F.M Kirby Center had already been fully renovated in 1986. We had the top entertainers in the world coming through northeastern Pennsylvania regularly and my job was to try to advance those events with interviews. I was able to interview everybody from Billy Joel to Eddie Van Halen, Steven Tyler, David Bowie, Don Henley, Bon Jovi, AC/DC and many more who are in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame."

These interviews often led to memorable personal connections. "I've interviewed Paul Stanley from KISS about six times which is cool because I'm a huge fan so when I see the band, if I have the opportunity to go backstage, he actually does know me," said Stout. "I introduced him to my son on the 'End of the Road World Tour' in Philadelphia backstage and Paul put his arm around me and pointed to my son and said 'I've known your dad a long time; he's a good guy' and my son is just looking up at this iconic rock star like 'how do you know my dad,'" Stout recalled with a chuckle.

His career brought unique experiences, like visiting Billy Joel's Long Island home where he listened to Joel's daughter Alexa practice piano during her lesson. He was also one of the first to learn about Aerosmith's "I Don't Want to Miss a Thing" reaching number one in the United States, even before the rest of the band knew, ahead of his interview with Steven Tyler. His interview with David Bowie revealed a surprisingly funny and engaging personality, contrary to expectations.

After years in music journalism, Stout sought new challenges. "I got involved at the Times Leader education program. It was a wonderful program to provide newspapers to schoolteachers and it was a marketing job as well. I still kept my music column and still covered concerts, but I thought it would be a neat shift for me to do since maybe you weren't going to be the music writer for your whole life and maybe you wanted to explore something else. That got me into promotion, marketing and development."

A personal tragedy in 1989 led to a new chapter when a friend and colleague passed away from leukemia. Stout and his colleagues organized "Concert for Karen" in her memory, drawing hundreds of attendees. "I organized the show and did all the marketing and promotion. It was important to all of us for it to be successful. It eventually became 'Concert for a Cause'. If it's worth doing, it's worth promoting. My goal is for everybody in the Valley to know about our event. I don't know how many of them are going to come or not, but everybody is going to know about it."

This commitment to community engagement led to various roles with organizations like Big Brothers Big Sisters, Rocking the River, and Catholic Social Services, culminating in his current position as Executive Director at the Luzerne County Visitors Bureau.

"Things that are important to the community are important to me. I love to tell people this is what we offer here, whether it be a great night at a Penguins game or a RailRiders game or River Fest or a show at the arena; there's nothing more," said Stout. "It's so great we have a sold-out show at the Kirby Center, and you come out and there's not a place to park on Public Square and all the restaurants are buzzing, you feel the energy. That is what we do at the Visitors Bureau, we support those events. We love to help inject that energy into the community."

Stout credits LCCC for shaping both his career path and his passion for

the northeastern Pennsylvania community. "When you look back on your life, in your career, if you wound up where you want, you thank your parents, you thank your high school teachers, you thank your mentors along the way. But where was the moment where the switch flipped for you," said Stout. "You may have been steered in the right direction by your folks or by teachers, but ultimately it must come from within. And for me, that happened at LCCC."



Alan Stout '87 stands outside of the Luzerne County Visitors Bureau. Stout is the Executive Director of the Bureau.

His decision to attend LCCC proved transformative. "When I look back on it now, it was the best option for me. I wasn't sure what I wanted to do. I thought I could be a schoolteacher; I could take my core classes at LCCC, get a lot of my college requirements taken care of and I could probably sign an agreement with a college, and they would accept some of those credits. I chose to come to LCCC. I chose to take these courses. And that to me was when the switch flipped, and I started applying myself. I wanted to do this for me and nobody else."



FINDING a PATH at LUZERNE:

LCCC student to Arena Manager

Stephen Poremba's story is woven into the history of Luzerne County Community College (LCCC) in more ways than one. A lifelong Northeastern Pennsylvania resident, he didn't just go to school there; he grew up around it. His father has worked as a security guard at the College for over three decades, so the campus has always felt like home. "We would go over and parade around for Halloween, attend basketball games, be part of the events there—it's always been a part of my life," Poremba '22 recalls.

When Poremba graduated from Greater Nanticoke Area High School, he was uncertain about his future. His decision to attend LCCC stemmed from its accessibility and the promise of earning affordable college credits that could transfer to a four-year institution. "If you're undecided, it's a great local option with quality education," he said. "You get your core classes out of the way, close to home, and without going into debt."

Though he started with a vague interest in science, Poremba's direction shifted during a memorable incident during Professor Yeager's biology class made him reconsider his path. "I passed out during a dissection. My dad was the one who put me in the ambulance!" he laughs now. The experience was jarring, but it opened the door to explore other interests.

One pivotal course, "Health Promotion, Fitness, and Sports Programming," offered him the chance to organize a street hockey tournament in the college gym. The experience awakened his passion for event management and sports promotion. "I was able to create flyers, handle marketing, and organize the whole event," he says. "It helped me realize I loved business and event management."

Poremba recalled that the his class graduation was the first class held at the Arena. "I remember walking across the stage and looking out over the audience and thinking how great it would be to work here."

This new focus guided Poremba to Misericordia University, which he discovered through LCCC's college fair. There, he transferred his credits and completed a degree in sport management in 2004. "LCCC made the transition easy and seamless," Poremba says. "They showed me that my career could take shape right there."

After graduating from Misericordia, Poremba joined the Mohegan Arena as a part-time ticket seller while fulfilling his marketing internship requirement. From these humble beginnings, his career took off, leading to a position as Marketing Assistant by August 2004. His responsibilities grew over the years as he rose to Marketing Director and eventually, in 2023, General Manager. Reflecting on his two-decade journey with the arena, Poremba says, "It's been an amazing run. I've met legends like Elton John, Snoop Dogg, and Kevin Hart—and that's just the icing on the cake."

Stephen's career was molded by his time at LCCC, where he was able to discover his interests in a supportive environment. He values LCCC not only for the education but for the sense of family and community it provides, attributes he hopes will resonate with future students. "It's an affordable, quality education close to home, and it gives you the opportunity to find what you love without the fear of overwhelming debt," he emphasizes.

Now, as a husband and father, Stephen resides in Honesdale, PA. Although the commute to the arena is long, he remains dedicated to the region he has called home all his life.

"Northeast Pennsylvania has been a constant in my life," he says. "It's where I started, where I found my calling, and where I've built my family." For Stephen Poremba, Luzerne County Community College was more than a college—it was the launching pad for a fulfilling career in a community he loves.



Steve Poremba, '22 is the General Manager of the Mohegan Arena in Wilkes-Barre Township. Poremba attributes his career path to his experience at Luzerne County Community College.



Yeager Arboretum becomes a reality at Luzerne

Luzerne County Community College students and the surrounding communities will now have access to a living, outdoor classroom.

LCCC officials held a ribbon cutting for the new Yeager Arboretum, which is housed throughout the main campus. The arboretum consists of trees identified by name with accompanying QR codes people can scan to learn more.

The arboretum is named after donors Elizabeth (Libby) Yeager and the late W. Brooke Yeager III, who are longtime educators at LCCC. Brooke Yeager, who passed away in May, was a professor emeritus who retired from LCCC after teaching biology for decades. Libby Yeager is LCCC's Dean of Curriculum.

The arboretum provides new learning opportunities because it creates a living classroom for our students and visitors. This will help people learn more about native Pennsylvania trees and how they are part of the ecosystem.

Robert Bertoni, LCCC Board of Trustees vice chairman, said the arboretum wouldn't have been possible without the generosity of the Yeagers.

"This arboretum stands as a tribute to Brooke's memory and a testament to Libby's ongoing commitment to our College," Bertoni said. "Thank you, Libby and Brooke, for your unwavering dedication. And to all who join us, thank you for supporting this magnificent addition to our community. Let us move forward with the same spirit of inquiry and respect for nature that the late Brooke Yeager so wonderfully embodied."

During the dedication ceremony, Libby Yeager spoke of how she and Brooke wanted to make a lasting impact by having the arboretum created on campus so that students and the community could learn more about native flora.

"Brooke would remind us that the original campus landscapers did us a favor, as they selected and planted mostly native plants," said Libby Yeager. "This selection of plants makes the college campus a great place to learn about Pennsylvania trees. One of Brooke's dreams was for the campus to continue to be an educational resource for future generations on the plants of Pennsylvania. As a teacher, he knew all the plants and he knew how to introduce them to his students. The design of the Arboretum was meant to make learning about plants a self-guided experience."

The new arboretum includes 42 identified trees. The LCCC Foundation also purchased a tree and installed a plaque in memory of Brooke Yeager. The College will place additional identification labels at other locations on campus in the future as additional phases continue.



The Nanticoke Head Start class helps pot plants during Arbor Day event on campus.



At Luzerne County Community College





Ribbon-Cutting: Libby Yeager, center, cuts the ribbon to officially dedicate the new Yeager Arboretum at Luzerne County Community College in Nanticoke. Pictured from left are members of the Yeager family, Carli Yeager, Maisy Yeager, Libby Yeager, Jayson Yeager, and Maggie Yeager.

LCCC LAUNCHES NEW MICRO-CREDENTIAL PROGRAMS TO BOOST WORKFORCE SKILLS

By offering bite-sized learning opportunities, Luzerne County Community College is revolutionizing workforce education in Northeastern Pennsylvania

In a competitive job market where skills matter more than ever, Luzerne County Community College (LCCC) is betting on smaller being better. Beginning Spring 2025, LCCC will launch 32 new microcredentials—concentrated learning experiences that deliver job-relevant skills in as little as 15-18 hours of instruction.

“The microcredential Certification Program at LCCC represents our steadfast commitment to a new Go Here, Go Fast, and Go Anywhere educational model that helps students find the most accessible, most efficient pathway to career success,” says LCCC President John Yudichak.

This strategic pivot comes at a time when the microcredential landscape is exploding nationwide. According to Inside Higher Education, the number of short-term training options in the United States has surged 300% since 2018, with over one million programs now available. Best Colleges reports an even more dramatic 200% increase between 2021 and 2022 alone.

Why Students and Employers Are Embracing Microcredentials

The appeal is clear from both sides of the hiring desk. For students, these accelerated learning paths offer flexibility without requiring the commitment of a traditional semester. A joint survey by Straighterline and the University Professional and Continuing Education Association found that 78% of adults expressed increased interest in earning a degree when microcredentials could count toward completion.

Meanwhile, 70% of hiring organizations view microcredentials as improving workforce quality and consider them viable alternatives to four-year degrees. According to Coursera, 86% of employers report that completed credentials strengthen a candidate’s job application.

Homegrown Expertise in a Crowded Market

What makes LCCC’s approach distinctive in this growing field? While countless online providers offer similar short-form learning opportunities, LCCC has deliberately developed its microcredentials in-house for several compelling reasons.

First, the college leverages its greatest asset—a deep bench of faculty, administrators, and staff with extensive education and professional experience. These experts have designed high-quality, precisely delivered instruction tailored to regional workforce needs. The curriculum wasn’t developed in isolation; LCCC gathered input from over 900 employers, alumni, students, and parents.

Second, LCCC recognizes that its reputation as the largest and most trusted post-secondary institution in the region—one that has provided relevant instruction for nearly 60 years—gives its credentials unique credibility with local employers.

Stackable Credentials with Immediate Value

Perhaps most significantly, LCCC’s microcredentials can be “stacked” to earn credit for at least one college class in all but three of the offerings. This stackable approach allows students to

earn academic credit in smaller, more manageable portions rather than committing to a full 15-week course.

Additionally, nearly two-thirds (65.6%) of the microcredentials can lead directly to licensure or certification, providing immediate workplace value.

Flexibility Built Into Every Program

LCCC has prioritized accessibility in designing these programs. The microcredentials are offered in various formats, including instructor-led or self-paced, project-based, and team-taught approaches. Delivery methods span online, hybrid, and in-person options.

Meeting Regional Workforce Demands

The 32 microcredentials fall into four categories representing sectors with the largest number of high-priority occupations in Luzerne County and the broader region:

- Advanced Manufacturing/Skilled Trades
- Business & Small Business Applications
- Computer Applications & Programming
- Digital Design & Marketing

These programs also emphasize emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence and Cloud Computing already adopted by many local companies.

“The focus of the LCCC microcredential program is to ensure the viability of Northeast Pennsylvania and surrounding counties,” notes Yudichak. “We’re helping companies attract qualified employees who can add value to organizations immediately upon hiring.”

For more information on LCCC’s microcredential offerings, visit www.luzerne.edu/coned/microcred



LCCC UNVEILS MODEL EDUCATIONAL CLASSROOM, ADDRESSES TEACHER SHORTAGE

Luzerne County Community College education majors will now have the opportunity to develop their skills in a model early childhood classroom setting on campus with the assistance of Luzerne County Head Start.

LCCC officials unveiled its Marcella Nagorski-Waldow Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning as part an event that also addressed the national and regional teacher shortage which will provide learning opportunities for the community.

LCCC is committed to ensuring our graduates are work-force-ready, and the new Marcella Nagorski-Waldow Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning will give our students the opportunity to experience firsthand how early childhood students learn. LCCC's partnership with Luzerne County Head Start means their students and ours will be learning alongside each other. This relationship ensures that our students get hands-on experience before they graduate, and Head Start's students have supplemental classroom instruction. This is one way LCCC is meeting the teacher shortage and we will continue to look for other ways to meet the needs of our local workforce.

Currently, LCCC is one of 100 community colleges out of 3,000 in the nation that has a Head Start program on campus. College officials plan to continue and enhance its collaboration with Luzerne County Head Start to provide practical educational experiences for both groups of students.

LCCC officials held a ribbon cutting and unveiled the Marcella Nagorski-Waldow Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning, which will serve as a model classroom environment where future teachers can develop skills in and learn through innovative teaching practices, foster a lifelong love of learning, and empower students to reach their full potential by connecting with children from the community.

The new Center is a dual-purpose space outfitted to be a model early learning classroom as well as a college classroom designed to prepare teachers for real-life educational experiences.

Named to honor the legacy of the late Marcella Nagorski-Waldow, a life-long educator who was a dedicated elementary teacher in the Derry Township School District, Hershey, Pennsylvania. Janis Seeley, chair of LCCC's Social and Behavioral Sciences Department, said the new center will further enhance the College's curriculum because it will give students hands-on experience.

"This classroom gives our education students the chance to know what it's like to walk into a classroom that's specifically designed for early childhood education," Seeley said. "They no longer have to just visualize what a future classroom will look like. They can experience a real-life classroom with the help of Head Start. This space is designed to show our students how an early childhood student develops physically, socially, emotionally, and cognitively."

Rebecca Brominski, executive director, LCCC Foundation, said the new center also is a way for the community to honor the late Marcella Nagorski-Waldow.

"This wonderful gift will preserve the educational legacy of a life-long educator and will seek to carry on her passion for the classroom and educating our youth to become the leaders of tomorrow," Brominski said.



Lynn Evans Biga, now retired Executive Director at Luzerne County Head Start, speaks at the ribbon cutting for the new Marcella Nagorski-Waldow Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning. Children from the Head Start program on the LCCC campus also participated in the event.





Oplinger Towers participate in Food Drive

The residents of Oplinger Towers in Nanticoke recently participated in Luzerne County Community College's All-Campus Student Food and Coat Drive. Coordinated by the Oplinger Towers Resident Council, the collection consisted of coats and various food items that will be donated to the Luzerne County Community College Peter J. Lello Student Food Bank. All donated items will support Luzerne County Community College students at all campus locations.



Askam United Methodist Church supports LCCC Thanksgiving Program

For the 5th consecutive year, the Askam United Methodist Church supported the Luzerne County Community College Foundation's Adopt a Trailblazer Thanksgiving Meal Program. Founded in 2019, the Adopt a Trailblazer program supports students in need with items for a Thanksgiving meal. Since the programs inception more than 250 Luzerne County Community College students and their families were assisted and provided a meal for Thanksgiving.



LCCC Foundation 2024 Community Awards Winners

The Luzerne County Community College Foundation presented the 2024 Community Awards during their Annual Scholarship Celebration. This year's award winners were the Luzerne Foundation who accepted the 2024 Community Champion Award, Geisinger who accepted the 2024 Circle of Excellence Award and Cross Valley Federal Credit Union who accepted the Legacy Award. All award winners were selected for their commitment to the students of Luzerne County Community College and for their dedication and the community.

Pictured from left to right: Joanne Yuhas, LCCC Foundation; Susan Kramer, Associate Vice President of Nursing Services, Northeast Region, Geisinger; Traci Donohue, President and CEO, Cross Valley Federal Credit Union; John Yudichak, President, LCCC; Rebecca Brominski, Executive Director, LCCC Foundation; Atty. David Pedri, President and CEO, The Luzerne Foundation.



College receives donation of a Commercial Pastry Display Case

The College received a donation of a Commercial Pastry Display Case to the Luzerne County Community College Joseph A. Pagliantite Culinary Institute by the John and Mary Metz Memorial Fund of the Luzerne Foundation. Established in 2010, the Luzerne County Community College Joseph A. Pagliantite Culinary Institute offers career programs in Culinary Arts, Pastry Arts Management and Hospitality Business Management

From left to right: Atty. David Pedri, President and CEO, Luzerne Foundation; John Yudichak, President, LCCC; Maureen Metz, Donor and Board Member, Luzerne Foundation; JoAnne Yuhas, LCCC Foundation; Rebecca Brominski, LCCC Foundation; Lori Totten, LCCC Foundation.

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Christopher Lacy
Santo LaFoca DMD
Patricia Lavan '84
Bonita Leeper
Legacy Dental of PA

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Lehigh Valley Health Network
Lehigh Valley Pediatric Dentistry
Lehigh Valley Family Dentistry
Edward Lewko '73
David Lloyd '74
Gabriela Lopez '15
Elizabeth Luce '11
Mc Garret Magloire '22
Mahoning Valley Family Dental
Care
Matthew G Makuta Family
Dentistry
Lisa Malcolm '88
Kenneth '72 & Deborah '72 Malia
Joan Malishchak '77
Cindy Malkemes '23
James Mallon '75
Richard Marchetti '70
Lena Marotto '06
Lisa & Darren Martin
Cathy Martinson '84
Joann Mason '93
Cynthia Matalonis '95
Matrone & Sanderson DMD
Mildred McCall '77
Valerie McCreary '85
Robert McCue '95
Fr. Paul McDonnell
Patrick McHale '74
Maurita Medash '92
Donna Mieczkowski '99
Gloria Migatulski '88
Genevieve Mihalick '72
Eleanor Miller
Beth Miller
Cynthia Miller '94
Miller Family Dentistry
Denise Mills '21
Florence Mokris '83
Victoria Morris
James Moss '85
Betsy Mott '73
John Mudrian '05
Donald '15 & Courtney '09
Muendlein
Charles J. Musto, DMD
Amanda Neidlinger '07
David Neipert '95
Valerie Nezelkewicz '11
Northern Country Dental
Judith Novak '92
David Nutaitis '87
Alex O'Malia '76
Jolynn O'Malley
David A. Oven DDS
Oxford Family Dentistry
Ericka Palladino '12
Debra Paradis '80
Dale '82 & Ellen '93 Parmenteri
Deb Passarella
P. Joseph Perrotti DMD
Sandra Person '77
Linda Pesotski
Pettinato Dental Care

Michelle Phares '09
PHDI
Pike Dental
Joseph Pluskey '76
Pocono Mountain School District
Popernack Family Dental
Samuel Prisco, DMD
Richard Pshar '88
David Pyskoty '88
Joseph Quather '74
Gloria Rawls '86
Blaine Readler '74
Jocelyn Reese '71
Margaret Reilley '89
Lisa Rowley '89
Carl Remley '70
Carol Risch '89
Mr. & Mrs. Ritchee
Robinson and Jung LLC Family
Dentistry
Michael Roper '07
Rural Health Corporation
Denise Rusinko '05
Tammy Kerzic Russo
Mark Rutkowski
Michael Salvia, DMD
Michele Samson '08
Susan Sands '91
Santarsiero Family Dental
Daniel Sarosky '99
Scranton Dental Center
Patricia Searfoss '20
Donna Sedlak '98
Laurie Selecky '08
Selinsgrove Dental and Dentures
Patricia Sentigar '91
Teresa Shaner '05

Shen Smiles
Sherry Dental
Lori Silvestri '07
Marilyn Sladon '88
Ciara Smith '18
Smoketown Family Den-
tistry
Joline Sobeck '80
Paulette Soltis-Hamilton
DMD
Beatriz Sosa
Michael Spataro DDS
Jennifer Stafursky '02
Chris '81 & Gail '80 Stasko
Judith Steigerwald '83
Sullivan Dental
Alec Szafran '00
Bruce Talipan '84
Ashley Taylor '13
Joan Taylor '87
John Thomas '78
G. Theresa Thomas '79
Samantha Thomas
Richard Timko '69
TLC Dental Services
Together for Health
Darleen Tomayko '10
Michael & Lori Totten
Chanh Tran '97
Debbie Tressa '80
Tri Valley Dental
Ann Tripp '78
Richard Uhing '72
Michael Umerich DMD
Jennie Valick-Kopacz '74
Edward Vandermark '73
Robert Vetter '05

Viamedia
Ronald Viglone '69+
Denise Wagner '99
Daniel A Walting II DMD
Frank Walton '96
Paul & Christine Warchal
Donna Warren '91
Watkins Dental Group
Watsonstown Dental
Karen Webb
Dean Welch '71
Karin Wellings '98
Dr. Jeffrey Wert & Assoc
Robert Whitmire '84
Marygrace Wilce
Michael Wilchinski '76
Kelsey Williams
Allen G. Woods D.M.D
John Wright '84
Diane Yale '83
Ashley Young
Mercede Zack '07
Ann Zaff '85
Tanya Zambetti '11
Joseph Zamulinsky '74
Chester Zaremba '79
Marisa Zelno '21
Gary '77 & Bonnie '74 Zisko
Christine Zuber '94
David Zurek '83

+Deceased

We make every effort to ensure the names listed in our Annual Report are accurate and inclusive of the period 7/1/23 – 6/30/24. If you have any questions, please contact the Foundation office at 570-740-0734. Thank you.

LCCC Alumni Association helps NC flooding victims



Members of the LCCC Alumni Association Board donated a portion of the proceeds from the 2024 Craft Festival to the Appalachian Rebuild Project (ARP) to support rebuilding efforts in western North Carolina following the devastation caused by Hurricane Helene. LCCC faculty member Jim Gavenus, who has strong ties to the Burnsville, NC, area, recommended this grassroots nonprofit. The funds were used to purchase essential supplies for those affected in the region.

Shown are Gloria Migatulski '88, craft festival co-chair, Tricia Besermin '08, alumni association president, Jim Gavenus, and Bonnie Lauer '87, director of Alumni Relations.

In Kind Gifts

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O'Donnell Law Offices donates to LCCC's Peter J. Lello Student Food Bank

The O'Donnell Law Offices recently selected the Luzerne County Community College Peter J. Lello Student Food Bank as one of their charitable organizations to support this holiday season. The O'Donnell Law Office Holiday Project consisted of a donation of 40 warm winter coats for the children of Luzerne County Community College students as well as a variety of food items to support students in need. This donation was completely funded by the attorney's and support staff at the O'Donnell Law Offices. A long-time supporter of the Luzerne County Community College Foundation, the O'Donnell Law Offices also supports the LCCC Alumni Association as well as the Foundation's Student Scholarship Program.

Left side of donation: Sandy Olshefski, O'Donnell Law Offices; Lori Totten, LCCC Foundation; Tanya Kohler, O'Donnell Law Offices; Rebecca Brominski, LCCC Foundation; John Yudichak, President, LCCC; Michael O'Donnell, Esq. O'Donnell Law Offices; JoAnne Yuhas, LCCC Foundation.

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The late W. Brooke Yeager III (far right), and his class planting a tree on campus. Brooke's dream of having an arboretum on LCCC's Main Campus came true this past year. Read more inside.