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10th Annual

Save the Date - Clay Shoot

Friday, April 26, 9 a.m.

Please register by April 19



**LCCC FOUNDATION
& ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**
Scholarship Clay Shoot



**Lehigh Valley
Sporting
Clays**

For information or to register, please contact Jane Wilchak
at jwilchak@lccc.edu or 610-799-1929.

**Keep up to date with
all of LCCC's events on the "Events
Calendar" on our website at www.lccc.edu**

March

March 11	FAFSA night at main campus
March 11-16	LCCC Spring Break – no classes
March 12	FAFSA night with Admissions and Financial Aid at Morgan Center
March 18	FAFSA night at Carbon Center
March 21	Spring Job/Transfer Fair
March 26	FAFSA night at Donley Center
March 29, 30	College closed

April

April 3	Pennsylvania National Association for Multicultural Education conference
April 4	Spring Admissions Open House
April 13	The Week of the Young Child professional development seminar
April 16	FAFSA night Donley Center
April 17	"The Political Scene in Egypt" presented by Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence Dr. Maged Botros
April 23	FAFSA night Donley Center
April 26	Scholarship Clay Shoot
May 10	Staff Recognition program



Students and staff get busy on campus

The campus community continued the semester with fun events and interesting experiences:

- ⇒ More than 50 students and staff gathered Monday, Feb. 11 in the Student Union to celebrate Mardi Gras, Fat Tuesday, and Valentine's Day. Participants enjoyed fresh-made donuts, free caricature drawings and music by the Eric Byrd Jazz Trio! Check-out the photos on the LCCC Facebook page, www.facebook.com/lehighcarboncc.
- ⇒ Students and staff participated in the Feb. 14 Miller Keystone WZZO

bloodmobile on main campus. See photos at the new LCCC Flickr site: www.flickr.com/photos/lehighcarboncc.

- ⇒ LCCC celebrated Black History month with a display on Martin Luther King Jr., including children's books and books for adults at the Rothrock Library. There were the texts of two of his more famous speeches, "I Have a Dream," delivered in Washington D.C., and "I've Been to the Mountaintop," his final speech delivered April 3, 1968, the day before his assassination.



Multicultural Education conference planned for early April

LCCC plays host to the Pennsylvania chapter of the National Association of Multicultural Education (PA NAME) regional conference on Wednesday, April 3.

More than 200 educators, administrators and faculty are expected to attend the conference. The theme this year is "Community and Institutional Transformative Practices: Inclusion, Equity and Awareness."

PA NAME president, Dr. Michael Torrence, LCCC's interim dean of Library and Instructional Resources and associate dean of Educational Support Services, and the group's vice president, LCCC dean of Academic Services, Dr. Barry Spriggs, will welcome keynote speaker, Sra. Joyce Avilla, owner of Creating and Facilitating Equality.

Subjects being considered for the conference include transgender studies, English as a Second Language, Women and STEM, Multicultural Education, Adult Learners, Veterans, Mental Health, Hip Hop studies and many others.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we continue through the spring semester, I wanted to take a moment to highlight our Founders' Day of March 31, 1966.

Efforts to establish a publicly supported community college in the area began back in 1955 when a study showed there was support in the community and by high school seniors for a community college.

To this end, a practical nursing program was established by the Allentown Board of School Directors in 1958. This was followed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Community College Act 484 in 1963, which provided the authority to develop a system of two-year colleges in the commonwealth.

The proposal to launch a community college was submitted to the Lehigh County Board of School Directors in 1964 leading to the establishment of Lehigh County Community College in 1966.

In 1992, LCCC's Carbon Center was dedicated in Jim Thorpe and, in 1994, the college officially changed its name to Lehigh Carbon Community College.

In 1999, we added the Allentown location, the Donley Center, and opened in Tamaqua with the Morgan Center in 2003.

Much has happened since the early days of our college. Classrooms, college offices, buildings were added. New programs and majors were developed. Through it all, though, we've remained dedicated to the central core of our mission – responding to the community by providing affordable, accessible and high-quality education.

As the students enjoy spring break next week and we all look forward to Commencement exercises in May, let us acknowledge and salute the hard work and dedication of those who preceded us – and remember it is our students' success which defines our own.

Donald W. Snyder
LCCC President



Lady Cougars Basketball Celebrates Great Season, First Playoffs Ever



LCCC's Lady Cougars basketball team competed in the second round of the Eastern Pennsylvania Athletic Conference (EPAC) Region XIX playoffs in their first playoff game ever against New Jersey foe, the Brookdale Community College Jersey Blues on Feb. 26. LCCC lost in the last few seconds of a hard-fought battle on the court in Berrier Hall, 62-61.

Led by EPAC Women's Basketball Coach of the Year, Marge Beahm, in her fifth year with LCCC, the Lady Cougars rallied

several times throughout the game. LCCC battled on, taking the lead with less than 10 seconds. They forced the Jersey Blues to sink two late free-throws with 4.7 seconds left to win, but were unable to respond with so little time left.

Later that week, the EPAC honored LCCC point guard, Casey Rinfret (Palmerton H.S.), by naming her to their First Team. Jordan Hoadley (Blue Mountain H.S.) was named to the EPAC Second Team.

Congratulations to the Lady Cougars women's basketball team for an excellent season, finishing 7-3 in the EPAC, 12-6 overall. Quite the accomplishment for our student-athletes and coaches.

LCCC students worked with WXLVradio.com to



More pictures are at www.flickr.com/photos/lehighcarboncc.

do a live broadcast of the Lady Cougars playoff game against Brookdale Community College. Station manager, Christopher Andrew, led the effort which included play-by-play and color announcers, videographers, sound coordinators and a full-court press of broadcasting equipment and gear. The

broadcast was transmitted on 90.3FM, WXLVradio.com and also through the station's new partnership with Clear Channel Communications' iHeartRadio.

You can see photos from the game at the new LCCC Flickr page: www.flickr.com/photos/lehighcarboncc.

Employee Scene with Diana DiCosmo

"The brain that does the work is the brain that does the learning." It's a favored line of Diana DiCosmo, associate professor, Career and Technology Education Learning Specialist.

Professor DiCosmo started at LCCC in 1997. She works in Educational Support Services assisting students in developing study skills and to better understand how to perform better in tests. "I get to work with students who may be having difficulty in class. It is extremely rewarding," she said.

DiCosmo enjoys reading, both fiction and nonfiction. "I love mysteries," she explained.



Associate professor Diana DiCosmo started at LCCC in 1997.

BEHIND THE LIST WITH DONALD SNYDER, PRESIDENT OF LCCC 'Students' skills translate to higher income and a more robust economic impact throughout the Valley'

Businesses in the Lehigh Valley use local resources to help better their products and services, and one of the ways they do this is by hiring graduates from Lehigh Valley Community College. Providing education and training to local businesses and workers has been the focus at LCCC.

Here to answer this week's "Behind the List" questions is Donald Snyder, president at LCCC.

Q: How has LCCC been an asset to the Greater Lehigh Valley and what are its primary services?
Snyder: Lehigh Carbon Community College was founded in 1966. We serve more than 7,000 students from Lehigh, Carbon, Schuylkill and surrounding counties. We have more than 90 programs of study including health care, information technology, criminal justice, education and business administration. Our main campus is in Schuylkill County and we have modern facilities and state-of-the-art equipment in Allentown, Tamaqua and Pottsville. We offer two-year associate degrees, certificates and work-related diploma programs and work-based learning for students studying either full-time, part-time or online. And, of course, we have bachelor's degree completion programs with Temple, Bloomsburg and Albright College.

Q: From an economic development standpoint, how does LCCC utilize the local economy?
Snyder: Naturally, the economic engine is driven with an educated population. Every year, students' skills translate to higher income and a more robust economic impact throughout the Lehigh Valley. Through the years, since then 175,000 people have attended classes at LCCC - this translates into an economic impact of more than \$100 million in accumulated contributions to LCCC's attraction.

Throughout his or her working career, the average LCCC student can help a plan together to

Donald Snyder has been president at Lehigh Carbon Community College for more than a decade. More than 175,000 people have attended classes at LCCC, which has more than 90 programs of study.

can help with fast, hands-on, technical training for jobs in Pennsylvania's high-growth industries: advanced manufacturing, energy distribution, production and conservation, and health care information technology. And that training is completed in just a few weeks to several months.

Q: Can you tell us about LCCC's specific programs that train our students for jobs in the region?
Snyder: After more than a decade of study, the nation saw an upswing in manufacturing jobs added to our economy. 100,000 in 2010 and 217,000 in 2011. An October 2011 survey of American manufacturers by Deloitte Consulting LLP indicated 5 percent of openings - nearly 60,000 jobs - at those companies remained unfilled because they could not find workers with the right skills. LCCC is working every day to fill this need and provide the highly skilled workers that are needed for the new resurgence in manufacturing.

Through our Center for Leadership and Workforce Development, we can provide Advanced Manufacturing Technology training. The customized program is built around the learning and hands-on training obtained through government funding and industry equipment provided using Allentown Learning Center and Allentown Equipment.

Whether it's evaluating personnel, of current maintenance personnel, enhancing their skill base or developing an internal pipeline for the future, we help you a plan together to

Q: What services does LCCC offer to businesses in the Greater Lehigh Valley? Do you work directly with small and large businesses in the area?
Snyder: LCCC's Center for Leadership and Workforce Development partners with both small and large organizations in business and industry, health care, finance, government - looking at any employee skill gaps. We can then develop a plan to close the gap with solutions that can maximize employee performance. We'll work to connect the employee with programs offered here on campus or through a custom program for local business employees, support the company's leadership vision and the company's leadership.

In many cases, courses for all or part of the training LCCC provides can be obtained through government funding. Our courses in WELSPA which are funded by the state Department of Community and Economic Development, and LCCC's use of 31 WELSPA partners statewide.

A company can qualify for WELSPA's grant funding if it is a manufacturing or service business and is a manufacturing or service business.

Q: What services and programs does LCCC offer to students interested in pursuing non-traditional four-year degrees from universities?
Snyder: LCCC offers customized and faculty work closely with students to help them identify the opportunities available to them. The college has an excellent working relationship with the local four-year colleges and universities - LCCC students benefit from articulation agreements and policies that help streamline the admissions and transfer process.

Transfer fees are held each semester for more than 50 colleges and universities, including those which offer day, evening, weekend, accelerated, hybrid or online courses. Allow students to complete a bachelor's degree in one or two years. The program is offered in four-year programs. Use the experience of all our faculty and advisors that education is not a "one size fits all" regardless of

President Snyder interviewed by Lehigh Valley Business

President Snyder and the college were the subjects of a full-page interview with Lehigh Valley Business in mid-February.

Questions were posed regarding how Lehigh Carbon Community College sets priorities, how LCCC contributes to the economic engine of the Lehigh Valley and services and programs offered by the college that respond to community and business needs.

You can see the story on the LCCC Facebook page at www.facebook.com/lehighcarboncc.