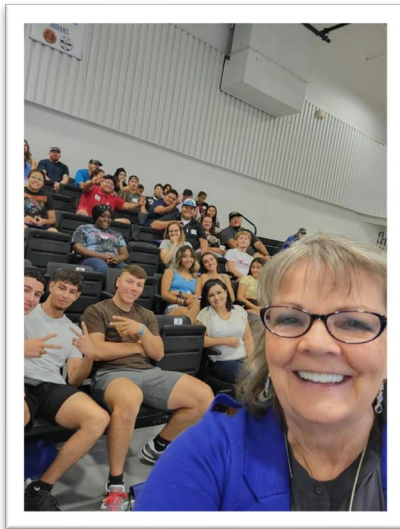




Lamar Community College President's Report August 2022

Lamar Community College is filled with excitement and energy as it returns to a post-pandemic "new normal". Students returned to new/renewed spaces and places, new employees, new technology, new NJCAA sports teams, and new housing. LCC's theme for the year is **Reset * Reconnect * Renew** and activities during All-Employee Week and the first week of classes focused on just that. Despite the challenges of employee turnover, more than 26 new employees have joined the college since January, bringing needed talents and skills along with energy and enthusiasm to the college. Students from around the state, country, and the world are enjoying in-person events and activities and the new CTE Building is operational and serving all the programs well. It's good to be a LCC Lope!

Transform the student experience.



July and August Orientation

New Student Orientation (NSO) was held July 18th and August 19th. NSO is a one-day program that guides new students through the registration process while having fun, meeting their fellow classmates, and familiarizing themselves with the LCC environment. The community expo part of orientation was a huge success with attendance from multiple community representatives. This year adjustments were made to the schedule to maximize the number of students that

participated in Financial Literacy and to allow students adequate time to travel to different sessions.

“What I love about LCC the most is the environment, everyone is so genuine and friendly. I feel my transition will be smooth due to everyone making me feel wanted.” – Dorien Goodman

“LCC has been very welcoming and helpful, along with a huge amount of diversity within lifestyles and majors.” – Emma Loughrey

“Students, you will always have a special place in my heart because this will be my last fall orientation.” – Linda Lujan

New Soccer Teams

The Athletics department has welcomed two new soccer programs to the roster of sports offered at LCC. Doug Seigle and Kevin Hurtado lead the charge in introducing this sport to our players and the community.

There is so much anticipation being set on the new soccer programs here at Lamar Community College. With student-athletes coming to LCC from different parts of Colorado, as well as Wyoming and New Mexico, our soccer teams are looking to establish themselves as one of the most competitive in Region 9. We are proud to have a roster for the women’s team with a Lamar-based connection of 6 student-athletes out of Lamar High School. The men’s soccer team sports a daring 27 student athletes on their roster and has already won their first home scrimmage. Our goal is to be the top destination for academic and sporting success to local, in-state, out-of-state, and international students across the world.

Women's soccer will finally open up regular season play this Saturday when they travel to Hesston, Kansas to play Hesston College. On Friday, September 9th, 2022 women's soccer will play their first official home game at Escondido Park when we take on Northwest College which will start their adventure in Region 9 Conference play.



First Week of School

LCC Student Life was more than ready for students to return to campus. Student Life Coordinator Yolanda Herrera offered students a delightful change of environment as they arrived for their first week of classes.



Water Balloon Fight!

Orientation is a day packed with brain-overloading, but necessary, information. Not only do students register for classes, get advising appointments, travel across campus throughout the day and even move into their dorms. All of this can make a student feel overworked and exhausted before classes even begin. Yolanda decided to break up the monotony with a water balloon fight and ice cream bars as a way to help students relax and enjoy their first experience as an official Lamar Lope!

Welcome Back Breakfast

For the first day of class, LCC Student Life offered students breakfast burritos and orange juice in the Student Union to start their week off right.

Movie Night

Thanks to our partnership with the Lamar Theater, LCC Student Life was able to establish a movie night where LCC students paid \$1 to watch.

Donuts and Milk

Student Life served donuts and milk, with all the flavorings, in Todd Burch Hall. Many students remarked about how chocolate or strawberry milk brought them back to their childhoods.

Ice Cream Social

The highlight of the week was the Ice Cream Social where Student Life offered a Mortal Combat tournament. Students were able to bond over the games and ice cream and play to win amazing prizes such as a Roku device and Bluetooth speakers.

Transform our own workforce experience.

New Employees

At LCC we have given a fond farewell to some long-term members of our staff and faculty over the summer. Their time here has made an impact on our students and on us and they will be sorely missed. However, with departures comes new beginnings as we introduce 26 full-time and 14 part-time team members to our rowdy bunch. Over the next few months, we'll introduce many of them. A few of the key positions have been filled by these wonderful additions:

Welcome Kyle Lasley

We are delighted to welcome Mr. Kyle Lasley from Springfield Colorado as our new Dean of Academic Services. He brings a wealth of leadership experience and a strong connection to Southeast Colorado to the role. Mr. Lasley is currently the principal at Springfield Jr/Sr High School, a role he's held for the last five years. Prior to that he was the School Guidance Counselor and Assessment Coordinator and before that he taught Jr/Sr High School Social Studies. He holds a BA in Social Studies Education from Oklahoma Panhandle State University, an MA in School Counseling from Adams State College, and a Leadership Certificate in Principle Licensure from University of Colorado, Colorado Springs. He has also been a concurrent enrollment instructor for LCC teaching psychology courses.



Welcome Jason Raines

Jason Raines joins our LCC team as the new Information Technology Support Specialist. Jason served in the United States Marine Corp from 94-05. After serving in the Marines, he was in Law Enforcement for 7 years. He did security for the Denver Nuggets/Avalanche teams for 2 seasons. He was also a frac consultant in Colorado/North Dakota for 6 years. He recently completed a B.S. in Information Technology from Colorado Technical University and is looking forward to working in his new career field. His wife, Nancy, is from Granada, and he has 6 wonderful children ranging from 11 to 29 years of age. His hobbies are MMA, Flying airplanes, military history, and tattooing. He's travelled to many places, but his favorite is Wake Island in the Pacific which was involved in the battle at Pearl Harbor and Midway. Plenty of topics to spark a conversation!

Welcome Tara Silvey

LCC's HR Department will hardly miss a beat as we wish outgoing HR Director Shelly Tombleson a fond farewell at the end of August and welcome our incoming HR Director, Tara Silvey, a former LCC Lope. She is already doing some transition work and will join us full time on August 29th so she has some time with Shelly.

Tara is an executive human resource generalist with over 20 years of professional experience. Most recently she has been the Human Resources Manager for CoreCivic in Las Animas CO, prior to that she was an Administrative Services Manager for Edmonds Community College in Monroe WA. While at Edmonds Community College she also served as an Adjunct Faculty member and Classification Counselor. Tara has worked as a Secretary Supervisor and a Human Resource Generalist, also in Washington State. She is excited to be back in Southeast Colorado and really looking forward to working with all of us at LCC.

Tara holds a Bachelor of Science in Human Resource Management from Walden University and Vocational Certificates in Small Business Management I, II, and III from Lamar Community College. In the small world category, one of her instructors while she was here at LCC was Aubrie Cleavinger, now our Controller. Tara also has several HR related certifications.



Welcome Heather Wolfe

Heather Wolfe has accepted the position of Services and Communications Coordinator and will staff LCC's new Welcome Center; Heather began July 5th. Heather is a former LCC student, she comes to us as a licensed medical assistant, and former Army Military Police Officer. Heather enjoys softball, volleyball, and water polo. Heather looks forward to learning the new position and making a difference for our students. Please join us in welcoming Heather to the LCC team.

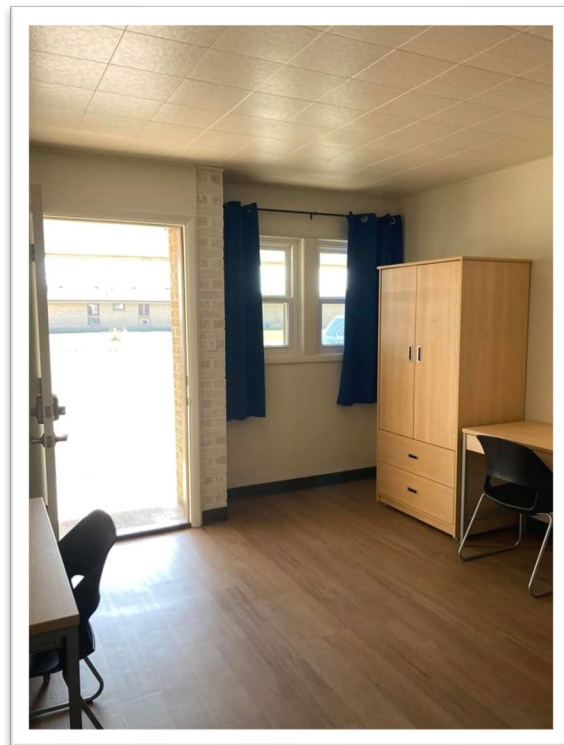
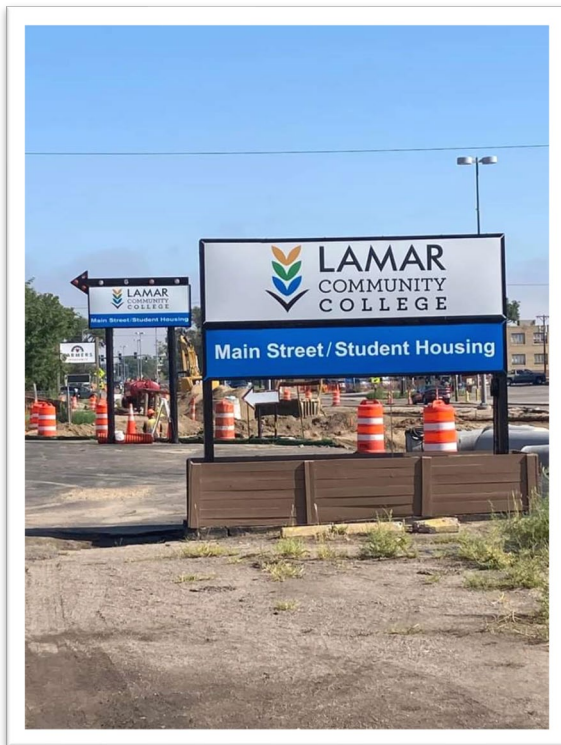
A big thank you to her as she has taken on the responsibility of updating content on LCC's digital display monitors.

LCC Construction Updates

Main Street View Housing

The LCC Foundation has completed renovations on the first building of its promise to assist the college with additional housing. The west wing has students living in it this fall. The south wing is set to be completed in the next few weeks. The final phase - the north building - will house up to 18 students and give the college the capacity to accommodate students with disabilities. The north building also has a large apartment that will be used for staff housing. The property gives the college the ability to offer adult students off campus housing options as well as expanded capacity for student-athletes. The Foundation is fundraising to complete the north building.

CDOT highway construction on Main Street has created a bit of an access challenge, but once students found their way, they were excited to see the new rooms.



COPERR House

LCC completed its first home remodel under the COPERR Grant awarded by the Colorado Attorney General's Office. The home at 406 East Oak Street in Lamar was completed in early May, and an Open House was held on Friday, May 6th. At the open house, students, their families and LCC employees were able to enjoy refreshments and appreciate all the hard work the students put into the project. The project began with the Fall 2021 Semester and was completed by seven Construction Trades students under the instruction of Rod Dunn and Jake Specht. The home is a 1 Bed, 1 Bath and is under contract as of August 26th with a planned closing date of Sept. 6th. The program is in full swing again with fifteen students and is beginning its second renovation project in Wiley, CO.

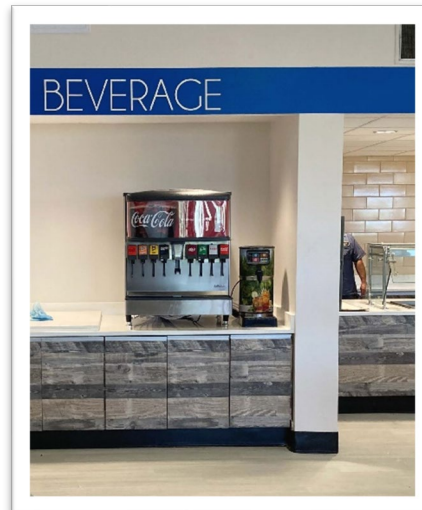
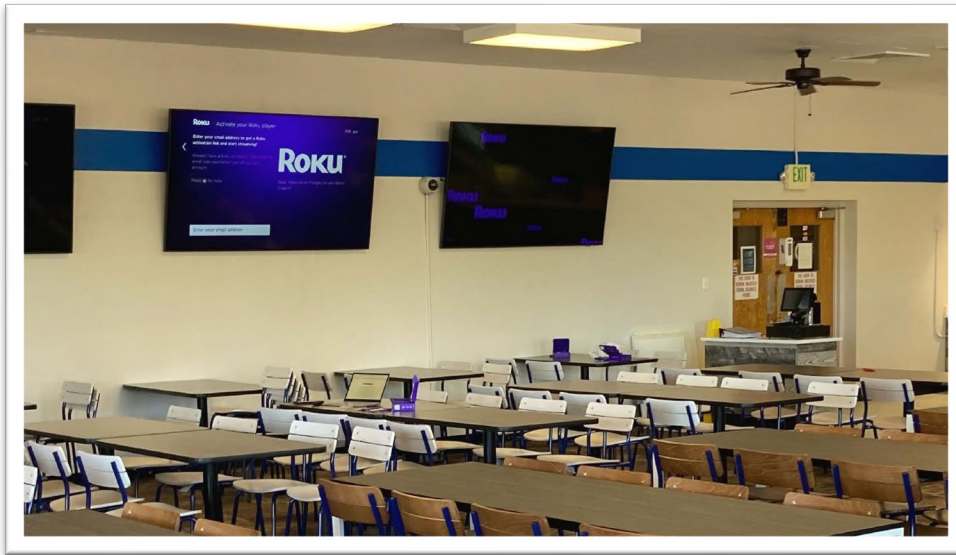
The goal is to complete the second home by May 2023 and sell the home shortly after. The proceeds of each sale will be returned to the LCC Construction Trades program in order to complete the process again. Below are before and after photos of the first COPERR home.



Cafeteria Remodel

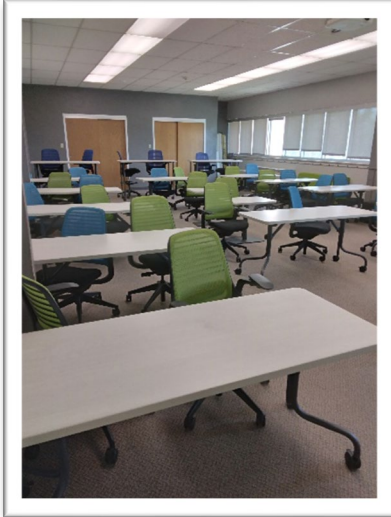
The old (emphasis on old... very old) Cafeteria in Todd Burch Hall received a much-needed remodel with the increase in student population. This remodel provides more serving stations, as well as an expanded salad bar for healthy and vegetarian options, additional seating and

tables and new flooring. Its new name is “The Café” (pronounced calf). Returning students walked in the door and said “Wow!”



New Technology and Furniture in the Classrooms

Multiple classrooms will be equipped with Distant Learning Technology to include two to four 85” Samsung Displays per room, new Epson Brightlink projectors, document cameras and audio/visual equipment. The set up is as easy as an Instructor plugging into the docking station to gain full control over each device, whether they want to mirror material or extend different material to different devices at the same time. The technology is also equipped with the capability for students to wirelessly connect to an individual device within the classroom.



The technology is meant to be a tool for educators and an experience for students. The furniture is new, modern, flexible, and supports active learning. As with many other changes, returning faculty and students are saying, “Wow!”

New Tech in the Library

The LCC Library has acquired integrative accommodations technology for students who have visual impairments or processing issues. The C-Pen Reader reads aloud any text in real-time, in a variety of different languages, speeds, and pronunciations, and displays text in large print. There is an exam setting to support academic honesty. The Reader also saves what it reads to a text file, which can be opened up by the user for enlarging and changing font. Pen scanners and readers enable students to participate with handouts, exams, and other text classroom activities without having to make special accommodations or wait for large print versions.



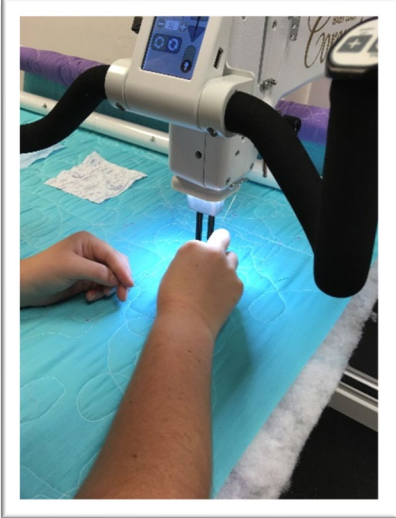
The LCC Library has been able to meet all student demand for TI-84 graphing calculators. Available for free student checkout, the ability to afford a graphing calculator was formerly a significant barrier to academic success in college math courses.

Library Director Jennifer Goodland graduated in May 2022 with Masters in Library and Information Sciences from Indiana University’s Indianapolis online campus. She focused on academic library administration, digital data informatics and ethics, and issues of indigenous librarianship. Her capstone project explored privacy ethics and access barriers in the National Archives and Records Administration’s treatment of indigenous records.

Create education without barriers through transformational partnerships.

Innovate & Make Space Summer Camps/Classes

Summer art classes in the IMS were in full swing as K-12 students and adults alike expressed their creativity through multiple outlets. In June, LCC hosted classes such as leathercraft, expressions through traditional art and scientific concepts such as Newton’s Laws of Gravity. The revenue from these classes supports future programming.



Basketball Kids Camp

Men's Basketball coach Justin Cellars hosted a Kids Camp July 10th-15th. It was one of the biggest turn outs in the last five years with 28 total children in attendance. Little Lopes and Kids Camp served Pre-5th Grade and an individual development camp was held for 6th-12th Grade.

