



Lamar Community College President's Report April 2022

Transform the student experience.

Spring Fling Week

After two years of limited events, LCC Student Life and Student Government is loving the opportunity to engage in-person. SGA President, Maddie Thompson led the planning of LCC's Spring Fling Week and it was a rousing success!

Come and Go Breakfast

Student life coordinator, AJ Arredondo, started off the end of year, Spring Fling week April 18, with a free come and go breakfast from McDonalds in the new Student Union. It was a great way to start off a Monday morning.

Kickball tournament & SGA Social

On Tuesday, SGA and Student life hosted a kickball tournament consisting of seven teams. Six were student teams and one team was made up entirely of LCC staff (below). This was not the winning team, but certainly the team that showed the most effort, and age. Dr. Lujan opted out but cheered from the dugout.



Pool Tournament

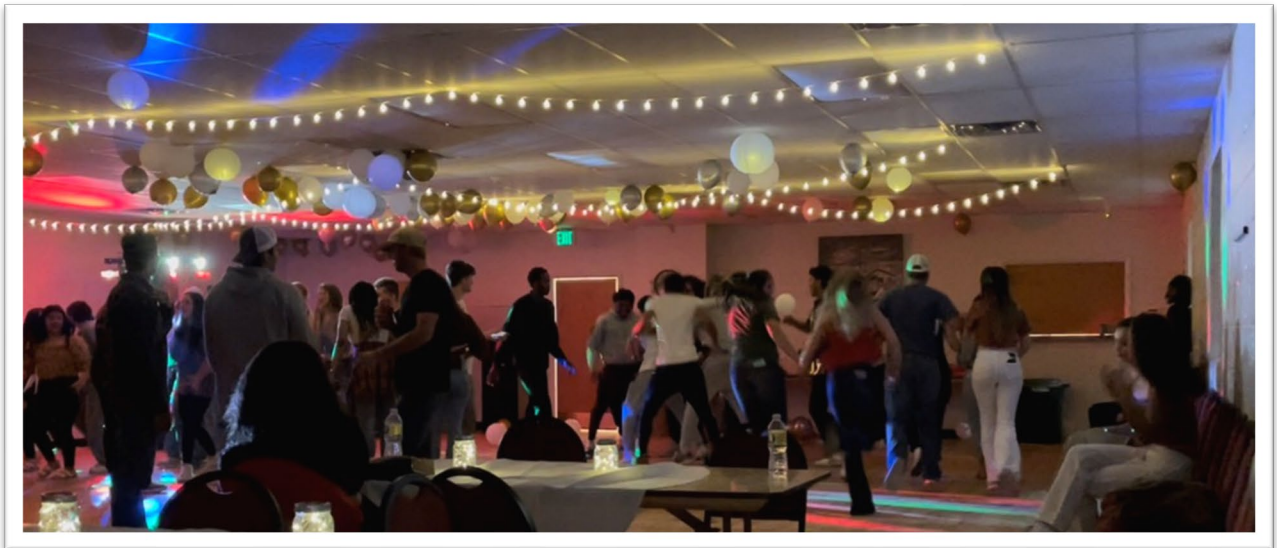
Wednesday, students showed up to challenge each other at a game of pool. Prizes for the winners were as follows: first place was a pool stick, sound bar, LED light stick and an LCC tote bag. Second place was a Roku stick, LED light stick and an LCC tote bag. Third place was an LED light stick and an LCC.

Bowling Night

On Thursday, students filled the Lamar Lanes bowling alley, on April 21, for a night of free bowling and pizza. This is a favorite among LCC students

Spring Dance

On Friday students gathered at the Lamar Economics Building at the Sand and Sage Fairgrounds for the end of the year dance. There was a live DJ, and students dressed up for a western themed party. LCC students love to dance.



PTK Annual Convention Livestream

LCC Phi Theta Kappa members attended the 2022 PTK Catalyst April 7-9 virtually. This is PTK's premier annual event, bringing together members, advisors, and their supporters for professional development and celebration of the accomplishments of our community. LCC was excited to be a part of it.

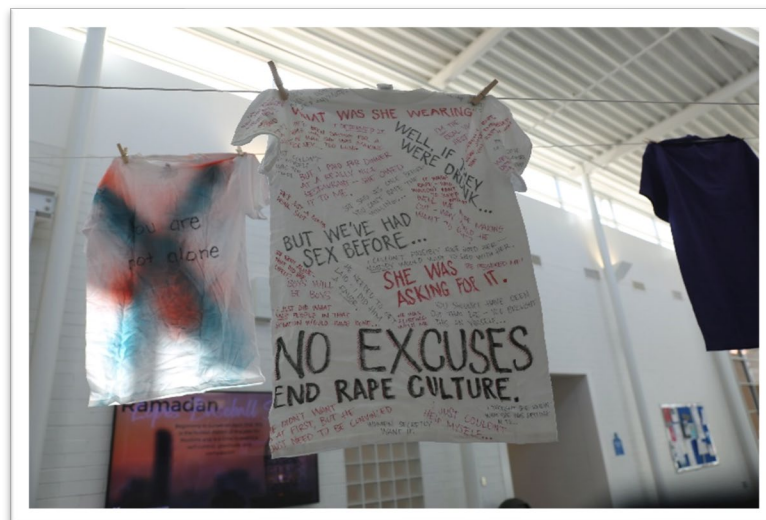
PTK Induction

Lamar Community College welcomed their newest members to the Beta Eta Gamma chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa Society. The spring Induction ceremony took place on March 26. Membership is open to the top 10% students at a college. LCC has a 30% participation rate in Phi Theta Kappa, which is much higher than national average, which qualified the chapter for the PTK Reach Award. Interim Dean of Academics, Mr. Greg Cash gave the keynote address, which was both inspirational and motivational.



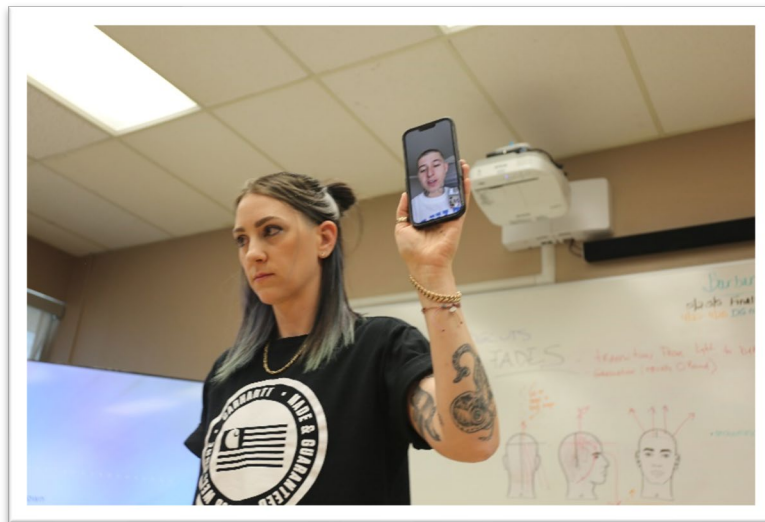
Clothesline project

After an COVID hiatus, t-shirt were displayed in the Betz Atrium for LCC's fourth annual *Clothesline Project*, which bears witness to victims and survivors of sexual and domestic abuse as part of April's Sexual Violence Prevention campaign. The shirts, created by LCC students, faculty and staff carried some powerful messages. The *Clothesline Project* is a nation movement and LCC is proud to be part of the experience.



DG Cuts Visits LCC

A big-name educator in the Barber/Cosmo Industry, DG Cuts, visited the campus April 25 and 26. She demonstrated techniques in haircuts, shaves, color and other services using LCC students, faculty and staff as models. Students enjoyed learning new techniques and engaging with an outside professional and LCC Faculty received professional development as well. As an added bonus she connected virtually with TikTok star Vic Blends during her day-long visit – which is apparently a big deal! According to his bio “Victor Fontanez is a 21 year old barber and entrepreneur from Fayetteville, North Carolina, who has grown his side hustle from cutting hair in his mom’s garage, to becoming one of the most renowned celebrity barbers and business moguls”.



A number of faculty, staff, and student model volunteers are now looking much better after students, under the direction of DG Cuts, changed their look.

Work Study Appreciation

The Dean of Student Services, Teresa Turner, showed appreciation to all the LCC work study students the week of April 11 – work study appreciation week - by presenting them with a certificate and a gift. The bags included, candy, color changing water bottles, and a certificate of appreciation. Like all colleges, LCC appreciates the hard work and dedication and very-needed support of work study students.

Spring Horse Show

The Lamar Community College Horse Training & Management (HTM) and Equine Business Management (EBM) programs hosted their annual Spring Show on April 29. The show was held in the Equine Complex, and the community was invited to attend and help celebrate the accomplishments of LCC freshman in the HTM and EBM programs. Students demonstrated their skill and all they have taught their horses over the past year. The Spring Horse Show marks the end of the year and the halfway point in the students' degrees. They will return in the fall, with those in HTM moving on to specialized training and those in EBM will continue their advanced courses. Next spring, these students will go on internship to complete their degree.

The HTM/EBM Advisory Committee also held its spring meeting during lunch on the same day. This is one of the most engaged committees at the college and always has good insight and advice about programmatic improvements, skills needed in graduates, industry trends, and facility use.



Student Excellence Awards

Along with students and staff from all the colleges, LCC students and guests enjoyed this year's Student Excellence event at the Hangar at Stanley Marketplace. Ral'Shaun Descheny, Aliana Gutierrez, and Maddie Thompson were excited to attend the event in-person with Dr. Lujan and Residence Life/Student Life Director, AJ Arredondo. Other honorees unable to attend will be celebrated in Lamar.



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VP Interviews

On April 20 and 21 LCC hosted finalists for the Vice President of Academic & Student Services. In addition to a day of interviews, writing exercises, and campus tours, each candidate presented on “Enrollment Management in a Post-COVID Era” during an open forum. The open forum was full of questions participants provided written feedback on each candidate's strengths and opportunities for improvement.

Supervisor Training

To support new and experienced supervisors the LCC Presidents Office and the HR Department is co-hosting a series of supervisor lunches where participants engage in self-assessment, discussion, sharing of issues, and best practices as they all navigate a workforce and work environment changed by two-years of disruption. The inaugural meeting was held in late March and participants were each given the book From Supervisor to Super Leader as a foundation for the work.

Community College Journal Features Dr. Lujan

LCC was proud to see Dr. Lujan discussing rural leadership in the April/May 2022 issue of the Community College Journal. Her advice to other presidents and future leaders spotlighted the rewards of being a rural president. https://www.ccjournal-digital.com/ccjournal/april_may_2022/MobilePagedReplica.action?pm=2&folio=8#pg10

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Beer Goggles

As part of its annual drug and alcohol awareness training for students, LCC offers engaging activities and events, including the annual “beer goggle” activity. Despite a cold and windy day, students came out to experience simulated drunk driving using beer goggles. In partnership with Lamar Police Department, students took to a driving course. The students attempted driving through a course of cones while “drunk”.



Regional FFA Contest

LCC’s Agriculture program hosted the Regional Future Farmers of America Career Development Event (CDE) Contest on April 6. More than 900 students, advisors, and agriculture faculty from high schools across the state of Colorado and neighboring states came to compete in twelve different contests. This event grows a bigger every year, and LCC is proud to host it. It’s a great opportunity to connect with students, advisors, and high school teachers.

Professional Development

On Friday April 15th Brad Weller joined the Equine Business Management and Horse Training and Management programs. He offered professional development to the LCC equine instructors while furthering students’ skills on ranch riding and ranch trail. The takeaways from Mr. Weller’s clinic were that providing individual instruction to each student is the most effective practice, each horse may need a different approach for the different maneuvers, and that positive feedback goes a long ways with both horses and riders. We are so glad the Perkins Grant could provide this professional development opportunity for our faculty.

Horse Sale

Following the LCC Spring Horse Show, LCC Horse Training Management and Equine Business Management hosted a Legacy Horse Sale which was produced by La Junta Livestock Commission. A total of twenty-seven horses were for sale to the public. The day started with vet checks at 8:00am, previews of the horses at 9:00am and the sale starting at noon. A portion of the proceeds were returned to the LCC program and students gained valuable skills in marketing and sales.

Host Ag Fest 2022

LCC hosted the CSU Ag Fest on April 25. This is an annual educational event for fifth and sixth grade students; put on by the CSU Extension Office, used to enhance the science being taught in the classroom and increase knowledge about agriculture.

Living History Encampment

On April 29 and 30, LCC presented the Frontier History Encampment. For two days the college steps back in time to the first frontier days of the Colorado Plains. This encampment features early 1800's fur trappers, Santa Fe traders, pioneer women, blacksmith and wagonwright, Buffalo Soldiers, homesteaders, a Mexican vaquero, chuck wagon cooks, mining camps, Civil War military and artillery riring Demonstrations. This event included live wagon rides and a special appearance by the Seven Falls Indian Dancers along with the Pawnee & Flandreau Santee Sioux expedition and social dances. Students and community as well as history buffs from across the state enjoyed this unique learning experience.



This biannual, one-of-a-kind event celebrates and honors the many different groups and cultures who called this part of the country home in the 19th century. Visitors saw

history come to life through expert, first-person historic interpreters, demonstrations and hands-on activities. This event is made possible by a grant from Colorado Humanities, the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) as part of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) and the NEH Sustaining the Humanities through the American Rescue Plan (SHARP) initiative.

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Youth Career Expo

A number of LCC staff spent the day at the Lamar Community Building talking to young students at the community Youth Career Expo. Students who visited the LCC tables were able to experience the Nursing and Allied Health Program's HaloLens for augmented reality as well as learning about the abilities of the Anatomage virtual anatomy tables. Students also learned about the different types of projects and equipment at the LCC Innovate & Make Space.

Presidential and Kane Scholarship

The LCC Foundation Scholarship committee had two days of interviews with well-qualified students wanting their chance for the Kane and Presidential scholarships. It was a very competitive process, and four high school seniors were awarded 2022 Kane Scholarships and ten high school students were awarded 2022 Presidential Scholarships.

Presidential Scholarships are funded by individuals and organizations in the community and are administered by the LCC Foundation. Successful recipients are required to serve as ambassadors and complete service to the college as part of their thank you. The committee always has a challenging time selecting recipients because so many well-qualified students apply.

Lopes Day 2022

LCC held Lopes Day 2022 and used it to host a morning series of grand openings and ribbon cuttings, followed by lunch, and then an open house to showcase programs and services to surrounding high schools and community members.

Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies

Lamar Community College was proud to present new spaces in the grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony on April 14. With the pandemic, many new projects were going on without the public's knowledge. Now that restrictions are lifted, we celebrated these new areas. Ribbon cutting included the My Advancement Plan (MAP) Center, Student Union, Elevator Projects in Bowman East and West and the new CTE Building. All the architects, contractors and the artist for the CTE Building's sculpture came to help with ribbon cutting. The event was attended by a number of elected officials, members of the Presidents Community Circle, LCC Foundation Board members, K-12 representatives,

and community members attended. A big thank you to a local florist, Melissa Bohl, owner of Thoughts in Bloom, who donated flowers to make the event more festive.



Of special note, the artist selected for the CTE Building's Art in Public Places is Springfield Colorado artist Bill Bunting who competed against artists from across the state and was selected to create the beautiful sculpture representing the past, present, and future of ag and skilled trades. Mr. Bunting was born and raised on the ranch his grandfather homesteaded in the canyon lands of Southeast Colorado.

Open House

The Lopes Day 2022 Open House served as a one-stop shop for students and families to gain information about the college. Faculty members from each department were on-hand, as well as all the support service departments so students could get to know them and ask any questions they had. Campus tours were offered throughout the afternoon and evening, giving attendees the opportunity to see what life would be like while they attend LCC.