



Lamar Community College President's Report September 2021

Transform the student experience.

Welcome Students

Lamar Community College hosted its final new student orientation on Friday, August 20th. Everyone on campus was involved in welcoming the new students and helping them transition to campus life. Student Ambassadors escorted their groups to a variety of activities designed to help them succeed. Dr. Lujan, VP DeBono, and Dr. Annessa Stagner Stulp offered a special parent session to help parents with the transition. And community agencies and businesses set up tables and booths to help orient students and families to what's available in the community



Baseball Stepped Up Again

In what's become a tradition, Lamar Community College Baseball Team stepped up to the plate to lend a hand to everyone moving into the residence halls. They greeted students and their families with enthusiasm, while helping get everything unloaded and put into place. Parents were especially pleased because they didn't have to carry anything!



Nursing Orientation

LCC held its Nursing Orientation on Thursday, August 19. New Nursing Director, Morgan Clark changed up the entire event. First-level and second level nursing students were present so new students could hear directly from continuing students. Orientation was filled with pop quiz questions and some fun activities that got 1st and 2nd level to work together. This orientation was also a chance for students to meet and hear from faculty, staff, and others who are going to be supporting their success.



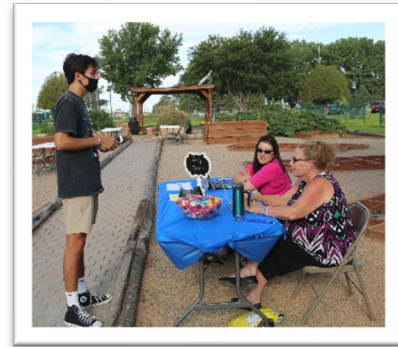
First Week Back

LCC is excited to have students back on campus and planned a full first week to get students engaged and familiar with the campus. These activities included, a Pool Tournament, Nature Walk in the Willow Creek Woods with Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Doggy Happy Hour and a busy week cool down with Milk and Cookies on the Patio.

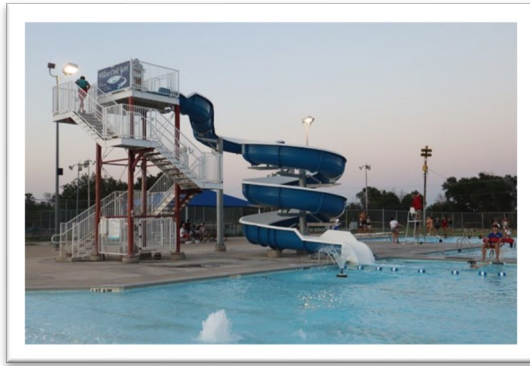
The first day of classes new Student Life Coordinator, AJ Arredondo, greeted students outside the new Student Union with breakfast including build-your-own burritos, coffee, and tea. Some students added it to the casual start of their morning, while others were grateful for the breakfast break after the first class of the day.



Additionally, a Welcome Fair was set up in the LCC Learning Garden to greet students, give directions, hand out a little swag and help get them started 'on the right foot'



The City of Lamar opened its pool for the LCC Back-to-School Swim Party on where students, enjoyed free swimming and a great BBQ provided by *Brew Unto Others*.



SGA officers

LCC is excited to have a new group of students leading SGA live and in person. This year we are represented by Abigail Schmidt, President; Maddie Thompson, Vice President; Gaby Gomez, Secretary; and Ral'Shaun Descheny "YD" as Hall Liaison



Bucket List

Students were also challenged to complete the LCC Bucket List before they graduate!

THE LCC
BUCKET LIST
50
THINGS YOU
MUST DO

SHARE YOUR
BUCKET LIST ADVENTURE!
#lamar50



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| <input type="checkbox"/> | 1. Order ranch fries at BJ's.
<small>(Make sure you eat inside!)</small> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 13. Visit the Book Nook. | <input type="checkbox"/> | 26. Visit a county fair or the Sand & Sage Fair. | <input type="checkbox"/> | 38. Run (or walk) in the Beer, Brats, & Boobies 5K in Lamar. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 2. Swim in the Black Hole. | <input type="checkbox"/> | 14. Debate: Las Brisas or Mission Villanueva? | <input type="checkbox"/> | 27. Volunteer at the HOPE Center. | <input type="checkbox"/> | 39. Take a picture on top of the 28th sandstone tower in Lamar. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 3. Go Bowling at Lamar Lanes. | <input type="checkbox"/> | 15. Play a round of Disc Golf at Willow Creek. | <input type="checkbox"/> | 28. Make your own <i>Runnin'</i> Lopes T-shirt in the Makerspace. | <input type="checkbox"/> | 40. Drink hot chocolate in the Enchanted Forest at Christmas. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 4. Visit with a volunteer at the Colorado Welcome Center. | <input type="checkbox"/> | 16. Get a vintage fountain drink from the Wash Spot. | <input type="checkbox"/> | 29. Get popcorn from the Main Street Shoppe. | <input type="checkbox"/> | 41. Make something on the 3D Printer in the Makerspace. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 5. Ride a tractor or combine. | <input type="checkbox"/> | 17. Spot a Monarch Butterfly. | <input type="checkbox"/> | 30. Grab a late dinner at the Port to Plains Travel Plaza. | <input type="checkbox"/> | 42. Workout in the Fitness Center. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 6. Learn goat-tying. | <input type="checkbox"/> | 18. Watch the tarantula migration. | <input type="checkbox"/> | 31. Attend a Trailblazer Theatre production. | <input type="checkbox"/> | 43. Create a team for a Rec Sport at the community building. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 7. Attend a Rodeo. | <input type="checkbox"/> | 19. Find the place in Lamar featured on Ripley's Believe It or Not. | <input type="checkbox"/> | 32. Soak in some history. <small>Big Inners Museum, Fort Lyon Cemetery, Camp Archaic Sand Creek Mission, Historic Site, & Bent's Old Fort.</small> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 44. Go camping at John Martin Reservoir. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 8. Attend a Basketball Game. <small>(Played by Donkeys or Humans)</small> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 20. See a herd of deer walking through campus in the mornings. | <input type="checkbox"/> | 33. Float in the Arkansas River. | <input type="checkbox"/> | 45. Pull an all-nighter with a study group. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 9. Cheer for any of the Lamar sports teams at a home game. | <input type="checkbox"/> | 21. Watch a sunrise over the sagebrush or a field. | <input type="checkbox"/> | 34. Go to the ice cream shop in Eads. | <input type="checkbox"/> | 46. Build a snowman! |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 10. Play a round of golf at Spreading Antlers. | <input type="checkbox"/> | 22. Photograph an abandoned building. | <input type="checkbox"/> | 35. Take a hike through Vogel or Picture Canyon. <small>(Watch out for snakes!)</small> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 47. Buy some Lope gear from a local store. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 11. Walk through Willow Creek Woods. | <input type="checkbox"/> | 23. Feed a horse. | <input type="checkbox"/> | 36. Find dinosaur tracks in Comanche National Grassland. | <input type="checkbox"/> | 48. Get pampered at the salon on campus. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 12. Play the #trashchallenge in Lamar. | <input type="checkbox"/> | 24. Go fishing at Two Buttes, John Martin, or the Northside Ponds. | <input type="checkbox"/> | 37. Have a study session at the coffee shop. Brew Unto Others. | <input type="checkbox"/> | 49. Meet someone new at a Student Life Event! |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> | 25. Explore the Lamar Loop. | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | 50. Attend a movie night. |



Transform our own workforce experience.

All-Employee Meeting

Lamar Community College started the semester off with an All-Employee week which included small group meetings, professional development and in-service sessions, and an All-Employee meeting on August 17 where Dr. Lujan shared the 2020-2021 theme, *Connect, Communicate, Community* and linked it to all the ways we connect with students, each other, and our external communities. This meeting brought all employees together with updates from the president, vice president and deans. Always fun is LCC's traditional in-person introduction and welcome to all new employees. Employees engaged in activities about "belonging" and ended the event by writing a letter to students, which will be published and shared with our students.



In this year's meeting, LCC honored all the employees who were first generation students themselves.



Create education without barriers through transformational partnerships.

Groundbreaking of Soccer Field

August 24 was the groundbreaking for the new collegiate soccer field in Lamar. This field, along with a community field and the existing practice fields, will create a soccer complex in Escondido Park to be enjoyed by young and old players.

The collegiate field is a partnership between the City of Lamar and Lamar Community College. LCC is launching men's and women's soccer in fall 2022.



Family Night at the Fair

Lamar Community College was highly engaged this year at the Sand & Sage Roundup county fair. Among the events, LCC employees and student volunteers served a huge crowd with hamburgers and hot dogs on Family Night.



Redefine our value proposition through accessibility, affordability, quality, accountability, resource development, and operational excellence.

Visit from Congressman Ben Buck

Congressman Ben Buck and his staff visited Lamar Community College on August 19th to meet and talk with agriculture and equine science students and faculty about the future on those industries.

IREPO Grant

LCC was notified August 2 that the college is one of only 62 institutions nationally, and one of only three in Colorado, awarded a federal Institutional Resilience and Expanded Postsecondary Opportunity (IREPO) grant. Titled “Within and Beyond the Pandemic: Ensuring Equity and Access in the Rural Digital Divide through Expanded Remote Instruction and Distance Learning”, this two-year \$1.57 million dollar grant provides staffing and resources to better serve LCC’s far-flung service area.

Federal press release is here: <https://www.ed.gov/news/press-releases/us-department-education-announces-32-billion-additional-higher-education-emergency-relief-funds-support-students-historic-and-under-resourced-institutions>

Awardees can be viewed here:

<https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/caresirepoallocationtable.pdf>