



Lamar Community College President's Report September 2022

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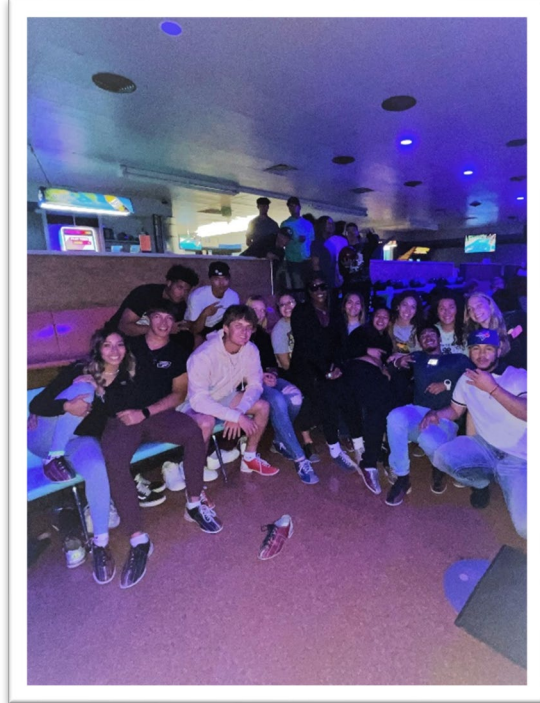
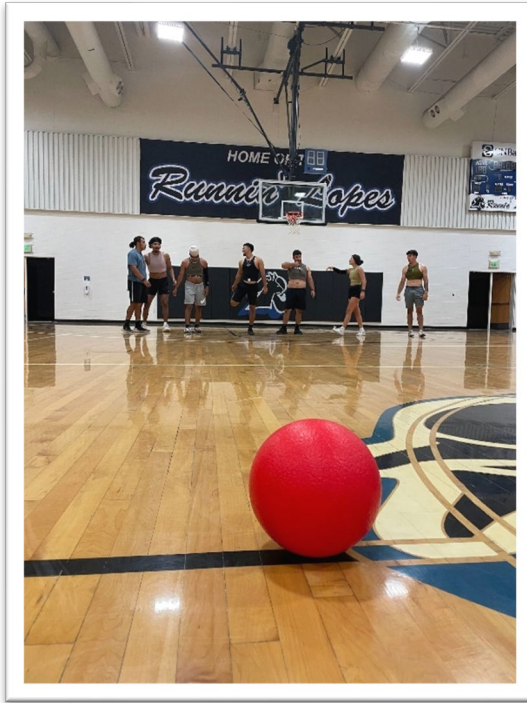


Eads Fair Parade

LCC is a college for the community and as such we support and care about our neighboring towns. Our students are unafraid to embrace the “new normal” post-pandemic and are eager to resume many in-person events such as the Eads Fair Parade. The Men’s Basketball team and Coach Cellars represented LCC in the parade. Our Running Lopes sports teams are diving back into the community once more and experiencing the close connections that LCC has formed with its neighbors and our neighbors are responding favorably.

Student Life

LCC Student Life has exploded this month with fun and educational things for students to do on and off campus. Student Life Coordinator Yolanda Herrera offered students opportunities to engage with each other and, within their new community, show their school spirit as LCC begins to host more home games at the end of the month.



Live Comedian

In Student life this month we have had the opportunity to bring live entertainment back to the college, LCC kicked September off with a live comedian, Mike Hammock, and headliner Derrick Stroup. We served light refreshments and snacks. The students had a great time listening to a live comedian with their newfound friends.

Dodgeball Tournament

This event took place at the Lamar Wellness Center. We had a great turnout with teams of 6 playing in a double elimination bracket. This brought out each student's competitive side along with their support for one another. The students really enjoyed the tournament and the way that all students showed their team spirit brought everyone victory, not just the winners.

Bowling Night

Bowling night was a big hit this year. This was the first bowling night of the fall semester, and we were amazed with the turnout as it was the most diverse group we have had participate thus far. Each student enjoyed bowling with their teammates and friends and even inter-mingled amongst groups that they didn't normally socialize with. Pizza was served along with bottled water.

Mexican Independence Celebration

Student Life held a Mexican Fiesta Night in the Todd Burch Hall Dorms. We served tacos and watched a documentary called EL Movimiento, which highlighted the Chicano movement in Colorado. The students got to learn a little more about the Hispanic culture while enjoying the diverse culinary possibilities from that area. We ended our fiesta with a piñata.

Constitution Day

Constitution day was on September 17th this year. With this date being on a Saturday, we decided to celebrate on Monday September 19th with donuts and milk, we also provided the students with mini constitutions and discussed any questions or comments they had about their rights as American citizens.

Movie Night

Thanks to our partnership with the Historic Lamar Theater, on September 20th LCC Student Life was able to establish a movie night where LCC students paid \$1 to watch Super Pets or Beast.

Spirit Event

During the week of September 26th the LCC volleyball team and soccer teams all partnered to play Otero College and Trinidad State College here at the LCC. The volleyball game with OC was in the Wellness Center, where we hosted a white out event and the 2 loudest fans won a T-Shirt. The soccer games were at Lamar Runnin' Lopes Soccer Field at Escondido Park. The students were excited to show off their school spirit and support their athletics teams.

Updated Classroom Equipment and Delivery Model

At LCC we have been updating the technology and equipment used in our classrooms to better serve our students and prepare them for the challenges of the real world. Not only are the faculty and students taking advantage of the many technological advances at LCC, the instructors are also taking them out into the field to get a more thorough understanding of the outcomes being taught. Brian Gauck, Ag Instructor, has provided pictures of his Livestock Practicum class where he took his students to Valley Irrigation and 4Rivers Equipment to learn more about irrigation pivot control modules, John Deere equipment and so much more that they will encounter after their studies here at LCC.



Rural College Summit

A team of eight from LCC participated the first annual Rural College Summit at Morgan Community College on September 21. MCC was a premier host with great amenities, warm hospitality, and delicious food. Chancellor Garcia set the tenor for the day and the LCC team was highly engaged in imagining possibilities for collaboration to increase access and equity for rural students while increasing the effectiveness and efficiency of our rural institutions. "Stronger together" was a prevailing theme and the team is

energized about the future of the Rural College Consortium and shared courses, programs, services, and staff to benefit students and communities.

Transform our own workforce experience.

New Employees

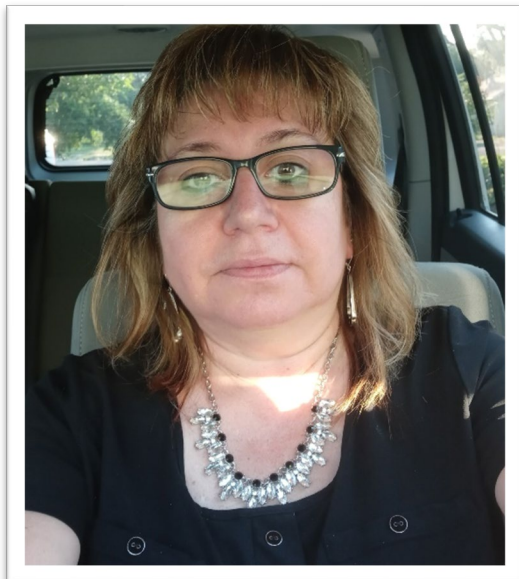
Welcome Shuamae Maestas

We are pleased to introduce Shuamae Maestas as the Cosmetology Assistant. Shuamae Maestas earned her Nail tech Certificate from Lamar Community College in July of 2018. She loved it so much that she came back and finished her Cosmetology Certificate in May of 2019. In the fall of 2020, she returned and finished her Barber Certificate at LCC. Shuamae currently holds a Barber and Cosmetology license in the state of Colorado and was also an All-State Academic Team award recipient in 2019.



In August of 2018, Shuamae started working downtown as a Nail Technician in Lamar.

Shuamae is still working at her shop as a licensed Cosmetologist and Barber. Her passion might be nails, but she is very skilled at color, haircuts, perms, fades, tapers, shaving, waxing, facials, people skills, bottled with industry and business knowledge. Shuamae has been in the trenches and knows what it takes to build a successful business with loyal clientele.



Welcome Dora Adame

Dora Adame joins our LCC team as the new Student Success Workforce Navigator! Dora is in charge of the COSI Back to Work and Finish What You Started grants. Dora received her BA from Kaplan University in 2008, then worked with High Plains Community Health Center for the last 15 years. Dora loves spending her free time with her family and working on her small business.

She understands the adult learner and is excited to jump in to help them be successful.

Dora is a lifelong Lamar resident, who is really excited about working with LCC and helping students become successful in their journey to get Back to Work or Finish the Degree/Certificates they started!

Strategic Planning – Action Priority Groups

As part of the 2020-2025 Strategic Plan, each year LCC focuses on one theme and engages the entire college in action priorities related to that theme. Year one was “aesthetics/amenities”, year two was “communication” and this year’s focus is “expanding access”. The President’s Leadership Council’s (PLC) ad hoc planning group – Kelly Emick, Robert Vazquez, Kyle Lasley, Shealynn Robins, Jennifer Goodland, and Courtney Beshara – worked with PLC and Dr. Lujan to identify priorities for this year. In the longstanding tradition of process improvement from LCC’s many years as an Academic Quality Improvement Project (AQIP) campus, each employee will participate in one of the projects.

1. College-wide Priority Projects

1.1. Student Success Priority

Recommend updated schedule courses, programs, and services to fit the needs of the communities we serve. Look at hours of operation, course availability, services, etc. to see if we are meeting the needs of the students we want to serve.

1.2. Community Success Priority

Develop calendar, responsible parties, and processes, to successfully plan, coordinate, and offer meaningful campus events to bring community members, potential students, and others to LCC throughout the year. Examples include Career Fairs, Knowledge Bowl, Girls in the Middle, FFA Conference, Transfer Fairs, Colorado History Day, etc.

1.3. Resource Success Priority

Increase recruitment activities and strategies for enrollment growth in all categories of students, including adult learners.

1.4. Employee Success Priority

Work with employees and the Employee Engagement Committee to expand opportunities for employees to support campus events and activities (including athletic events), increase wellness activities, and engage with each other.

In addition to college-wide projects each department and unit may have its own action priorities and projects related to expanding access (removing barriers).

Create education without barriers through transformational partnerships.

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. Originally the COPERR House was purchased for \$5,000 and approximately \$120,000 worth of improvements was put into it including new floor joists, sub floors, windows, and walls. Nearly the entirety of the interior and exterior of the house was remodeled by the LCC Construction Trades students, minus items

such as the installation of the HVAC unit and air conditioner. Closing on the COPERR House occurred on September 7th, 2022 and was purchased for \$179,416 by Dale and Donetta Willhite, longtime Holly residents and owners of Scooters in Lamar, and soon Pueblo.

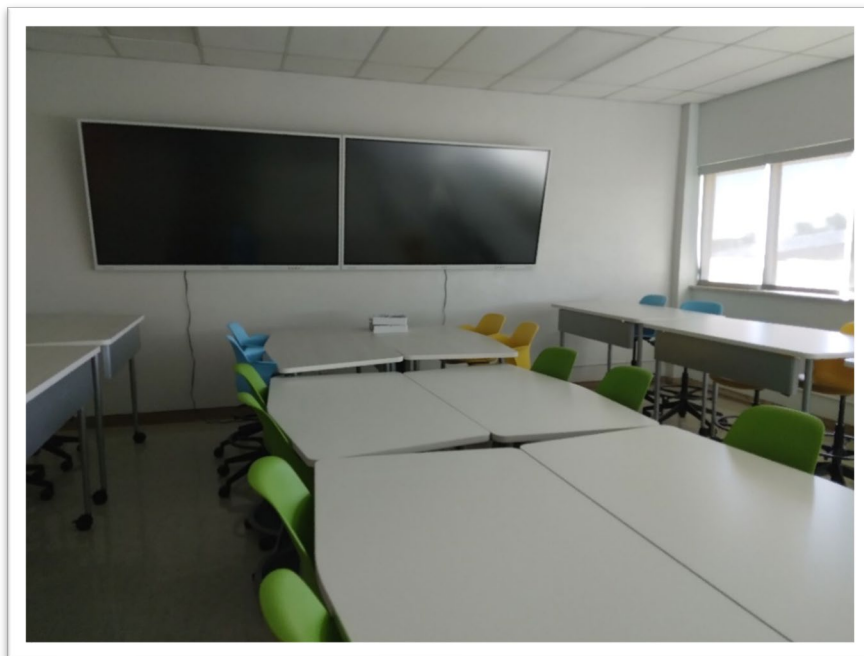


Daniels Fund Ethics Initiative

The prestigious Daniels Fund Ethics Initiative Collegiate Program at UCCS College of Business fellowships are awarded to UCCS educators who demonstrate excellence in pedagogical activities related to applied business, professional and organizational ethics. UCCS fellows work with ethics champions from nine colleges and universities in southern Colorado through the UCCS Southern Colorado Higher Education Consortium Ethics Champions Program. Lamar Community College is proud to be apart of this initiative and have nominated Student Life Coordinator Yolanda Herrera and English Faculty Dr. Zachary Sands as our 2022-2023 Ethics Champions.

New Technology and Furniture in the Classrooms

As more classrooms are equipped with the Epson Brightlink projectors and Samsung Displays, the students are enjoying a more effortless way of sharing information and assignments. In this photo we can see a student from the Ag Orientation class sharing her presentation on the current agricultural issues of Protecting Genetic Contamination of Swine Facilities. While not all of the classrooms have been completed, our team is working enthusiastically to provide the students of LCC with the most up to date technology and expanding their resources for further opportunities.

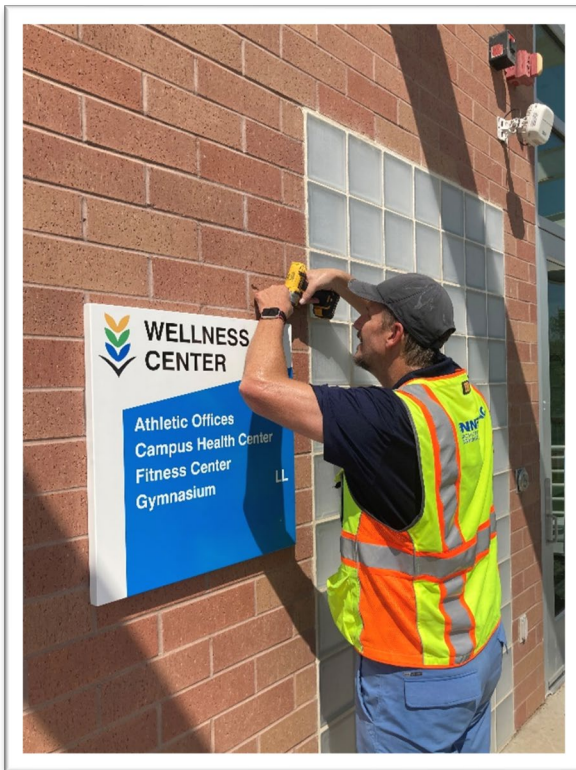


Redefine our value proposition through accessibility, affordability, quality, accountability, resource development, and operational excellence.

LCC Updated Campus Signage

Phase 1 of the LCC Campus Signage project is underway. This project was supposed to be completed in July, but product and shipping delays continued to hinder our timelines. Most of the smaller, building signs were installed on September 7th, 2022.

The larger campus signs were installed later in September and even included a QR code, which visitors can scan to find their way around campus. Each of these signs has detailed information as to the name of the buildings and the services provided inside. We know this project is another step in improving the aesthetics and amenities of the LCC Campus.



Welcome Center

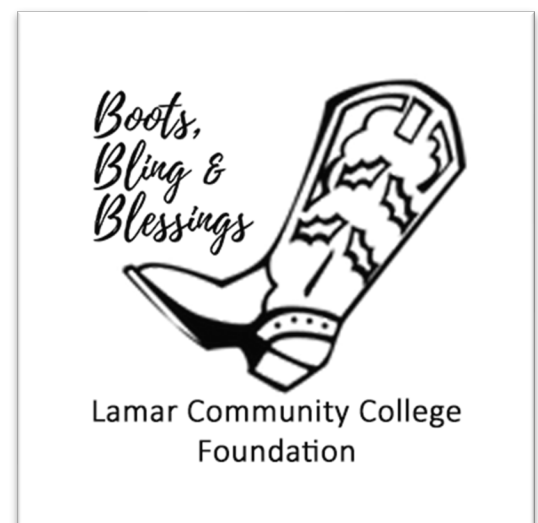
We have installed a Welcome Center in the Betz Technology building to better help guide students and visiting families across campus. The purpose of the Welcome Center is to better assist the students and community with accessing the staff and resources that they need. Not only will the Welcome Center provide information, but it also serves as a small respite to all students transferring between classes or taking a study break. Updated furniture has been placed alongside the Welcome Center as well as electronic displays that act as a secondary information source for current activities and events happening around campus.



Boots, Bling & Blessings

The LCC Foundation's annual signature event, "Boots, Bling & Blessings" is in the final planning stage with lots of excitement about a night to gather, celebrate, have bidding wars on amazing silent auction items, enjoy great food and drink, and bring community members together in support of the college on October 22. The venue is unique, and volunteers work hard to transform the arena in the LCC Equine Complex into a lovely space for eventgoers to kick up their boots and have a bit of fun. The number of sponsors each year continues to grow, with presenting sponsor, Southeast Colorado Power Association/SECOM back for their sixth year of support. A highlight of the evening is meeting some of the honor students whose scholarships are made possible by generous donors. Equally fun and sometimes quite lively are the bidding wars near evening's end.

Even in the midst of the pandemic, when the in-person event was canceled, sponsors continued their support. The college resumed its in-person event last year and this year's promises to be bigger and better. The LCC Foundation has been supporting LCC for almost 50 years and cares passionately about Southeast Colorado and the college.



The picture of Dr. Lujan with honor students is from the 2021 event.

