



Welcome back from Spring Break!

I hope you all had a wonderful time doing things you love, spending time with family, and recharging as we prepare for summer registration, May, and June graduations, and so many other exciting upcoming events. April is Community College Month, and it is also the College's 65th Anniversary. This month, we are sharing our digital history with a Back in The Day Series, featuring some of our faculty and staff who have been at the College for more than 12 years. The series is featured on the College's Facebook page and website. It is fun to see where we were, where we are and where we are heading as a College. While the College has experienced many changes in the past 65 years, one thing remains constant and that is providing the best education and training opportunities to our students. This time of the year is always so invigorating. We get to see many of our students walk across our graduation stage to the next chapter of their life as we plan for a new wave of students beginning their educational journey. Summer registration is in full swing as we hit the ground running for the first day of classes on May 17. Please continue to reach out to your advisees so they can be registered and ready for classes. Summer Pell is also available for those who qualify so we don't want anyone to "leave money on the table." I'm proud of what we have accomplished and of the work that each one of us does every day to connect hope to opportunity for so many.

Yes, this is an exciting time at LCC, and I look forward to the days ahead. Thank you for the great work you do!



El Centro Hispano Visits LCC

Lenoir Community College was honored recently with the visit of El Centro Hispano. "We had a great and productive time learning from each other and discussing ideas to work together to better serve our Hispanic/Latino/Latinx students and their community," said LCC Workforce Development and Latino Programs Associate Dean Carlos Cotto. The mission of [El Centro Hispano](#) is to work to strengthen the community, build bridges, and advocate for equity and inclusion.



LCC Captures Two National Paragon Awards

Congratulations to LCC Digital Marketing Coordinator Jimmy Taylor and Graphic Designer Kylie Chadwick on their [Bronze Paragon Awards](#) from the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations (NCMPR) conference recently in Orlando, Florida. NCMPR is the only organization of its kind that exclusively represents marketing and public relations professional at community and technical colleges.



LCC WIOA Assists Student in Achieving His Career

When 21-year-old Montreai Woodard of Walstonburg came to Lenoir Community College, he knew exactly what he wanted to do, he just needed financial help to do it. He was working at a local car dealership at the time. His goal was to enroll in Truck Driver Training and obtain his CDL's. After talking with him, it was able to determine that Woodard was eligible for assistance through LCC's [Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act](#) Youth Program. This program assists out of school youth ages 16-24 that qualify for assistance with schooling, training, and finding employment.



LCC holds third annual Derby Car Race at the Aerospace & Advanced Manufacturing Center

LCC students recently participated in the [third annual Derby Car Race](#) at the AAMC. The event teams up Mechanical Engineering, Industrial Systems and Computer-Integrated Machining students to design and manufacture a car that meets certain requirements. LCC Computer-Integrated Machining Program Chair Andrew Luppino explained that the purpose of this project is to get engineering and machining students working together to explore their creativity while learning about each other's realistic abilities.



Adult Spelling Bee bounces back in big way for teachers

Suspended during the pandemic, the 2023 Adult Spelling Bee organized by the Lenoir County Education Foundation and the Lenoir County Chamber of Commerce, its parent group, bounced back in a big way recently, attracting a record number of teams and [raising more than \\$8,000 for its teacher mini-grant program](#). LCC's team, Catherine Hardee, Dr. Jarrett Whelan, Sterling Cullipher, and Maria Messner finished second. The Adult Spelling Bee is the Education Foundation's second-largest fundraiser behind its annual golf tournament.



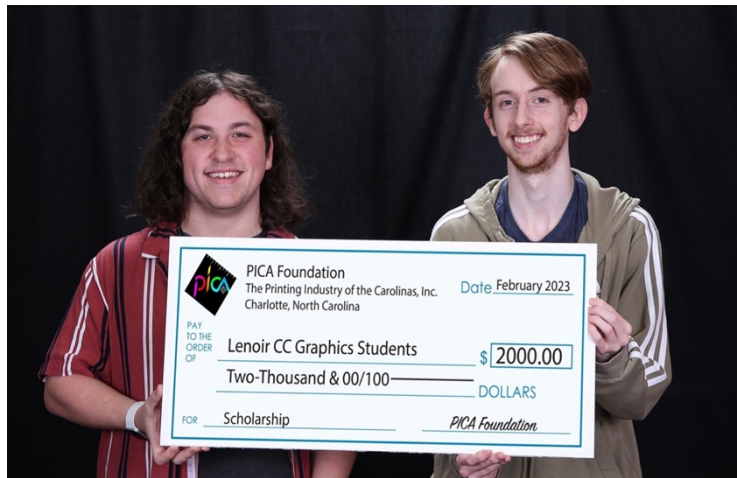
Nursing students at LCC practice responding to mass casualty event

LCC students are getting hands-on learning about how to treat patients in a hospital setting and what to do while under pressure and stress. The [disaster scenario](#) includes a stadium collapse at the baseball field on the campus. "Whenever they arrive on scene, they'll see multiple patients that they'll have to triage and determine the best course of treatment," said Katelyn Herring, the associate degree nursing instructor at Lenoir Community College.



Remarkable Woman: Helping others is what Ika Grant does

By day, Ika Grant can be found at Lenoir Community College. "[I assist individuals](#) that are considered low income as well as individuals," Grant said. "At that time were dislocated workers, they have been laid off from their jobs. With retraining, those retraining this can be dealing with on-the-job training, or going back to school." At night, you'll find her at home taking care of her special-needs son. "I go home and it's my second job trying to care for him", Grant said. "It gets kind of challenging at times. But he is my joy. It's my faith that keeps me motivated."



LCC Graphic Students Awarded PICA Scholarships

Two LCC graphic students, Gregory Cox and Jonah Daniels, were recently awarded scholarships from the [Printing Industry of the Carolinas](#). PICA is an industry association dedicated to protecting and promoting the common interest of the printing industry, and helping their members prosper, both individually and collectively, through fellowship, education, and cooperative action. The PICA scholarships are awarded to assist students who are pursuing a degree in graphic communications at community colleges in the Carolinas.

College News and Events

FIND OUT MORE