

# **Message from the President**

Dear LCC Family,

The holidays are upon us, and as you gather with family and friends over this Thanksgiving, Kim and I wish you the happiest of Thanksgivings. We hope that you can relax and enjoy your time together and reflect on all for which we are thankful. You are such a blessing to our family and to our college, and we want each of you to know that we are thankful for you.

We have accomplished so much this year, and as you can tell by the stories in this newsletter, we have touched so many lives through programs and services. We are doing great things, and I'm so excited to be a part of this family. Again, we have so much to be thankful for. Be safe and enjoy your time. Happy Thanksgiving!

# **College News and Events**



# LCC One Step Closer to 2024 Reaffirmation of Accreditation

Lenoir Community College is one step closer to 2024 reaffirmation of accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) as the visiting on-site 11-member team completed its review with zero recommendations, which is rarely achievable.

"The process started three years ago when the College decided on what its Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) would be," said LCC President Dr. Rusty Hunt. "Saying I am proud of our faculty and staff is an understatement. Everyone had an integral part in this process. Our commitment to our students and their success was evident to our peer evaluators. We are constantly looking for ways to support those we serve, and this review makes us accountable. This process of improvement is continuous, and our team is dedicated to providing the best."



## Kick Off the Holiday Season with Lenoir Community College's Production of Irving Berlin's White Christmas The Musical

The holiday season is fast approaching, and Lenoir Community College is gearing up to bring a dose of holiday cheer to the community with its upcoming production of Irving Berlin's White Christmas The Musical for two evenings and four matinees.

The show, directed by LCC's Fine Arts Program Chair/Music Instructor Jessica Cruz, will take place at 7 p.m. December 1 and Dec. 8 and at 2 p.m. Dec. 2, 3, 9, and 10 in the LCC Briley Auditorium on the Turner Stage. This show is one of many that will be a part of the performing arts series at LCC. The title sponsor of Irving Berlin's White Christmas The Musical is Neuse News.

### **Read more about LCC's Production of White Christmas**



A new initiative is 'breaking down barriers' for Latinx students in eastern North Carolina

For the first time in its history, Lenoir Community College has a director of Latino outreach and recruitment. The role is thanks to funding from the <u>Train the</u> <u>East</u> initiative, a new two-year education initiative focused on Latinx students at Lenoir, James Sprunt, Wayne, and Sampson community colleges.

"What we're finding is that we've got to go back to the basics of connecting with the families and working with school systems," said John Paul Black, senior vice president of student services and workforce development at LCC.

Learn more about the new initiative



# Perez Chosen as One of The Top 25 Most Influential HVACR Educators/Trainers

"Please join me in congratulating Henry Perez for his recognition as one of the top 25 most influential instructors in HVACR in the United States. Carlos Cotto and the entire LCC Latino Center team have done an outstanding job in program development. Somos muy orgullosos de Henry," says LCC Senior Vice President of Student Services and Workforce Development Dr. John Paul Black.

Learn more about announcement



# LCC Holds Lamm Building Dedication

Lenoir Community College recently held the dedication of the newly named Lamm Building. The building is named in recognition of William "Bill" Lamm and Melda B. Lamm, longtime supporters of the College. Their lives were dedicated to their faith, family, friends, and community. In light of that, the two were very generous with their work and donations to multiple institutions across the surrounding area.

"Their donation is game-changing for our institution and, most importantly, our students that we serve in Lenoir, Greene, and Jones Counties," says LCC President Dr. Rusty Hunt. "We were fortunate to have great people such as Bill and Melda Lamm show their support for our institution. Their legacy will live on, not only in this building but in the students that we serve today and in the future."

### Read more about the Lamm Building Dedication



## Virtual instructional studio introduced to LCC

Virtual learning is used a lot more these days since the pandemic forced a lot of classes to be remote. Now, Lenoir Community College (LCC) is making the process easier for teachers and students alike, with their first instructional studio. This technology means students can access classes from anywhere. LCC is introducing new technology from Johns Hopkins University this school year.

Timothy Maddox-Fisher, Vice President of Administrative Services says, "You always want to be cutting edge, and ahead of the curve with things like that, and as we saw students with transportation needs and things like that, we thought man, how can we get ahead of that and really provide them the opportunity to log on from local Starbucks, McDonalds, library, or your house, whatever works for them."

Read more about the Virtual Instructional Studio

# LCC grad enters the working world of business with two degrees

"Katlyn was a great student. She took ACC 120 and did an amazing job, so I reached out to her encouraging her to work towards an accounting certificate while working on her Business Administration degree," says Business Administration Program Chair Kristy Grady. "Once she graduated with her Business Administration degree, she only needed six more classes to complete the Accounting and Finance degree, so she pursued that as well."

#### Learn more about Ms. West





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# LCC Welding Instructor Recognized Nationwide

"We are so proud of Justin and what he brings to the classroom for our students," says LCC President Dr. Rusty Hunt. "Justin is an innovator in the classroom and engages his students to make the classroom experience enjoyable and educational. He is well deserving of this recognition, and we are very fortunate to have him at LCC."

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Read more about Mr. Harvell



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