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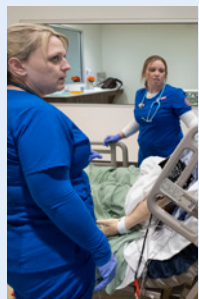


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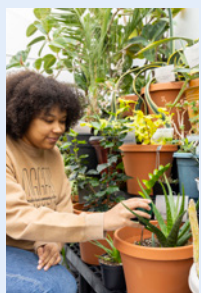
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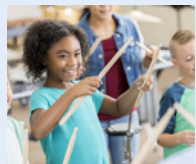
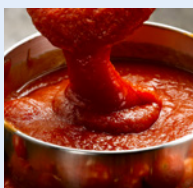


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Lincoln Land Community College is a great place to start your college education and so much more.

Our learning opportunities include college degrees and certificates, workforce and health care training, professional development opportunities for adding new skills, GED® prep, English language learning classes and classes for personal enrichment.

We are also known for our free, personalized support services that help our students succeed — from choosing a major and making the transition to college to providing free academic, wellness and career support resources.

Inside the pages of this FORWARD magazine, learn more about the many opportunities we offer at LLCC. You can read about Eva Bassel who worked full time before deciding to pursue a college education. You'll also hear from Joe and Libby Kulek and how LLCC has been a multi-generational family experience for them. Laura Anderson, professor of art, and Laurenn York, assistant professor of English, are collaborating to create an interdisciplinary project for students, and Diana Couch, athletics director, shares how LLCC supports student-athletes to reach new heights on and off the field.

You can also learn about programs like LLCC Nursing, Engineering, Commercial Electrical and Industrial Maintenance; student life at the college; earning college credit while in high school; online learning opportunities; and professional and customized training.

LLCC helps many students explore options and take the steps needed to reach their goals. We proudly offer higher ed at a lower cost, and that is even before factoring in financial aid and scholarships, which lower the cost even further.

What could your future hold? I invite you to explore the opportunities for more — skills, value, impact and success — through the personal stories and information shared in this magazine. And we look forward to helping you reach your goals at LLCC!



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Latest @LLCC



LLCC hosts Academic Challenge

LLCC hosted the regional Academic Challenge in February. More than 170 students from 11 area high schools competed as teams and as individuals. They tested in their choice of two subjects from biology, chemistry, computer science, engineering graphics, English, mathematics and physics. Two \$1,000 LLCC Foundation scholarships were awarded at the event.



Getting more drivers on the road

Responding to a community need for more truck drivers, LLCC expanded its truck driver training lot earlier this year with the help of a U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration grant. Funds were also used to purchase a new tractor and trailer for the expanded lot, building capacity for an additional 90 new students to participate in the program annually.

A memorable season

The LLCC women's basketball team delivered an outstanding performance at the national championships in March! The Loggers had a phenomenal 30-2 season and were ranked third heading into the NJCAA Division II national championship tournament. Head Coach Chad Jones was named NJCAA Central District Coach of the Year for the second consecutive year. Megan Harrell was named MWAC Player of the Year, and Harrell and Sam Lindhorst both earned a spot on the NJCAA 2025 MWAC women's basketball team. Go Loggers!



What's happening at your community college



Artificial intelligence and you

LLCC's Academy of Lifelong Learning (ALL), which provides learning experiences for adults 50 and greater, hosted a series of presentations in January, February and March on artificial intelligence (AI). With AI increasingly in the news and in our lives, ALL was interested in how AI would affect seniors now and in the future. The presentations covered AI applications across health, business, education, politics and the arts.

The not-to-be-missed campus visit

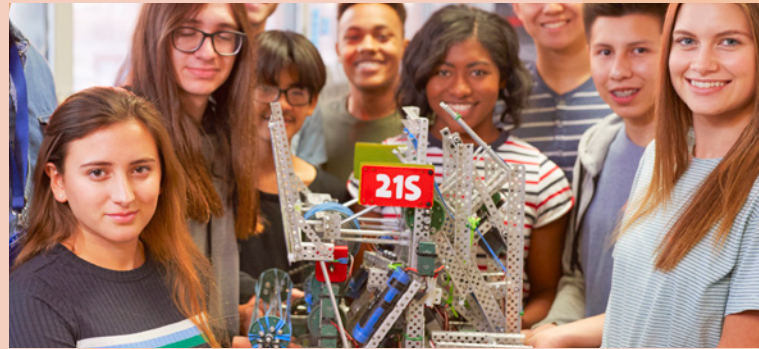
An important factor in making a decision about a college or training institute is the campus visit. Our spring visit event provided an opportunity to tour campus, get questions answered and meet with faculty and staff. There was fun and excitement in discovering career pathways, meeting current and future Loggers and, of course, refreshments and LLCC swag!

The next Campus Visit Day will be held Tuesday, June 24.



Science fair projects in the spotlight

LLCC hosted the annual Illinois Junior Academy of Science (IJAS) Region 10 Science Fair on March 22. Students in grades 7-12 from a 13-county area presented their research in a variety of STEM fields, including biology, chemistry, engineering and environmental science. Each project was judged by a panel of scientists, educators and industry professionals based on scientific merit, originality and presentation.



Expanding emergency services training

Construction is underway to expand training facilities for emergency medical services (EMS) in the east wing of Logan Hall on the Springfield campus. The upgraded facilities will include state-of-the-art equipment and simulators. The project is made possible by a U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration grant, which also purchased an ambulance for students to get hands-on training. More than 400 students will be able to enroll each year in LLCC's EMT, Advanced EMT and Paramedic programs.

Solar array shines light on sustainable future

Soon the college will have a ground-mounted solar installation on the west side of campus, behind the LLCC Child Development Center. The array is estimated to offset 96% of the building's electrical cost and have a positive environmental impact, reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The project is funded by an Illinois Green Economy Network (IGEN) grant and continues to build on solar renewable energy projects at LLCC-Jacksonville and LLCC-Litchfield.



LLCC hosts SkillsUSA competition

LLCC's Workforce Institute served as a host of the SkillsUSA regional competition, which provides a showcase of skilled trades. More than 100 high school and college students who take part in career and technical education competed in diesel, automotive technologies, welding fabrication and culinary, baking and pastry arts. Forty-seven LLCC students qualified for the state competition. These events are judged by industry experts and help students sharpen their skills.

Opportunities at career fairs

LLCC is committed to strengthening our communities. This includes fostering success for both students and employers. One way this is accomplished is by bringing people together — facilitating connections between students and employers through career fairs hosted on our campus. This spring, LLCC hosted career fairs for summer internships and jobs, nursing, business and technology, and skilled trades.

The State of Illinois Employment Fair will be held Wednesday, May 7 at LLCC and is open to the public.

If interested in learning more or in exploring career paths and choosing a major, visit llcc.edu/career-center.



Double the credit

Twin sisters get a head start on their futures

For Nokomis High School seniors Becca and Elizabeth Hill, good things come in twos: earning college credit and high school diplomas at the same time.

A typical day in their life begins like most high school seniors, with a morning of high school classes, advanced placement (AP) classes and Dual Credit college classes. Next, the sisters gear up for an afternoon of college courses at Lincoln Land Community College in Taylorville and then back to high school to hit the courts for basketball practice. When asked how they balance high school and college life, Becca says, "We're busy, as most high school seniors are, but focusing on college courses gives us a head start on our future. We know that we can reach our goals sooner by working hard now."

Becca and Elizabeth are participants in two high school concurrent enrollment programs at LLCC known as College Now and Dual Credit. This May, the Hill sisters will have twice as many reasons to celebrate, as they'll earn their associate degrees from LLCC and graduate high school all in the same month.

Credit opportunities in high school

College Now courses are college-level courses taken by high school students. They are taught by LLCC instructors at one of LLCC's locations and provide college credit toward a degree. Students earn high school credit at the same time as college credit for these courses. Students pay regular, in-district tuition and fees, and buy textbooks for these courses.

Dual Credit courses are college-level classes taught in a high school by high school teachers and also provide college credit toward a degree.

LLCC partners with in-district high schools to provide both Dual Credit and College Now opportunities for high school juniors and seniors.

"College Now is a great opportunity for high school students to take college classes with LLCC professors while still in high school," says Dr. Joel Dykstra, associate vice president of academic services at LLCC. "Students can take classes during the school day either at one of LLCC's locations or online. They can gain both college and high school credit at the same time for these classes. This program is an excellent way to start to make the transition to college and to get a head start on courses for a degree or certificate. It also provides an opportunity to be on a college campus and learn what it is like to be in college."

Quality education close to home

Supportive and friendly staff, knowledgeable instructors, resources and opportunities are all ways sisters Becca and Elizabeth describe their college experience and why they have been so successful in achieving college credits from LLCC.

The sisters were able to take biology, speech and philosophy together. "It's a lot of fun taking a class with your sister. We often remind each other when assignments are due and can help each other out if needed on assignments," adds Becca.

Access to college credit motivates high school students to excel, helping them advance in their academic journey, all while saving money and staying close to home.

"I believe completing college courses in high school is the best choice you can make for your future," says Elizabeth. Becca adds, "I have learned so much and feel that this will make my college journey much easier. I feel so prepared to continue my education because of LLCC."

Bright futures in progress

With big goals of becoming a forensic psychologist and certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA), the two sisters are

prepared to finish high school, take their newly earned associate degrees and begin the next steps toward transfer and earning their bachelor's degrees.

Becca previously earned her CNA license in 2024 through LLCC and has been working in the field. In addition to taking general courses, she will have completed all required nursing prerequisites with LLCC.

The sisters' head start on college coursework has offered educational and financial advantages plus more. "I feel more confident going into a four-year college. From first starting at LLCC to now almost ready to go to a four-year, I am so much more comfortable and confident in my skills and ability to learn at the college level," says Elizabeth.

Becca and Elizabeth Hill, Nokomis High School seniors and LLCC students



"I have also been so grateful for the opportunity to be able to obtain my associate degree while in high school. Now, I am on the fast track ... LLCC has shown me that if you put your mind to it, you can reach all your goals."

Kennedy Cook, Lincolnwood High School and LLCC student

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“LLCC Nursing is one of the best in the state,” says Brandy Broaddus, LLCC Nursing student and CNA. She has worked in health care for 19 years and has had the opportunity to work with nurses who have graduated from various programs. Broaddus chose LLCC and its associate degree nursing (ADN) program, knowing the quality instruction she would receive on her path to becoming a registered nurse (RN).

LLCC Nursing leads the way with more enrolled students training to become RNs than any other program in LLCC’s community college district, which includes Springfield, Jacksonville, Litchfield and Taylorville. Their NCLEX (national licensing exam) pass rate is 93%, compared to 89% nationally or 85% statewide. LLCC Nursing graduates are highly sought after, excelling in diverse settings and focused on compassionate, evidence-based care.

“One big factor is how you can learn from all the instructors’ specialties — cardiac, ICU, psychology — every aspect of nursing,” explains Broaddus. “Also, CNA is crucial to a nursing program. Some other programs don’t require it, but these are key skills a nurse should have.”

Mariah Lawyer, LLCC Nursing student, adds, “Everyone is kind to one another and there for each other. I knew I’d get a good education here.”

The LLCC advantage

“LLCC’s ADN (RN) program provides students with the foundational nursing knowledge that allows them to safely care for patients,” explains Dr. Cynthia Maskey, dean of LLCC Health Professions. “The focus on critical thinking development and clinical judgment set us apart from other colleges. Our graduates leave with confidence and a level of professionalism that employers want!”

Leslie Catalano, LLCC professor of nursing, adds, “We focus more on health body systems, and we have large, quality simulation lab space readily available, which puts LLCC Nursing at an advantage.”

Simulation labs

“Simulation is a bridge between lecture and clinical. It’s where students get to practice knowledge and skills they have learned about in the classroom,” explains Professor Catalano. Rooms are set up just like a clinical setting, such as a hospital. In the patient’s bed is an actor or a high-tech mannequin that can display symptoms and provide verbal responses. Faculty can observe and control the simulation behind one-way glass.

Students can be nervous to begin with, but professors let them know that this is a safe place to practice. A team of two or three nursing students at a time undertake the simulation experience. “By the end of the day, they want to know when they can do the sim experience again. They find it very valuable,” says Catalano.

The types of simulations include working with a medical patient, mental health patient, delivery (mother and newborn), pediatric emergency, a patient who doesn’t have a pulse and end-of-life care.

At the end of the semester, students also participate in an interprofessional simulation — a unique experience for nursing students at LLCC. All of the health professions disciplines are together on one day. During the simulation, students follow patients through a series of care steps in which they interact with different health care areas.

Leading the way:

LLCC Nursing

LLCC’s Emergency Medical Services (EMS) program begins the simulation by being the first to check out the patient and bring them in for care. Once the patient is brought into the facility, nursing, radiography, respiratory care and sonography are doing additional assessments and testing. It continues through to the last stop with LLCC’s Occupational Therapy Assistant program in which patients receive a care plan and discharge paperwork.

LLCC NURSING

Associate Degree Nursing (RN)

LPN to ADN Transition

Practical Nurse (LPN)

Basic Nurse Assistant (CNA)

Getting started

“Students who go into nursing have a compassionate heart to help people, and many of them have had a family member with a significant health care experience or have gone through one themselves,” says Catalano.

LLCC offers CNA, LPN and RN training. The college also has an LPN to ADN (RN) transition program that is part in-person and part hybrid learning. This program has an evening and weekend option for students who are working.

LLCC Nursing programs are designed to inspire and prepare the next generation of health care leaders. Whether you are starting or advancing in your career, LLCC offers innovative, student-centered education that blends quality academics with hands-on clinical experiences.

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“LLCC Nursing is one of the best in the state.”

Brandy Broaddus, LLCC Nursing student and CNA



A group of nursing students in one of the simulation labs in LLCC’s Nursing Education Center

Online

options for advancement

Popular LLCC online Associate in Arts degrees:
 Business Administration
 Liberal Arts
 Computer Science

Popular LLCC online Certificates of Completion:
 Early Childhood Education Credential Level II
 Fire Prevention Principles
 Network Administration

Sharah Mickelson, LLCC Accounting student

It's never too late. That's the mantra Lincoln Land Community College student Sharah Mickelson embraces. This spring she returned to school to pursue her accounting degree. "Returning to school was a huge decision for me, but I realized that furthering my education would not only enhance my skills but also help me invest in my future for myself and my family," she says.

Education is a lifelong journey, and many people are returning to school later in life to pursue new careers, achieve personal goals or simply expand their knowledge. Online courses and degrees offer the flexibility for many busy adults to do so.

"Working 45+ hours a week and having a family at home doesn't leave much time to attend classes on campus, so being able to earn my degree online is wonderful," exclaims Mickelson.

Upskill with online and on-demand

LLCC offers online and on-demand options for professional education — classes for upskilling and reskilling. A person working full-time needs the ability to work the course around their job and life.

Dan Sluga, chief information security officer with the Illinois Comptroller's Office,

and members of his IT team are currently working through industry credentials in LLCC's Ed2Go courses, including CompTIA Security+ Certification, Certified Ethical Hacker, Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP) and Certified Information Security Manager (CISM).

"Self-paced courses enable staff to prioritize their work when necessary, ensuring they don't have to miss a full, continuous week of work," says Sluga. "Additionally, they provide an opportunity to revisit challenging subject matters and gain a deeper understanding."

The college has partnerships with Google, CareerStep and Ed2Go. From each platform, users can choose from a variety of courses like digital marketing, medical scribe, human resources, technology, speed Spanish, project management fundamentals and more.

"You can start any time with Ed2Go. They're largely self-paced," says Dr. Diana Heeb Bivona, director of continuing education and business solutions at LLCC. "The beauty of these courses is someone can choose a course and jump in right away. There's no waiting until August or January when the typical semesters begin. It's on-demand."

Degrees and certificates

If online learners are interested in courses that could lead to a credit degree or certificate, LLCC offers 18 associate degrees and 11 online certificates of completion or achievement, entirely online. Those degrees and certificates range from computer science and business to early childhood education and entrepreneurship.

"LLCC offers students the opportunity to complete their degree or certificate through flexible online learning programs that include the same high-quality instruction and personalized support found

in our on-campus programs," says Becky Parton, dean of academic innovation and eLearning.

Rebecca Miller, professor of psychology, is a shining example of high-quality online instruction. Miller has been awarded the Instructional Technology Council's 2024 Award for Excellence in eLearning — Outstanding Distance Educator.

"Rebecca regularly uses detailed announcements, video updates and interactive lessons, and actively participates in discussion forums. Her highly interactive and collaborative teaching presence promotes a vibrant and responsive learning community that encourages student interaction and success," explains Parton.

A local leader

Choosing online education through LLCC gives users a quality, trustworthy product. "LLCC is known in central Illinois as an educational leader," says Heeb Bivona. "Most people want some kind of local connection rather than the unknown. When taking courses through LLCC, you know the quality of the content and quality of instruction are going to be good. Plus, we're physically here in the community to provide help and resources."

Sluga says he's been pleased with LLCC's course offerings and service. "I've had positive experiences with LLCC in the past, both with their courses and expertise of their staff and educators."

Mickelson says, "It's never too late to pursue your dreams, and the effort you put in now will lead to greater opportunities down the road. Your future self will thank you!"

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Visit careertraining.llcc.edu.

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Psychology Professor Rebecca Miller empowers her online students with diverse assignment options, allowing them to choose tech that aligns with their learning preferences.

Keeping the lights on

COMMERCIAL ELECTRICAL MAINTENANCE

Electricity is the backbone of modern civilization, powering nearly every aspect of daily life. To keep the current flowing, it takes the expertise of trained electricians working around the clock.

Job security is one reason Jovan Richmond decided to add an associate in applied science degree in commercial electrical maintenance to his resume. “Electricity is everywhere, in every single building, in every stoplight. It’s everywhere around you. There’s wiring hidden behind walls, and you must have people who know how to install it.”

Lincoln Land Community College offers a certificate of completion in commercial electrical maintenance, which can be completed in two semesters, and an associate in applied science degree, which can be completed in two years. Students can choose from day or night classes.

Doug Hoy, program director, says learning is split in half between classroom

work and hands-on learning. “This program gets more into the commercial application. We’ll talk about manufacturing, hospitals, municipalities, schools and even the State of Illinois. They all need electricians.”

Hoy and his students tour the Illinois Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) to learn about the apprenticeship program and career paths. He also introduces them to City Water Light and Power (CWLP), manufacturing facilities, hospitals and more, so students understand the many different opportunities.

Current path

Alex Hawkins is a student in his first semester of the program and already knows he made the right choice. “I have enjoyed it. What I like most are the instructors. They can expand on topics and go beyond the facts to apply their real-world experience and give comparisons and analogies that help us understand it more.”

Hawkins is proof that familial ties run deep in the industry. His grandfather was an electrician, though Hawkins jokes he made his decision before he realized his grandfather’s connection.

Eithan Bates also has family connections to the industry. He recently changed his major from exercise and sports science to commercial electrical maintenance. “The program at LLCC challenges you and opens your world to so many opportunities,” he says. “This track can take you further and expand your learning, and you gain confidence in doing other things.”



Jovan Richmond, LLCC student

Wired for success

New construction, renewable energy projects and upgrading aging electrical systems will drive 10.8% of job growth for electricians between 2023 and 2033, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

“The technology in the electrical industry is constantly evolving. As an electrician, you’re always expanding your knowledge, adapting to new advancements and mastering innovative processes,” says Hoy.

“It’s a job for critical thinkers and problem solvers who want to make a difference. There is teamwork, hands-on learning and working. Businesses cannot make money if a machine is down. If you can fix it, you’re highly valuable.”

Students interested in LLCC’s commercial electrical maintenance program can attend the college’s campus visit days, schedule a tour or simply call the Workforce Institute at 217-786-4539 and make an appointment to speak with Hoy directly.

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Industrial Technology: Coming soon to Litchfield and Jacksonville

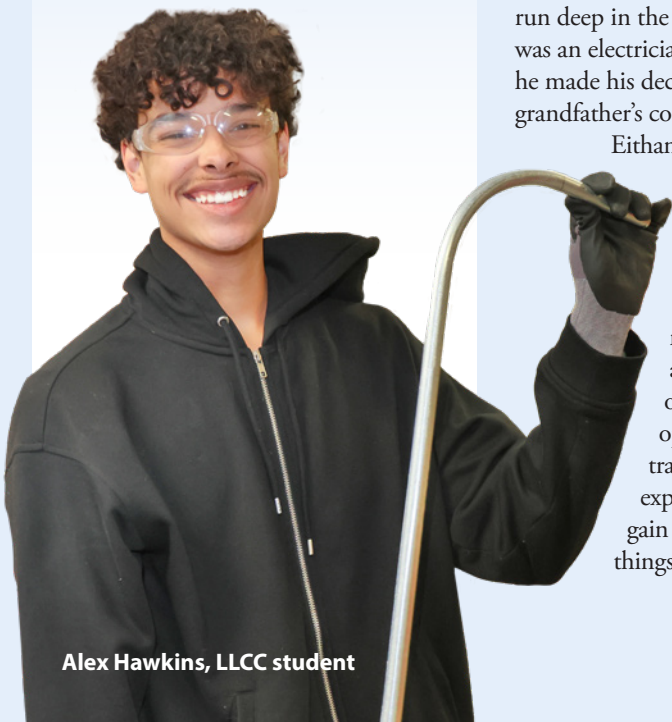
Beginning with the fall 2025 semester, LLCC-Litchfield will offer industrial technology classes onsite. The program stems from listening sessions and a local workforce need identified by community manufacturers.

The program will admit 18 students and run three semesters. It will include classroom instruction, hands-on learning and, in the second and third semesters, a job shadowing opportunity. Students who complete the program will earn a certificate of completion.

“Bringing this program to LLCC-Litchfield, and then to LLCC-Jacksonville in spring 2026, isn’t just about education — it’s about empowerment,” says Dr. Nancy Sweet, dean, LLCC’s Workforce Institute. “It provides local students with hands-on skills, strengthens the workforce and fuels economic growth by ensuring industries in these areas have the skilled technicians they need to thrive.”

Industrial techs learn the upkeep, repair and optimization of machinery, equipment and facilities in manufacturing plants, factories and industrial settings. They ensure the production processes run smoothly, efficiently and safely.

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Alex Hawkins, LLCC student

Beyond the books



LLCC Student Life staff and students

Inspiring community, growth and leadership

The college experience is about more than just attending classes, studying and “making the grade.” College is also about personal growth, new friendships and enjoying the journey.

“At LLCC, we want students to know that they don’t have to leave campus to find their community. It’s our goal to help them make the most out of their experience here,” says Kristin Booher, director of student engagement at LLCC.

Activities and events

Each semester, with the help of the Logger Activity Board (LAB), LLCC Student Life organizes a variety of social, cultural, recreational, wellness and educational activities — including games, giveaways, movies, guest speakers, musicians and even travel opportunities in the area.

Activities provide both social and educational opportunities for students. “Students enjoy how many events take place on campus, and involvement in student life activities is shown to help boost grades and class attendance,” says Booher. Multiple studies

show that students who actively participate in campus activities tend to have higher retention and graduation rates and higher engagement in the workplace.

LLCC Student Life kicks off each new semester with two weeks’ worth of activities and opportunities to mingle with other students. These events help alleviate the many emotions that come with the start of a new semester. “Activities bring students together, making it easy to make new friends and break down barriers among students,” explains Booher.

Throughout the semester and during finals week, activities continue with mobile escape rooms, inflatable axe throwing, crafting, Multicultural Fest, a cardboard boat regatta and more.

When A. Lincoln Commons echoes with cheerful sounds, it’s almost certain that there is a game of bingo taking place. At LLCC, bingo is a student favorite. It is easy to participate, and students can spend the afternoon enjoying the activity with other students or drop by for just a few games in between classes to win a prize.

LLCC’s Student Life office also houses a food pantry for students. “Recipe in a bag” is one of its engaging initiatives. Students receive a bag of ingredients and food items along with a recipe card and instructions on how to make a delicious meal with the items provided. “It’s been a big hit among our students who enjoy cooking,” adds Booher.

“One of the best things about working in student life is when students come to us with ideas for an event. It is so rewarding to see their ideas come together into an event that is enjoyed by their peers,” says Booher.

Clubs and organizations

Student clubs and organizations on main campus and at Outreach Centers address a variety of

interests. LLCC has a total of 20 student clubs and organizations, including the Agriculture Club, Beta Nu Nursing Honors Club, Black Student Union, Gay-Straight Alliance, Jacksonville Activities Board, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and Student Government Association.

“It is so rewarding to see new clubs form and returning clubs flourish,” says Booher. “They also offer a range of leadership opportunities, helping students build skills in communication, organization, time management as well as financial and event planning.”

Student clubs and organizations connect students with peers who share similar interests, passions and goals. By joining a club, students can become more involved on campus, build friendships, explore new hobbies and even boost their resumes.

Home of Linc

LLCC’s mascot, Linc, debuted at homecoming in 2022 and is a part of student life at the college. Who is Linc? Linc is LLCC’s No. 1 fan!

Linc wears a Loggers jersey and is blue and red in color, spreading LLCC spirit at the annual homecoming game, Welcome Week, Campus Visit Day and many other events throughout the year.

“We have a mascot, school spirit and lots of pride in who we are,” beams Booher. “Linc is a way to say, ‘This is LLCC!’”

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Brandon Bray, LLCC student

Improving lives, protecting people

Engineering

When Brandon Bray chose Lincoln Land Community College, he already knew he wanted to be an engineer.

“I chose LLCC first because it gave me the chance to build a strong foundation without the heavy costs, with smaller classes and great professors who truly care,” he explains. “Now I’m ready to take on the university.”

Engineering is a pathway to make a lasting, positive impact on society. Many engineering disciplines focus on solving critical problems like developing sustainable energy sources, public health issues and resource management. As a result, engineers take pride in knowing their work has the potential to make a meaningful difference in society and for future generations.

Hard work pays off

Engineering is a blend of mathematics and physics. It offers an environment where those skills can be applied in practical, meaningful, problem-solving ways.

LLCC serves as an entryway to this impressive field and helps students achieve success. “It’s fine to be a student who finds mathematics difficult or challenging. You don’t have to be the student who scores the highest on the math test. As long as you have the drive and heart to work hard — you will succeed,” says LLCC Engineering Professor Jim Pierce.

Professor Pierce adds that engineers are naturally curious. They were typically the children, who in their youth, enjoyed taking things apart to learn how they worked. “Everything in our lives has been touched by an engineer, from the clothes we wear to the food we eat, the cars we

drive, the roads and buildings we use,” he explains.

Engineering, anywhere

Some LLCC engineering courses can be taken online and were among the first in the state available online. The classes have seen great growth since their debut nearly 20 years ago. The roster is made up of LLCC students as well as students attending four-year universities who are taking LLCC online courses in tandem with their university courses. Pierce has even had students log in from the Middle East to take his classes. His Dynamics and Mechanics of Materials classes are among the most popular.

“So many of a student’s freshman and sophomore classes can be taken here,” explains Pierce. “They can be sitting in their dorm room in Bloomington or Champaign and taking the classes here for less cost than the university.”

LLCC classes also come with the personalized attention for which the college is known. “My class discussion boards are vibrant and active, and that creates the community we want,” says Pierce. “Any time a student emails me a question, I make it a high priority to get back to them.”

In demand

There is a high demand for engineers across various industries. The continuous advancements in technology and growing reliance on innovation mean that engineers are always needed. Engineering careers can also offer job security and high earning potential.

At LLCC, students can choose from an associate of science or associate of engineering science degree. Pierce says

the degree is determined by the student’s chosen discipline of engineering and which university they plan to transfer to. After beginning at LLCC, students can transfer to universities to specialize in one of dozens of fields like electrical, mechanical, computer, aerospace, civil, biomedical and more.

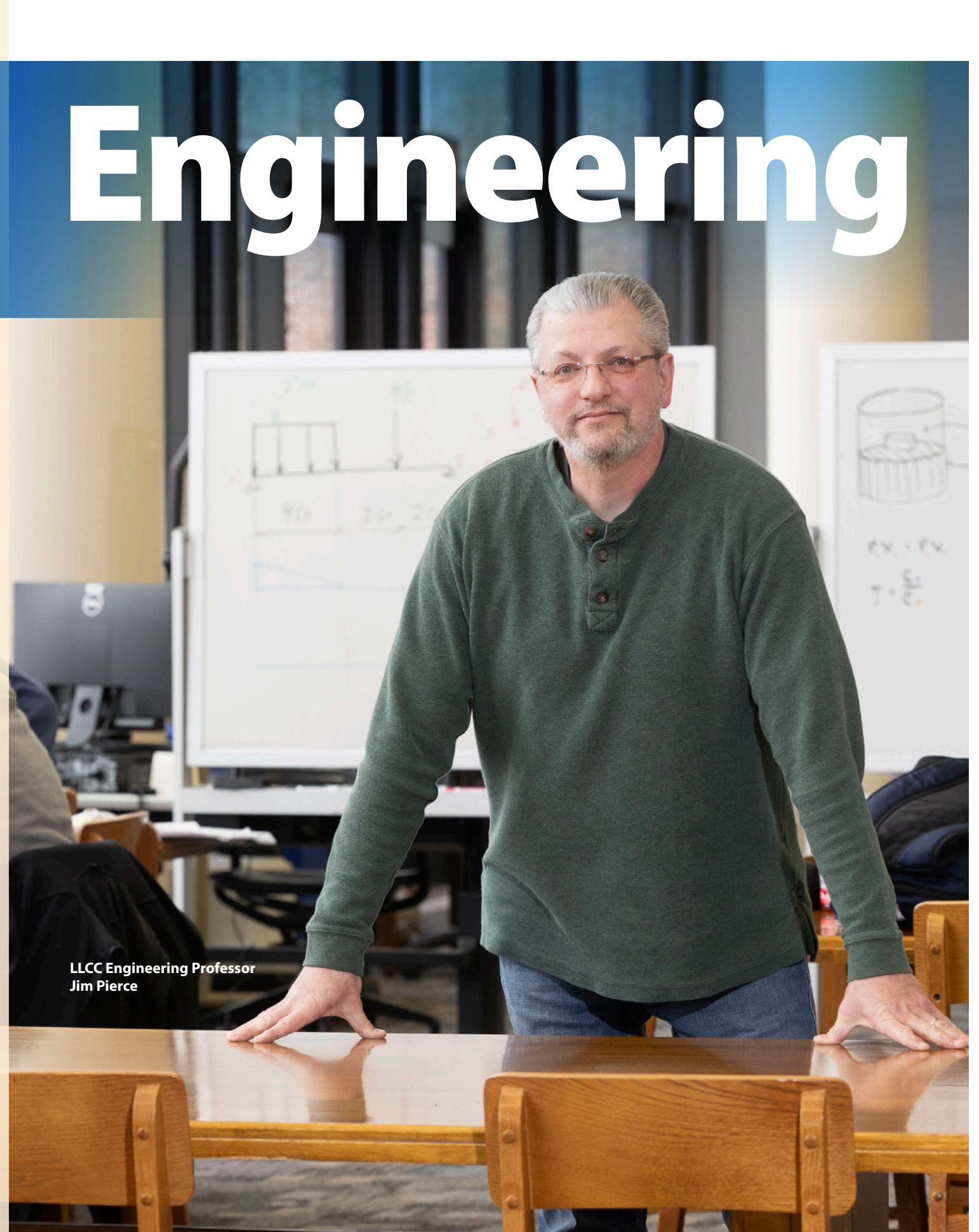
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Let’s get REAL about college costs

It seems that many colleges and universities these days are promising free college. But can college really be “free?” You’ve heard the adage, if something seems too good to be true, it probably is. Be sure to ask the right questions. The promise of free tuition is based on need and uses a combination of grant awards, scholarships and other grants to cover the cost of tuition and fees. But there are also other costs to consider including housing, meal plans, books and parking.

LLCC offers scholarships, grants, a much lower tuition rate and even free parking!

By using financial aid toward community college tuition, extra money in your student account will be refunded back to you to pay for books, supplies, transportation and more.



LLCC Engineering Professor Jim Pierce

Taking skills to the next level



Dr. Laurel Bretz and Dr. Diana Heeb Bivona with LLCC Continuing, Corporate and Professional Education

Professional development classes are a quick way to develop in-demand skills. LLCC Continuing, Corporate and Professional Education provides classes that can be taken as needed to stay on top of new trends, technology and industry changes.

There are opportunities for individuals who are looking to advance their careers and for businesses wanting to provide customized training for their employees. Professional education can include workshops, online courses and industry certifications.

“We serve individuals at various stages of their careers — those entering a new industry who need essential skills, as well as professionals seeking to update their credentials or earn certifications to remain competitive in the workforce,” says Dr. Laurel Bretz, associate vice president of LLCC Continuing, Corporate and Professional Education.

Professional and customized training

MJ Kellner, an independent, full-line food service, equipment and supply distributorship based out of Springfield, has employees who have participated in professional development opportunities through LLCC. These sessions have included Microsoft Office training in Outlook and Excel, Small Business Leadership Development Bootcamp and a customized Emerging Leaders program in which 10 employees participated in a multiweek leadership program onsite at the business.

“These trainings worked out really well for us,” says Christine Novaria, director of human resources for MJ Kellner. “The cost was reasonable, and I really like that it was hands-on training. Everyone was very friendly and easy to communicate with in tailoring the training to exactly what we needed.”

Novaria has seen the benefits for employees. “Employees come out of training with tools they can use. After the training, they have increased confidence in knowing what needs done and in their leadership ability,” she explains.

Keeping current

Some LLCC classes are specifically designed for participants to earn continuing education units (CEUs). Recent sessions in the

field of health care (llcc.edu/health-ce) have included Beyond Burnout for Nurses and the 2025 CNA Instructor Conference. The college is also an official continuing education provider for paramedics as well as basic and advanced level EMTs through endorsement from the Illinois Department of Public Health.

In partnership with Ed2Go, teacher professional development can conveniently be accessed online (llcc.edu/teacher-professional-development). Courses are available in the areas of child development, classroom technology, math, science, reading and writing.

LLCC also provides occupational safety training including OSHA 10, forklift certification, CPR and aerial/scissor lift certification. Individuals can register on their own (llcc.edu/workforce), or employers can contact LLCC to send a group of employees.

Locally grown

LLCC is participating in listening sessions with community businesses to assess what professional education is needed for the local workforce. In the coming years, the college plans to grow opportunities specifically tailored to local business’ needs. Some common themes already surfacing include leadership, project management, artificial intelligence (AI) and technology.

Future online professional education offers opportunities to enhance the learning experience by incorporating AI and virtual reality (VR). “AI and VR are completely transcending what online education looks like now. If you’re a student in health care, you can put on a VR headset and be transported to an emergency room and go through all the steps to triage and treat a patient,” explains Dr. Diana Heeb Bivona, director of continuing education and business solutions at LLCC.

“The great thing about being within a community college environment is the ability to stay closely connected to the industries and organizations we serve, allowing us to be agile in addressing their needs and responding quickly,” she adds. “We are positioned as the subject matter experts in professional education. When thinking about employee educational needs, we want a business’ first thought to be, ‘Let’s call LLCC.’”

For more information on customized and contract training, call 217-524-6749.

llcc.edu/continuing-education



Christine Novaria, director of human resources for MJ Kellner



Collaboration 101

When Assistant English Professor Laurenn York and Art Professor Laura Anderson met each other during new faculty orientation in August 2018, they clicked. “Everyone has their own working style,” explains Professor Anderson. “Right from the beginning, it just worked for us, and we knew we would build a great partnership.”

The two began working on a collaboration for their English and art students. They received a Faculty Innovation Grant to bring their design to life, and the project took flight in fall 2024. It was showcased in the college’s Trutter Museum / Murray Gallery as the first exhibit of 2025.

The interdisciplinary collaboration paired students in York’s English 101 class with students in Anderson’s Art 200 class to create a public service announcement, complete with a proposal document and graphic-designed poster.

Art students kicked off the project by researching topics of importance to LLCC students, such as mental health, suicide awareness and prevention, transgender rights, time management, distracted driving and handling stress. The students were then paired together.

Next, English students researched the topic to create a proposal outlining the purpose, audience and message of their

chosen PSA. “Students benefited from multiple layers of feedback in the course beyond instructor-student interactions,” says Assistant Professor York. “They had to think critically about how their proposals would be received by their design partners and then refine their work after discussing areas that needed clarification. It was incredibly rewarding to see them not only engage in a collaborative experience but also identify areas of personal growth by connecting with a real audience.”

Students had to learn to overcome differences in working styles, deadlines and even artistic visions. “It was important for my art students to make sure they were honoring what Laurenn’s students had written and that both sides were working equally and equitably,” adds Anderson.

“We can tell them about communication skills, what it’s like to work with a client and all of the soft skills they’re going to be expected to have when they graduate; but allowing them to experience that on their own was incredibly valuable.”

And from the project, grew genuine friendships. “One of the highlights of that last class meeting was that two or three different pairs of students said they had formed friendships that would go beyond the class. That was huge for me,” smiles Anderson.

“I’m incredibly proud of our students. Their dedication to the process resulted in an experience that, in itself, was incredibly beneficial and truly enhanced their learning,” says York.

As for future collaborations, both instructors say — yes, without a doubt.

llcc.edu/english
llcc.edu/art



Inspired to encourage and teach

Originally from Los Angeles, Calif., Eva Bassel found her home and success at Lincoln Land Community College in Springfield, Ill.

With a non-traditional high school experience in 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic, Bassel decided to pursue her GED® and then began to work full-time while she planned for the next steps in her educational journey. “After high school, I didn’t feel I was ready financially to commit to a four-year university, so I waited. Once I was ready to get back into my academic journey, I applied to LLCC,” she says.

She is active on campus as a member of the LLCC Honors Program and a chemistry peer tutor, and she is eager to learn all there is to know about chemistry, physics and biology. “In high school, I preferred studying English and history, but once I got to college, I decided that I could pursue science because I had always wanted to learn more about it,” Bassel says.

“There is something in each part of the sciences that I am passionate about. I am really interested in biology and the study of life, but I wanted to understand this science on a much deeper level. In chemistry and physics, there are laws applicable to all situations from a smaller perspective. I think both of those areas of study are very methodical.”

Bassel credits a portion of her success to the LLCC Natural and Agricultural Sciences Department. “All of the instructors I have had here are exceptional at teaching. They care about developing their relationships with students and nurturing their goals and studies,” she says. Faculty and staff have also helped connect Bassel to research opportunities.

“From the first day of class, Eva elevated herself above many of her classmates in regard to her maturity, dedication to her academic success and willingness to work with her peers,” says David Cox, LLCC professor of biology. “On day one of the semester, Eva introduced herself to me. She sat in the front row, never missed class

and always paid attention.”

Bassel also gives credit to LLCC Foundation scholarships for her success. “Receiving a scholarship helped me to be able to fund my goals. I know that I will be using the knowledge from this opportunity when I transfer and for the rest of my life. It also helped me to reduce my hours of work outside of school, which helped so much with extra time to study and with grades,” she says.

In fall 2026, Bassel will complete her studies at LLCC, graduating without any college debt. As a direct result of her experiences at the college, she has goals to become a researcher and educator. Her plans include pursuing a four-year degree, performing scientific research, earning a graduate degree and eventually becoming a college educator to encourage and teach others in the same way her educators at LLCC have inspired her.

llcc.edu/natural-and-agricultural-sciences



Joe Kulek with his daughter Libby, LLCC student



LLCC: A great place to start

For Joe Kulek, Lincoln Land Community College was the perfect place to earn a degree, stay close to home and continue to play baseball at the college level. But it quickly became a much larger part of his story.

“The two years I spent at LLCC are some of the best years of my college career. I was able to get a great education, be close to family and friends and win a national championship in baseball,” he says. “Many of my teammates, who remain close friends, are back in our community in leadership roles.” He attributes his success both on and off the baseball field to some great mentors along the way, including Claude Kracik, his LLCC baseball coach, as well as college faculty and staff.

Kulek sat for his first accounting course at LLCC where he found a passion for numbers. “LLCC really piqued my interest in accounting and finance,” he says. Upon completing his degree from LLCC, Kulek seamlessly transferred to University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, then into a master’s degree program, followed by earning his certified public accountant licensure (CPA). Currently, Kulek serves as president and chief financial officer (CFO) for Henson Robinson Company of Springfield where he has worked for nearly seven years. “LLCC is a gem in our community. From professors to affordability, it is an ideal place to start your college journey from many perspectives,” he says.

LLCC is a family affair for the Kuleks. Kulek and his wife, Maggie, attended school together, and their daughter Libby has chosen to further her education at LLCC. “My wife and I both had the same, great experience here, and Libby had an interest in doing the same. LLCC is a great opportunity for her to build her foundation,” says Kulek.

“LLCC is a great fit for me because it gives me the opportunity to explore my career options while taking general education courses. It’s nice staying close to home and being near

“I can’t say enough about the mentors, experiences and relationships I gained in my first two years of college. I benefit from those still today, and I am grateful for the opportunities LLCC created for me.”

my family,” explains Libby.

Kulek serves on the LLCC Foundation board of directors, currently in his second three-year term. “My first year at LLCC, I received a Foundation scholarship myself. It’s a wonderful feeling to now sit on the same board and support students. LLCC continues to play a pivotal role in building future leaders in our community,” he says.

Karen Sanders, vice president, advancement and executive director of the LLCC Foundation, has worked with Kulek for the last six years. “Joe has been a steadfast advocate for the power of education and the role LLCC plays in shaping futures,” she says. “As an alum, business leader, dedicated LLCC Foundation board member and proud parent of a current student, he understands firsthand how access to quality education strengthens individuals, families and our entire community. His commitment to service and support of our Foundation has made a lasting impact, ensuring opportunities for students today and for generations to come.”

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Helping others on and off the field

Diana Couch, who was named LLCC’s athletics director in October 2024, knew the first time she drove on the Springfield campus that this college and community were going to be a great fit. “It’s a friendly, welcoming environment. Everyone is here to help. Students are known by name, looked out for and cared for,” she says.

“My name is pronounced [Dee-an-uh], which might be different than what most people first think. I’m from Honduran descent, and it’s the way my mom pronounced it,” Couch explains. “It’s great to be on a campus where everybody knows everybody. I feel lucky to be in a position at a community college — a smaller, caring environment — helping students transition to the next chapter in their lives.”

“My mission at LLCC is to help foster a supportive atmosphere that empowers the student-athletes, coaches and staff to continue to reach new heights in the classroom, in competition and through campus and community involvement.”

Sports has long been a part of her life. “When I was little, my brother would take me with him to play baseball at the park. In high school, I tried out for the basketball team, and my brother became my personal coach, helping me to make the team.”

Coaching didn’t become a part of her career picture until after she shattered her ankle in college. “I was doing sports photography for a high school, and they let me know they were looking for a coach,” she explains. “I started coaching and never turned back.”

During her career, Couch has also worked with advising, fitness center management and residential life. “It’s about keeping students motivated and reaching their goals in life and in academics,” she says. “Being involved in sports helps students build leadership, teamwork, responsibility, time management and much more.”

Prior to coming to LLCC, Couch served as the associate director of athletics and then the director of athletics at Florida State College in Jacksonville. “In athletic administration, my focus is on caring for people, the program and teams,” she says. “My mission at LLCC is to help foster a supportive atmosphere that empowers the student-athletes, coaches and staff to continue to reach new heights in the classroom, in competition and through campus and community involvement.”

Earlier this year, LLCC student-athletes were recognized for setting a new benchmark for a combined GPA of 3.38, with 23 earning a 4.0 GPA. “It is quite the feat to achieve such tremendous success both on and off the field. We are so proud of our student athletes and their hard work,” Couch says.

LLCC sports include men’s basketball and baseball, and women’s volleyball, basketball, soccer and softball. “I invite you to join us at Logger games,” adds Couch. “Stop by and say hi!”

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Credit degrees and certificates

- Transfer degrees (AA, AS, AAS, AFA, AES)
- Career and tech degrees (AAS)
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(Certificate of Achievement – 30+ credit hours,
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(More details on pp. 27-30)

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Associate in Arts

Agriculture

Associate in Applied Science

Agribusiness
Horticulture and Cultivation
Precision Agronomy/Custom Application

Certificate of Completion

Cultivation
Precision Agronomy Operator

Arts, Language & Communication

Associate in Arts

Creative Writing
Communication
English
Music
World Languages

Associate in Applied Science

Integrated Media Design

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Music Performance
Studio Art

Business, Hospitality & Culinary

Associate in Arts

Business Administration

Associate in Applied Science

Business
Culinary Arts
Hospitality Management

Certificate of Achievement

Baking and Pastry Certificate
Culinary Manager
Entrepreneurship
Hospitality Supervisor

Certificate of Completion

Business Operations Facilitator
First Cook
Hospitality Professional Management
Workplace Dynamics

Education & Social/Behavioral Sciences

Associate in Arts

Accounting
Criminal Justice
Early Childhood Education

Elementary Education
History
Human Services
Philosophy
Political Science
Psychology
Secondary Education
Sociology

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Criminal Justice
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Early Childhood Education Credential Level III

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Exercise & Sports Science
Pre-Nursing

Associate in Applied Science

Associate Degree Nursing (RN)
Cardiovascular Sonography
Diagnostic Medical Sonography
Emergency Medical Services
Fire Science Technology
LPN to ADN Transition (RN)
Neurodiagnostic Technology
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Radiography
Respiratory Care
Surgical Technology
Transition to AAS Surgical Technology

Associate in Science

Pre-Nursing

Certificate of Achievement

Neurodiagnostic Technology
Paramedic
Practical Nurse (LPN)

Certificate of Completion

Advanced Emergency Medical Technician
Advanced Technician Firefighter
Basic Nurse Assistant (CNA)
Basic Operations Firefighter
Central Sterile Service Technician
Emergency Medical Responder
Emergency Medical Technician
Fire Apparatus Engineer
Fire Prevention Principles
Fire Service Instructor I

Fire Service Instructor II
Fire Service Vehicle Operator
Hazardous Materials for the First Responder
Technical Rescue Awareness
Vascular Sonography
Vehicle/Machinery Operations

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CNA to Clinical Medical Assistant Bridge Program
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Phlebotomy
Veterinary Assistant

Science, Technology, Engineering & Math

Associate in Arts

Computer Science
Geography

Associate in Applied Science

Computer Systems

Associate in Engineering Science

Engineering Science

Associate in Science

Biology
Chemistry & Chemical Engineering
Engineering
Geology
Mathematics
Physics

Certificate of Achievement

Computer Science
Cybersecurity

Certificate of Completion

Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
Help Desk
Network Administration

Short-term Career Training

Google Career Certificates
Microsoft Office Training
Unmanned Aircraft System Remote Pilot Training

Liberal Arts

Associate in Arts

Associate in Science

Workforce Institute (Trades Careers)

Associate in Applied Science

Airframe and Powerplant Aviation Mechanics
Automotive Technology
Aviation Management
Commercial Electrical Maintenance
Construction Management
Culinary Arts
Customized Applied Technology
Diesel Technologies
Electrical Distribution Lineman
Hospitality Management

Certificate of Achievement

Advanced-Level Welding
Automotive Technician
Aviation Airframe Technician
Aviation Powerplant Technician
Baking and Pastry Certificate
Construction Technologies
Culinary Manager
Electrical Distribution Lineman
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HVACR (Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning, Refrigeration)
Industrial Maintenance Technology

Certificate of Completion

Auto Heating and Air Conditioning
Basic Multipractice Welding
Brakes
Commercial Electrical Maintenance
First Cook
Hospitality Professional
Industrial Technologies
Intermediate-Level Welding
Shielded Metal Arc Welding
Steering and Alignment
Truck Driver Training CDL Basic

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CPR First Aid Certification
Forklift Certification
Hazwoper 8-Hour Training/Refresher
Highway Construction Careers Training
OSHA 10 Certification
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(some classes offered in Hillsboro)

Beardstown, 109 White Pine Ln.

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Community Education

Looking to explore something new, meet people with similar interests or develop new skills? LLCC offers quick, non-credit personal enrichment classes for all ages. See the latest list of courses and learn more at llcc.edu/community-education.

Questions? Call 217-786-2432.
To register, call 217-786-2292.

Culinary Offerings

Join us for fun, educational, non-credit culinary experiences! Local chefs and food experts share their knowledge on a variety of topics and experiences. These include hands-on enrichment classes, demonstrations, dinners, special nights out and youth programs.

Register early as many classes fill quickly! Visit llcc.edu/culinary-offerings for more details and updates.

DINNERS AT BISTRO VERDE

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HANDS-ON BAKING Ages 19 & up

Pretzels and Dips
Sat, Sep 6, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.



Macarons
Sat, Sep 13, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Crème Brûlée
Sat, Sep 13, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

The Bread Code
Sat, Sep 27, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Sticky Fingers
Sat, Oct 4, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Baking With Bacon
Sat, Oct 11, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Sourdough Breads and More
Sat, Oct 18, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Store-Bought to Showstopper
Sat, Oct 18, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.



Macarons
Sat, Nov 8, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Thanksgiving Pie
Sat, Nov 22, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Holiday Candies
Sat, Dec 6, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Holiday Cookie Platter
Thu, Dec 11, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Yule Log
Sat, Dec 13, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

HANDS-ON COOKING Ages 19 & up

Herb Mastery
Thu, Sep 4, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Sauce It Up
Thu, Sep 11, 5:30-8:30 p.m.



Cooking on a Budget
Thu, Sep 18, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Cast-Iron Cooking
Thu, Sep 25, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Salad for Dinner
Thu, Oct 9, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Savor the Soups
Thu, Oct 16, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Comfort Foods
Thu, Oct 30, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Holiday Side Dishes
Thu, Nov 20, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Gourmet Pizza Night
Thu, Dec 4, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

SPECIAL NIGHT OUT Ages 21 & up

Farmers Market to the Dinner Table
Fri, Sep 5, 5:30-8:30 p.m.



Coffee, Cocktails and Confections
Fri, Sep 19, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Octoberfest
Thu, Oct 2, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Harry Potter
Fri, Oct 17, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

French Bistro
Thu, Oct 23, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Olive Me Crazy – Greek
Fri, Oct 24, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Bourbon Smash
Thu, Nov 13, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Girls Night Out – Gingerbread Cookie Decorating
Fri, Nov 21, 5:30-8:30 p.m.



YOUTH

Asian Take Out
Sat, Sep 20, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Halloween Treats
Sat, Oct 25, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Pizza
Sat, Nov 15, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

PARENT AND ME

Pasta for the Family
Sat, Oct 4, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Snow Globes
Sat, Dec 6, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Christmas Cookie Decorating
Sat, Dec 13, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.



Continuing Education

Community Education



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Looking for a fun and educational way to engage your kids this summer? Join our summer camps, a perfect blend of learning and adventure!

July 9-July 24

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- Make, Bake & Donate
- Pastry Arts
- So You Want to Be a Chef?
- Make a Meal
- Cookie Week
- Around the World
- So You Want to Be a Baker?



Camps in Jacksonville

- Brunch Basics (Culinary Camp, Grades 5-8)
- Camp Namaste (Grades 1-3)
- Camp Namaste (Grades 4-6)



- Theater Adventures (Grades 4-6)
- Web Wizards (Grades 4-6)
- Math Magicians (Grades 6-8)

- American Sign Language (Grades 1-3)
- American Sign Language (Grades 4-6)

Camps for Grades 1-3

- How Does Your Garden Grow?
- Fairy Flips and Fancy Twists
- Yoga and Mindfulness
- Dino Diggers
- Roots of Calm and Strength: Martial Arts
- American Sign Language
- Illinois Symphony Youth Orchestra (Grades 2-5)

Camps for Grades 4-6

- Roots of Calm and Strength: Martial Arts
- Roots and Rhythm
- Xylos and Drums and More, Oh My!
- Mr. Lincoln's Springfield
- Math Magicians
- Illinois Symphony Youth Orchestra (Grades 2-5)



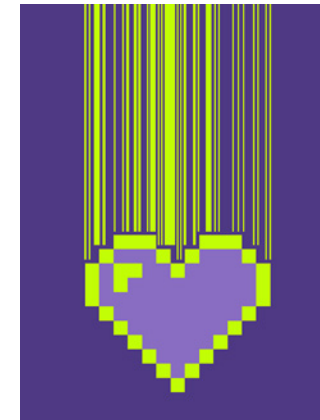
- American Sign Language
- Honey Bees: Superheroes of the World's Food Supply



- Drumtastics
- Jurassic Journeys
- Falling Up: The Poetry of Shel Silverstein
- Yoga and Mindfulness
- Magician's Workshop
- Build, Paint, Create

Camps for Grades 6-8

- Rock Hoppers: A Geological Adventure
- Through the Lens
- Mysteries of the Museum
- Newsroom Navigators
- Magician's Experience
- Junior Investors
- Element Explorers
- Cosmic Camp
- Legends and Layers: Archaeology



- Pixel Perfect
- Hometown Heroes
- Dungeons and Dragons

Camps for Grades 7-10

- Girls in Construction
- Sheet Metal 101
- Summer Sparks: Welding
- Watt's Up: Electricians?

Specialty Camps

- Black Rocket Online
- Girls on the Run



Media Makers Camps

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High school students and recent graduates — join LLCC for these FREE camps to get an introductory, inside-look at the field of 21st-century graphic design, also known as integrated media design!

Camps will be held at LLCC-Medical District, 130 W. Mason St., Springfield. Morning (9 a.m.-noon) and afternoon (1-4 p.m.) sessions of the camp will be offered.

Schedule:

Dates	9 a.m.-noon session	1-4 p.m. session
June 2-5	Animation and Video Games	Animation and Video Games
June 9-12	Social Media and Video	Social Media and Video
July 14-17	Animation and Video Games	Social Media and Video
July 21-24	Social Media and Video	Animation and Video Games

The free camp is made available through an Accelerated Training Opportunities in Manufacturing and Technology grant from the U.S. Department of Labor. More information about integrated media design at LLCC is available at www.llcc.edu/imd.



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Summer classes begin – June 9 – [llcc.edu/summer-classes](https://lcc.edu/summer-classes)

Summer College for Kids – June 9-July 24 – [llcc.edu/summer-CFK](https://lcc.edu/summer-CFK)

Campus Visit Day for prospective students and families – June 24 – [llcc.edu/campus-visit-day](https://lcc.edu/campus-visit-day)

Fall semester begins – Aug. 23 – [llcc.edu/fall-classes](https://lcc.edu/fall-classes)

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