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COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Community and Student Events

Lamar bustled with activity as it hosted its first Cal Ripken 10 & under World Series Baseball Tournament. It occurred simultaneously with the Prowers County Fair and the beginning of LCC's fall courses. LCC's baseball, softball, and volleyball teams and staff members volunteered hundreds of hours to the event, while LCC's baseball players also acted as ambassadors to the ten teams, spending time with the Cal Ripken players at practices, games, and events. The teams parked cars and served meals at the capstone World Series banquet hosted in LCC's Wellness Center.

Lamar Community College was in the spotlight again. City of Lamar's "YouthCorps," a summer youth employment and enrichment program focused on community service, spent Friday afternoons at LCC. While on campus, students learned job readiness. One of the highlights occurred when Lamar's homegrown stimulus plan and the youth program were highlighted on CBS News. To obtain content for the news piece, students were shadowed for a day.

Lamar Community College sophomore Cole Dorenkamp finished his LCC Rodeo career in great fashion at the 2009 College National Finals Rodeo (CNFR) in Casper with final national rankings of fifth place in Tie-down Roping, eighth place in Steer Wrestling, and fourth place in the Men's All-Around competition. "With 500 contestants from over 100 colleges and universities competing, Cole did exceptionally well. He finished fourth last year in Team Roping as well and will be dearly missed next year," commented LCC Rodeo Coach Fred Sherwood. 2008 LCC graduate Michelle Robinson finished seventh in Barrel Racing at the CNFR, competing for the Gillette College team.

The Lamar Community College Runnin' Lopes Booster Club kicked off its inaugural membership drive with an event on Monday, August 10 at the Wellness Center. The event was held for anyone wishing to join or volunteer in the drive. The Committee invited community and staff members to become a part of the group and create momentum for an exciting year of athletic action. The advantage of joining early was to allow members to receive a full year of benefits and become acquainted with LCC athletes and coaches from the very beginning.

Building LCC's Golf Team, Malcolm Smith of Farmington, New Mexico, signed a letter of intent to play for LCC. Malcolm was captain of the Piedra Vista High School Golf Team and assisted it in qualifying for the state tournament for the first time in five years;

he also took third in Districts last year. Malcolm also won the Pinon Hills (Farmington) Golf Tournament last fall. His plan is to pursue an Associate of Arts in Business.

LCC held a Fifth Year orientation day for area high school students and their parents participating in LCC's program this year. Students were given Accuplacer tests as needed, advised into appropriate fall courses, received their ID cards, and participated in campus tours.

Maggie Pacino, LCC Educational Programs Coordinator, hosted a dual credit workshop for area high schools. LCC staff members shared information and updates with area high school administrators and dual credit instructors. It was also an excellent opportunity for dual credit and on-campus faculty to collaborate by discipline and course.

The LCC Volleyball team held a Volleyball Bash fundraiser on Saturday, August 8. The 4 on 4 co-ed volleyball tournament was held at the LCC Wellness Center. Also during the month of August the LCC Runnin' Lopes Volleyball team held a yard sale fundraiser on the first day of the 2009 Little League World Series.

The LCC Wellness Center was the site of the LCC Volleyball Runnin' Lopes Invitational tournament on August 28 and 29. This was the first opportunity for Head Coach Courtney Heiser and Assistant Thais Baziquetto to showcase the 2009 LCC Runnin' Lopes Volleyball team.

Leadership and Professional Development

President John Marrin, Vice President of Student Services Chad DeBono and Director of Learning Support Services Kett Winsor traveled to Denver for a meeting at the State Capital. Director of LSS Kett Winsor gave an impressive informational presentation about the LCC TRiO program to the Poverty Reduction Task Force before an audience of 50 plus people.

Lamar Community College welcomed Pulitzer Prize nominee and Associated Press staff photographer Charles Rex Arbogast to its campus for a special summer course offering. He was a guest instructor for a Special Topics in Photography (PHO 175) three-credit course. Among other photography topics, Mr. Arbogast introduced students to a 'cutting edge' photography technique – light painting. A special lecture regarding his body of work was open to the public.

Lamar Community College held its Welcome Back to Campus All-Staff meeting on Friday, August 14. The meeting was held in the Bowman Building to encourage employees to see the newly renovated Learning Resource Center, and to have hands-on experience with the recently installed Smartboard equipment in each classroom. During the all-staff meeting Dr. Deborah Loper held a discussion to determine LCC's Core Values, as part of an AQIP Strategic Planning action project. LCC staff and faculty voted to adopt Integrity, Valuing People, Open Communication and Respect as the college's core values.

Resource Development

Lamar Community College's Library closed several weeks this summer for a transformation. As part of a strategic repurposing of much of the office and learning

space in the lower level of the college's Bowman Building, the Library renovation included painting, flooring, as well as new equipment and furniture to create a multi-use Learning Resource Center and a comfortable environment with wireless Internet for "21st century access" to a multitude of resources. The Learning Resource Center updated computer stations, cozy spaces to work independently or in groups, a media center, a coffee bar, and items and services found in traditional libraries – periodicals, stacks of books and reference materials, microfilm, interlibrary loan assistance, as well as others. The conversion was part of larger effort to integrate Learning Support (assessment, tutoring, counseling, and transfer services), Adult Transition (ESL, adult basic education, and GED preparation), the college's new Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) resource lab, WorkKeys computer stations, and a dedicated interim Pierre Auger Cosmic Ray Observatory Visitor Center into a collaborative environment which will serve students of all ages and abilities. The transformation is being accomplished in part by support from Prowers County Department of Social Services TANF grants and LCC's US Department of Education Title III Strengthening Institutions grant.

Lamar Community College will be offering an EMS-Basic course beginning August 31. Ambulance Services in Lamar and the surrounding counties are in need of the community's help. Over the past decade area ambulance services have seen a significant increase in the number of calls requesting assistance. Unfortunately, they have also seen a significant decrease in the number of qualified Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) for their services. With generous grants from the Daniels Fund and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Provider Grant Program, the courses may be low or no cost to the participant based on financial aid qualifications.

Outstanding LCC Alumni:

1963 Graduate - Pyrotechnician Thaine Morris won an Academy Scientific/Technical Achievement Award for the development of DSC Spark Devices used to create motion picture special effects. He also received an Academy Award nomination for Visual Effects in DIE HARD. His other feature credits include THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK (1980), RAIDERS OF THE LOST ARK and DRAGONSLAYER (both 1981), E.T.--THE EXTRATERRESTRIAL, STAR TREK: THE WRATH OF KHAN and POLTERGEIST (all 1982), THE RIGHT STUFF and RETURN OF THE JEDI (both 1983), GHOST BUSTERS and 2010 (both 1984), FRIGHT NIGHT (1985), LEGAL EAGLES, BIG TROUBLE IN LITTLE CHINA and SOLARBABIES (all 1986), MASTERS OF THE UNIVERSE (1987), BIG TOP PEE-WEE (1988), ALIEN³ (1992), CLIFFHANGER (1993), JUDGE DREDD (1995), and AIR FORCE ONE and THE FIFTH ELEMENT (both 1997). Although he has retired from the motion picture industry, he owns two businesses aligned with it and occasionally returns for special events, supplying pyrotechnics for television and trade shows. He graduated from Sheridan Lake High School in Sheridan Lake, Colorado.

1957 Graduate - Dwayne Nuzum led the Colorado Commission on Higher Education as director from 1994-2000. Prior to that he had spent 38 years at University of Colorado as professor, dean, and UCD acting chancellor (1985), and UCCS chancellor (1986-1993). He was an accomplished artist. After attending Lamar Junior College, where he played on the basketball and baseball teams, Dwayne went on to earn his Bachelor of Science in Architectural Engineering (CU), Master of Science (MIT); and was a Fulbright Scholar at Delft Technical University (Holland) where he earned his PhD.

