Student Success Goal: The demands of Colorado businesses and communities shall be met through the development of a high skilled work force.

Lamar Community College hosted the Regional Knowledge Bowl on Friday, November 2. 12 area high schools with 24 teams participated this year. The top team from this year’s competition was from Rocky Ford. They took home the “traveling trophy” and $250 scholarships to Lamar Community College for all four team members. The event is made possible with the help of LCC’s students and staff.

The Learning Resource Center / Library hosted a Lunch n’ Learn on November 14. The topic was “In Their Own Words: Dust Bowl Tapestries: Desert and Oasis,” with LCC’s own Barbara Preskorn and Vice President of Academic Services/Student Services Cheryl Sanchez read letters and memories from her grandparents.

LCC’s 38th annual Art, Craft, & Food Festival was held at the Wellness Center. There were over 60 booths of great merchandise for the holidays.

Two sophomores from the Lamar Community College men’s Baseball team signed national letters of intent to play NCAA baseball on Wednesday, November 14th. LCC Head Baseball Coach Scott Crampton announced that catcher Drew Merten signed a national letter to play at Division I University of Arkansas Little Rock and catcher Max Schoen signed a national letter to play at the University of South Carolina – Aiken, a Division II power. The Runnin’ Lopes are coming off a 48-12 season where they finished ranked 11th in the country. They also won their tenth conference and eighth regional titles in the past eleven years. Since Coach Crampton’s arrival in the fall of 1993, 159 Runnin’ Lopes have signed to play baseball at the four-year level. Last season, all twelve sophomores were placed in four-year colleges or universities.
**Student Success Goal:** Colorado students shall have the opportunity to succeed through high quality, cutting-edge instruction and educational services.

LCC hosted the Day/Night Fair at the Wellness Center. The fair was well attended with many area high school students participating in the two hour event.

The LCC Horse Training & Management and Equine Business Management programs held their Fall Show. This is the time that students showcase their riding skills, training green broke colts during the fall semester. The horse show is well attended by horse owners and students’ families. Students are scored on their riding skills and progress on the horses during the competition.

**Operational Excellence Goal:** The financial stability of the system’s institutions and the physical safety of its students shall be ensured.

Lamar Community College last co-hosted a K-14 Collaborative Communities Conference with Southeast Board of Coordinated Services (SE BOCES) and area school districts last week. Through the effort, LCC and SEBOCES were able to bring a tremendous professional development experience and opportunity for dialogue between educational “subdivisions” that does not ordinarily occur organically. This experience is even more crucial as educational pedagogy sees learning as a continuum from preschool to college, especially from secondary to postsecondary education where learning should propel students on career pathways. Lauren Jones from CCCS was the keynote speaker to an audience of 400 participants. Together, LCC and SEBOCES were able to give area educators a learning experience in their own backyard.