Transform the student experience.
92 students along with their parents attended the first of two summer orientation sessions Monday, July 13. Orientation is a one-day program that introduces new students to the college setting at LCC. In the morning, students enjoyed a variety of organized sessions including a financial literacy seminar, technology training, faculty panel discussion, tour of campus, along with presentations about campus safety and student life. Two $500 scholarships were awarded through a drawing that applies to spring semester. The afternoon session gave students the opportunity to register for fall classes with their academic advisors. Students left orientation ready for the fall semester with their schedule and student ID.

Lamar Community College Head Men’s Basketball Coach Sercan Fenerci, Head Women’s Basketball Coach Tom Sutherland, Men’s Assistant Basketball Jeffrey Dolan, current and former Runnin’ Lopes players held a three-day summer camp for first through twelfth grade students. It was an opportunity for area young people to have fun while working to improve basketball fundamentals and skills. The coaches were pleasantly surprised by the number of students participating this year, a total of 138 participants. Coach Serg enjoyed coaching the morning sessions with younger grades 1st-6th. Coach Tom led the afternoon sessions with students from 7th-12th grades. The evening sessions from 6-8:00 p.m., were more intense with 9th-12th grade students working on advanced skills. This was the largest basketball camp held at the Wellness Center.

18 high school boys’ basketball teams representing 16 high schools from New Mexico, Kansas, Denver and surrounding area schools participated in the LCC Team Camp. The two day camp was under the direction of Head Men’s Basketball Coach Sercan Fenerci, Men’s Assistant Basketball Coach Jeffrey Dolan and current Runnin’ Lopes players.

Transform our own workforce experience.
Lamar Community College welcomes Greg Cash as the new full-time faculty member and department chair for the Agriculture Department. Cash has spent his entire life around agriculture and has been an Ag teacher for 22 years. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Ag Science and Ag Education from Oklahoma State University. Greg served as the Springfield High School Vocational Ag Instructor for the past 18 years. During that time, he established a small school farm and ranch, built a greenhouse, and helped build a bus
barn. Greg was also involved in the Colorado Vocational Agriculture Teacher Association in which he served as President in 2007-2008.

Create education without barriers through transformational partnerships. The Lamar Community College campus was the host site for the 2015 Colorado Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association (CVATA) Summer Conference. Over 70 agriculture educators from the state of Colorado attended the annual professional development conference. Individual teachers shared their expertise in classroom workshops covering topics like Fire Ecology, the Essential Features of an Inquiry Based Classroom, and Trailer Variance Training and Certification Workshop including both instruction and a certification test. The Colorado Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association (CVATA) is a professional organization for agriculture science teachers and supporters of agriculture education. CVATA informs agriculture teachers about the latest agricultural education practices, encourages higher standards of teaching agriculture and provides agriculture education a unified voice in the state legislature.

Other News
LCC alumnus Fred Ogden, a University of Wyoming professor, has made a significant discovery that answers a nearly 100-year-old question about water movement, with implications for agriculture, hydrology, climate science and other fields. After a decade of effort, Ogden and a team of collaborators published their findings in the journal Water Resources Research this spring. The paper, titled “A new general 1-D vadose zone flow solution method,” presents an equation to replace a difficult and unreliable formula that’s stymied hydrologic modelers since 1931. Fred anticipates this finding will greatly improve the reliability and functionality for hundreds of important water models used by everyone from irrigators and city planners to climate scientists and botanists around the country and the world, as well as trigger a new surge in data collection. Dr. Ogden was honored as LCC’s Outstanding Alum of the Year in 2001.