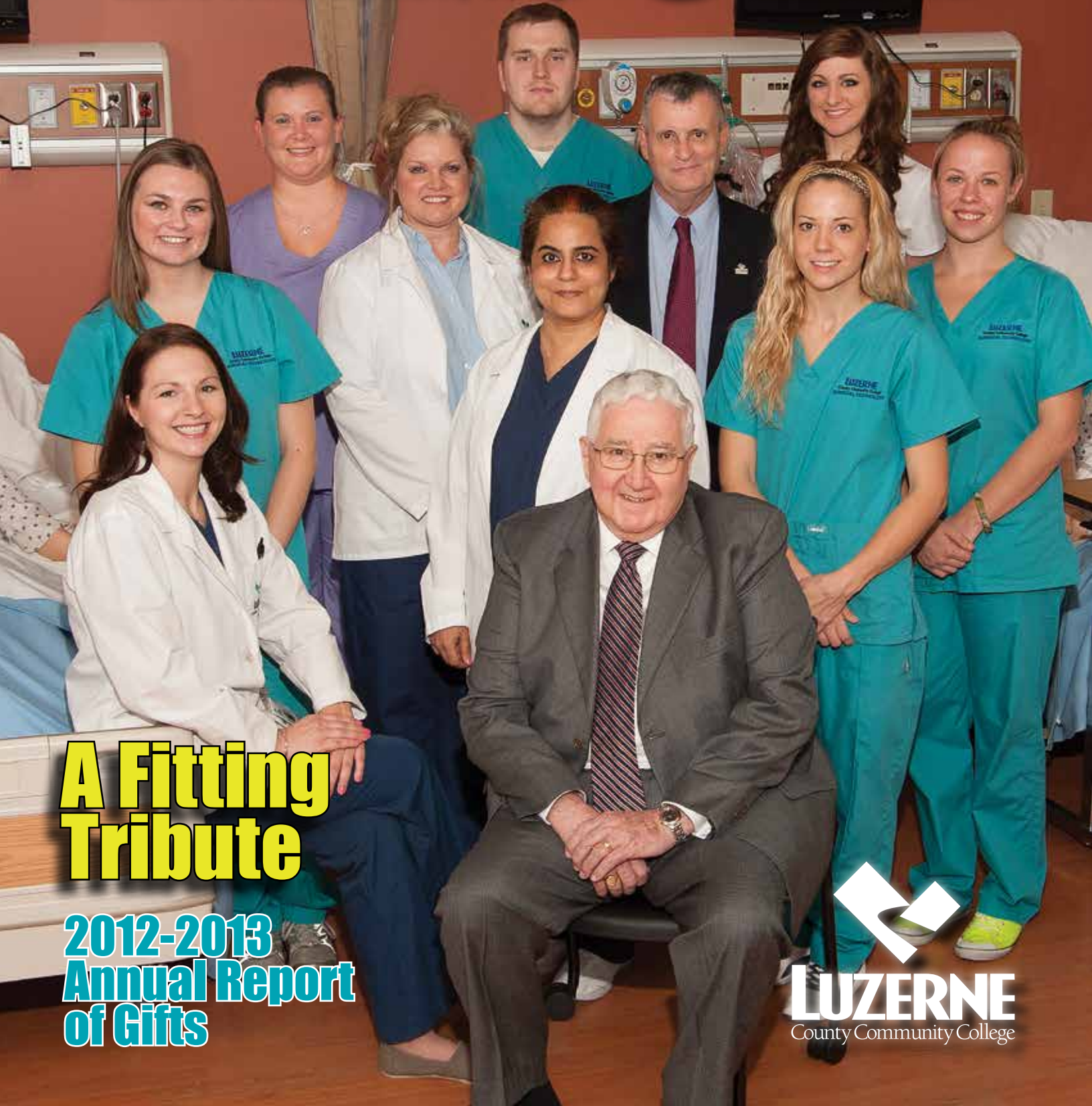


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# Partnerships Make It Happen For Students

Luzerne County Community College recently celebrated the dedication of our new health sciences academic facility, the Francis S. and Mary Gill Carrozza, R.N. Health Sciences Center. The building was named in recognition of Mr. Carrozza and his late wife for the generous gift Mr. Carrozza bestowed upon the College to support scholarships and program development for the health science disciplines. Through Mr. Carrozza's partnership with LCCC, many students for years to come will receive the financial support necessary to enable them to fulfill their dreams of a career in the health care field.

Mr. Carrozza's partnership with the College exemplifies the type of affiliations LCCC enjoys with businesses, organizations and individuals throughout the community. Our partners' support comes to us in a variety of forms, ranging from the neighbors and friends who give their patronage to the Alumni Craft Fair every year, to advisory board members and Community Outreach Dinner sponsors, and especially LCCC alumni – each plays a vital role in supporting LCCC's ability to meet our mission.

For example, making education accessible and affordable was the driving force of the creation of the community college, and remains to this day an important guiding principle of our operations. In spite of our reasonable tuition rates, some students are still unable to afford to attend LCCC. However, through partnerships with the LCCC Foundation, our scholarship donors, and benefactors like Mr. Carrozza, the College is able to offer financial assistance to these students so they can obtain their degree and go on to find employment at sustainable wages.

A central philosophy of LCCC's mission is to provide excellence in education. We accomplish this through the expertise of our outstanding faculty, and also by supplying our classrooms and labs with the most current technology. By guiding our students through hands on learning on state-of-the-art equipment, we ensure that they are adequately prepared to enter the workforce with the necessary skills and knowledge. Partners like the LCCC Alumni Association, the



*Thomas P. Leary, LCCC President*

City of Nanticoke, Senator John Yudichak, and Joseph Paglianite, to name a few, have helped us to develop and outfit facilities such as the Public Safety Training Institute and the Joseph A. Paglianite Culinary Institute to make it possible for our students to have access to advanced tools and technologies.

Our partnerships with school districts, career and technical schools, and other colleges and universities also assist us in increasing learning opportunities for students. To illustrate, through the Early College Program, LCCC provides high school students with access to college courses right in their high school setting. Articulation and dual enrollment agreements enable students to transfer credits with ease and gain an advanced standing of their transfer institution.

The positive impact LCCC has on the region is enhanced through the mutually positive relationships LCCC shares with our community partners. In addition to the benefits these associations have for our College and our students, our partners also benefit by their affiliation with LCCC. We share mutual goals of advancing the economic and community development of Northeastern Pennsylvania and ensuring access to higher education for its residents. Together we can achieve these goals and make a better tomorrow for our region.



# LCCC Grad Named New Schulman Gallery Curator

The LCCC Schulman Gallery, located at the College's Campus Center, hosts an average of 10 exhibits each year. The gallery's new curator, Alison Schmidt Carson '09, is eager to reach out to the community and grow the gallery into one of the premier art venues in the region.

"The Schulman Gallery recently hosted the Photography exhibit which invited members of the community to submit photos taken with their cell phone cameras," Carson notes. "We followed that up with a fund raiser for children of the Litewska Hospital in Warsaw which celebrated our community spirit," she adds.

Carson is an American Representational Fine Artist who graduated summa cum laude with an associate's degree in Painting and Illustration in 2009 and earned her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Painting in 2011. She has also been an art educator, providing private art lessons, locally, from her studio in Scranton.

She is regularly featured in both solo and group exhibitions and was recently published in *Senza Respiro*, Fine Art Magazine, highlighted on BeerandCoal.com, and Scranton Art Scene Blog. Carson also participates in national and local competitions, winning the "Marquis Art Award" and was voted the reader's choice 'Best Visual Artist' in 2011 in both *The Weekender* and *Electric City* magazines. Her work is collected both nationally and internationally.

The Schuman Gallery just recently conducted its annual Old Masters exhibit featuring artwork that highlights the techniques of the Old Masters. This year's exhibit marked the 13th anniversary of the Old Masters exhibit and the seventh anniversary of the opening of the Schulman Gallery. The current exhibit is the Faculty/Alumni Exhibit which runs through January 2, 2014.

The gallery was established in 2006 with a naming gift from Dr. Norman and Roxanne Schulman.



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**Cover Photo:** Francis Carrozza poses with Thomas P. Leary and health sciences students in the building which now bears his name: Francis S. and Mary Gill Carrozza, R.N. Health Sciences Center



# Health Sciences Center Named; New Scholarships Established

Francis S. and Mary Gill Carrozza, R.N.  
Health Sciences Center





**L**uzerne County Community College's Health Sciences Center on Main Street in downtown Nanticoke has a new name. In a dedication ceremony this past September, the College unveiled the facility's new name: The Francis S. and Mary Gill Carrozza, R.N. Health Sciences Center.

LCCC's Foundation secured a major gift from Francis S. Carrozza, a retired businessman, to name the facility. Also, the College's nursing and health sciences programs will be designated as the Mary Gill Carrozza, R.N. School of Nursing and Health Sciences. Carrozza, retired owner of Interstate Building Products in Plains, wanted to help people achieve their educational dreams and honor his late wife, Mary, whose career was spent as the director of the surgical recovery unit at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

The donation will be used to create scholarship opportunities for nursing and health sciences students and for future program development.

"Expanding the College and its academic offerings is an important part of our master plan," notes Thomas P. Leary, LCCC president. "Mr. Carrozza's financial support provides us with both the scholarship funds to help our students afford their education as well as the ability to explore future program development in the health sciences field for many years to come."

Classes began at the facility in the 2011 fall semester. Areas of study in the health sciences programs include nursing, respiratory therapy, surgical technology, dental assisting, dental hygiene, expanded functions dental assisting, and emergency medical services.



*Francis Carrozza is thanked by several health sciences students after dedication.*

In addition to the new name added to the exterior of the building, two plaques were unveiled during the dedication, one honoring the generous donation and contributions of both Mr. and Mrs. Carrozza in the building's lobby, and one honoring Mary herself along the nursing department wing. Mary Gill Carrozza, R.N., who passed away in February 2013, often served as a mentor to other nurses and was known for her sense of humor, intelligence, and skill. But most of all, for her care and concern for her patients.

"Students will be able to walk down these halls with a role model by their side, who was dedicated to serving her patients and committed to the ideals of all health care professionals," says Dr. Deborah Vilegi-Peters, Dean of Nursing and Health Sciences.

Attorney Patrick Aregood spoke on behalf of Frank Carrozza during the dedication.

"Frank sought to do something that would be meaningful and lasting and to honor his beloved wife Mary," he expressed. "What a fitting tribute then to follow in her footsteps as a registered nurse. Frank and Mary will inspire many young people to live like their convictions: work hard, be honest to yourself and others, maintain your values and character and pass it on."

The Francis S. and Mary Gill Carrozza, R.N. Health Sciences Center was selected as the recipient of the 2013 Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber Of Commerce Environmental Enhancement Award. This prestigious award is granted to projects that are rated excellent in multiple categories and have made a significant impact on our community. The award was presented at the Chamber's awards luncheon held recently at Genetti's in Wilkes-Barre.



# Where Higher Education Meets Higher Altitudes



*Satyavrata stands before a Piper airplane he uses to train pilots*

**F**or Richard Satyavrata '06 work is never dull. At five years old, the Tech Aviation flight instructor took his first plane trip in India from Bombay to Calcutta. He has been hooked on flying ever since.

"Flying is great. I can't get enough of it," Satyavrata says. "I have always wanted to do this and it never gets old. Something is always different on every flight. It's never routine."

Satyavrata came to America in 2004. After graduating from Shamokin High School at age 16, he began looking for a college that offered aviation classes. Though the costs of becoming a pilot were high, Luzerne County Community College's program through Tech Aviation was affordable and convenient for Satyavrata. LCCC currently offers two associate degree programs in aviation, Professional Pilot and Aerospace/Aviation Management, which offers an education leading to aviation management positions in various functions such as Air Freight/Cargo, Flight Dispatcher and Passenger Service Agent Manager.

"LCCC classes provide a big step in gaining the knowledge you need before you start flying," Satyavrata notes. "You must understand how things work: aerodynamics, weather, navigational instruments, air traffic." Before taking flight, Satyavrata also practiced many hours in the facility's Redbird FMX Advanced Aviation Full Motion Flight Simulator.

Students train on well-equipped Piper aircraft, varying from fixed to retractable gear and from conventional to all-glass instrument configurations. FAA Standards are emphasized in every aspect of equipment maintenance and flight training. Ground School is taught on a one-to-one basis with the flight instructor.

After continuing his aviation education through Marywood University, obtaining a bachelor's degree in aviation and a master's degree in general management, Satyavrata still remembers his introductory flight lesson at LCCC when he took the controls for the first time.

"That's when you get to fly the airplane yourself and feel what the airplane is doing," Satyavrata says. "That empowerment that you get from that experience is what drives you to achieve your goals as a pilot."

Now, Satyavrata has his own role in the educating of novice pilots. He's been a flight instructor at Tech Aviation for two and a half years and has been flying out of Avoca for the past five years.

"It's especially better when I fly somewhere I haven't been," Satyavrata adds. "The students that I fly with, we have to fill their time with hours, so we fly to other airports farther away into different states such as Connecticut, New Jersey, and New York."







*Taking off from the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport*



Satyavrata eventually wants to fly corporate planes, then eventually work with an airline to fly commercial jets. That requires a great number of hours in flight experience.

"I've been glad to have many different experiences flying that have helped me learn and motivate me to keep going," Satyavrata says.



*Satyavrata helps LCCC aviation student Euclus Jones inspect the plane before takeoff.*





*MFHS leader lends advice to students and fellow alumni*

# Finding Your Direction

Sometimes people need a push in the right direction to succeed.

Bette Cox Saxton '98 tries to help people overcome barriers every day, including their own self-made ones, to live a better life. Saxton is President and CEO of Maternal and Family Health Services, Inc. (MFHS).

Founded in 1971, Maternal and Family Health Services is a non-profit health and human service organization that provides high quality health and nutrition services to women, children, and families. Their service area spans 16 Pennsylvania counties and includes a network of direct and contract health centers which serve more than 125,000 individuals each year.

As chief executive officer, Saxton is responsible for establishing the strategic direction of the organization and providing the necessary leadership to ensure the ongoing success of MFHS.

"Through our programs, Maternal and Family Health Services addresses a variety of health

concerns and works to improve access to care for women, children and families," she states proudly. "Our core programs offer services such as nutrition counseling and education, reproductive and gynecologic health care, breast and cervical cancer screening, STD testing and treatment, sexuality education for teens, nurse home visitor services, prenatal and obstetric care, community education, parent education, professional training, and outreach."

It has been Saxton's mission to persuade legislators, companies, and individuals to help women, children and families receive the health services they desperately need. As one of the 2010 Top 25 Women In Business, winner of the Luzerne County Pathfinders Award, and Luzerne County Commission for Women's Woman of the Year, Saxton herself benefited from encouragement and helpful pushes to reach her new role.

Saxton always felt drawn to the health care industry and chose to attend Mercy Hospital's



School of X-ray Technicians. "I loved being an x-ray technician, and I worked in the field for many years, but I always felt in time I would want a change in careers," she reflects.

Saxton attended an outreach event at Luzerne County Community College and became interested in the idea of taking college classes. "I didn't have a college degree, and wanted to try out some courses," she says. Saxton was hesitant at first. She was an adult learner, single mother, and working.

"I decided to take a marketing course," she says, "and I found I enjoyed it immensely. As an adult student, it was helpful to see other adult students in the class with me. I continued to take a class here and there at LCCC." At one point, Francis Curry, a former recruitment director at LCCC, suggested that Saxton try to work toward a degree at the college. "I looked at the classes that I was choosing and became motivated to earn an degree in business."

"I am probably the longest adult learning student in the history of LCCC," she jokes. "I started taking more and more courses. My instructors kept me motivated and determined to keep to my goal. LCCC was very convenient and accommodating." Saxton finally achieved her goal in 1998 earning her associate's degree in business administration. She continued her studies at State University of New York in Binghamton, earning a bachelor of science degree in Business, Management, Marketing, and Related Support Services. Saxton obtained a master's certification in 2006 through Seton Hall University in health/health care administration/management.

"LCCC was really the foundation I had for college," Saxton says proudly. "The experience helped me become engaged toward obtaining a college degree and pursuing a new career filled with many new opportunities."

Saxton says she enjoyed the "real world" experience from her instructors and other adult learner students in the classes.

"If I didn't take that first marketing class at LCCC, I would never in my wildest dreams have believed I would go from an x-ray technician to the CEO of a fairly large non-profit organization." While working in radiation oncology, raising a family, and going to LCCC part-time, Saxton started her own business

**"It was helpful to see other adult students in class."**

publishing a magazine called Concerning Women, which focused on women and health care issues. "Concerning Women was northeastern PA's only women's publication written for and by women, targeting more than 60,000 readers with articles pertaining to health, fitness and finances, and more," Saxton says. Her career direction began to take shape. Working with the hospital, she helped bring all women's services together within the Wyoming Valley Health Care Program as the women's health network director.



*Saxton brainstorms with the Maternal and Family Health Services staff.*

Her work with women's health issues in the area attracted the attention of the MFHS chief executive officer who offered Saxton a position as chief program officer. In 2005, Saxton took over the reins as CEO of the organization.

"What we do here is both interesting and challenging," Saxton states. "Our employees are extremely dedicated to our cause, which motivates all of us to keep helping low income women and children of Northeastern Pennsylvania. Our work starts with and ends with care."

Saxton begins her day very early. She works with scarce resources in today's economy and is always looking for collaborative partners, legislative support, and expanding the organization's offerings. "The classes I had at LCCC in marketing and communications have helped me tremendously," Saxton says. "It's important as a CEO to be visible and have the networking skills to be successful at building partnerships. Understanding the importance of branding helped unite our message here and educate others on what we do."

Her son, David, also graduated in 2005 from Luzerne County Community College with a degree in Commercial Art/Graphic Design. His instructors also encouraged and persuaded him to continue studying at Savannah College of Art and Design.

"I was always impressed with the encouragement I received from my professors, and I saw the same thing with my son," Saxton remarks while looking at a photo of her son in her office on Public

Square. Saxton fills her office with lots of photos of family, uplifting quotes, and a motivational plant which came from the previous CEO. A small sign accompanying the plant reads: "May your progress grow."

"I became superstitious of that plant. So I water and care for it every day, and so far it continues to grow," Saxton says with a smile.

# NJCAA honors two LCCC athletes

Congratulations go out to Vanessa Peterson and Stephanie Hopkins who were recently honored with 2012-2013 NJCAA Academic Student-Athlete Awards. The two LCCC student athletes were honored for their performance in the classroom by the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA).

Peterson was honored for superior academic achievement with a 3.91 GPA. She graduated magna cum laude in May with an associate's degree in humanities. Peterson served on the women's volleyball team.

Hopkins was honored for exemplary academic achievement with a 3.75 GPA. She is majoring in Surgical technology. Hopkins participated as a two-year athlete with the women's basketball team.

LCCC's Athletics Department seeks to provide an opportunity for students to participate in intercollegiate athletics and learn valuable life skills as a result of that involvement. Striving for success is a primary goal but no more important than balancing academics, athletics and other aspects of student life. LCCC is committed to excellence in all aspects of athletic competition and in the preparation of student athletes for continued education and employment. Students have the opportunity to participate in the following sports: men's and women's cross country, women's volleyball, men's and women's basketball, baseball, softball and men's and women's golf.







**1972**

Associate Degree Nursing Feasibility Study accepted by LCCC's Board of Trustees.

**1973**

- Leona Lanza Castor appointed as director of the Nursing Program.
- Formal approval received from the Pennsylvania State Board of Nurse Examiners for implementation of the Nursing Program to begin fall 1973.
- First four nursing faculty appointed.
- Three area hospitals – Wilkes-Barre General, Wilkes-Barre Mercy, and Wyoming Valley contribute funding to the establishment of the program.
- Admission to the first class was limited to sixty-one applicants, ten of which were men.
- Classes in the Nursing Program were initially held in the Nurses' Residence of the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital's School of Nursing.

**1974**

Nursing Department relocated to Building 3 on the Nanticoke campus.

**1975**

Forty-nine students earn their nursing degrees at the First Graduation Breakfast and Pinning Ceremony.

**1977**

Groundbreaking ceremony held for the Nursing Building (Building 9).

**1978**

Program receives full accreditation by the National League for Nursing.

**1988**

Classes began at the satellite site for the LCCC Nursing Program in the Susquehanna Area Vocational Technical School (Elk Lake).

**1989**

Evening program developed in response to critical nursing shortage.

**1999**

25th Anniversary celebration of the Nursing Program honoring its 2,164 graduates.

**2004**

12-hour clinical days started in Spring 2004 for second year students.

**2005**

Bridge Program established for LPN to RN. First class piloted at Kulpmont site in Northumberland County at the request of local hospitals.

**2012**

Nursing program along with health sciences programs move into the new Francis S. and Mary Gill Carrozza, R.N. Health Sciences Center in downtown Nanticoke.

**2013**

38th graduating class of 121 students brings the total number of nursing graduates to 3,617.



# MCFLY TAKES ON WASHINGTON





**T**ommy "McFly" Pavlick '06, a Washington, D.C. radio personality and Luzerne County Community College alumnus, recently addressed the Class of 2013 at the College's commencement telling the students to "get involved" in life.

"Whether you're the next Einstein or the next Snookie, that's awesome," McFly said during his energetic and rousing speech.

He encouraged the students to take risks and remember their education at LCCC. "The professors at Luzerne County Community College who inspired you, made you angry, made you crazy, were almost always right. And there is no telling the moment you will realize it."

Tommy McFly is no stranger to taking risks. Even while he was still in high school, he took risks to eventually reach his goals.

"I wanted to be a lawyer," recalls McFly. "My mom works in the D.A.'s office and my dad is a state trooper. So as a teenager, I was looking to attend a law school."

The Mountain Top resident also loved radio. He became fascinated by the well-known local radio DJs in the area and soon found himself dreaming of hosting his own radio show. "I always knew I wanted to tell stories on the radio and television. That's how to really connect to people," McFly says.

McFly knew a law intern and friend of the family working at the District Attorney's office who also worked at Froggy 101.

"I stalked this guy and kept bugging him to get me a job at the station," he says. Eventually it worked.

"I started in the promotions department at Froggy's radio station," McFly remembers. "I would attend events held around the area, and yes, I had to wear the frog costume."

Eventually, McFly was offered his own show, overnights on Sundays from midnight to six a.m. "Except for truckers, not a lot of people are listening during that time slot," McFly jokes.

"I still wanted to be a lawyer, but then I got the Saturday all request night show — it was in eleventh place at the time," McFly says. "I had not a clue what I was doing, but then in a year and a half it went from eleventh to number one, and that's when I realized I wanted to do this."

His night job eventually led to co-hosting and producing "The Doc Show." "They really shaped my personality on the air." Froggy 101 dominated the

market in northeastern Pennsylvania in ratings making Tommy McFly a household name in the area. Tommy earned his on-air name while at Froggy. McFly also sent the hit TV show "The Office," based in Scranton, tons of Scranton paraphernalia, including Froggy 101 bumper stickers. The bumper stickers were displayed prominently in Dwight's cubicle on the show.

McFly realized that even though he was succeeding on his own in the broadcast field, he felt he needed an education to really shine. "My parents ingrained in me that education was important," McFly remarked. LCCC worked well with his non-traditional schedule allowing him to take classes in the evenings and afternoons.

"The media and broadcast department at LCCC is fantastic," he states. "The instructors simultaneously worked in the field. They treated me like a peer, not some kid."

He achieved his broadcast communications degree in 2006, helping shape McFly's experience and path to success in the field.

"My ambition was right on top of the totem pole and I never thought a class like Field Production at LCCC would burrow lessons into my head that I will now use for years to come," McFly

states. "My first day on television in D.C., I was lugging tripods and white balancing cameras. My teacher, Ron Reino, was right about that."

At the age of 20, McFly provided a CD and resume to consultants in the business who shopped his personality and ideas to several large markets throughout the country. Soon, McFly was interviewing for stations in cities such as Atlanta, Dallas, and Washington, D.C.

"I met with a station in D.C. and thought this would be a great opportunity that wasn't too far from my home," McFly says. "I left Mountain Top with my car, some clothes, a Matchbox 20 CD, and a toothbrush to join a team of people that I had barely had lunch with. There was no grand plan. I never imagined that I would be interviewing celebrities, riding in a fighter jet, or hosting inaugurations and Easter Egg hunts on the White House lawn."



*McFly with Tommy Show co-hosts Jen and Kelly.*

McFly started his career in Washington as the executive producer and personality of The Jack Diamond Morning Show on WRQX-FM. He handled planning and daily execution of the show and finding celebrity guests. After two years, he was promoted to host his own evening show on MIX107.3. Two years later, the Tommy Show moved to its present home as the morning show on 94.7 FRESH FM. "I always wanted to host a morning show," McFly says. "Now I finally have that chance to broadcast to a city I absolutely love."

During the 2013 Inaugural festivities, McFly was tapped to be the emcee of the President's National Day of Service with Chelsea Clinton at the National Mall. McFly, who has also served as official emcee of the White House Easter Egg Roll for the past three years and as the National Christmas Tree Lighting Pre-Show host in 2012, is the first person chosen to hold the microphone at all three.

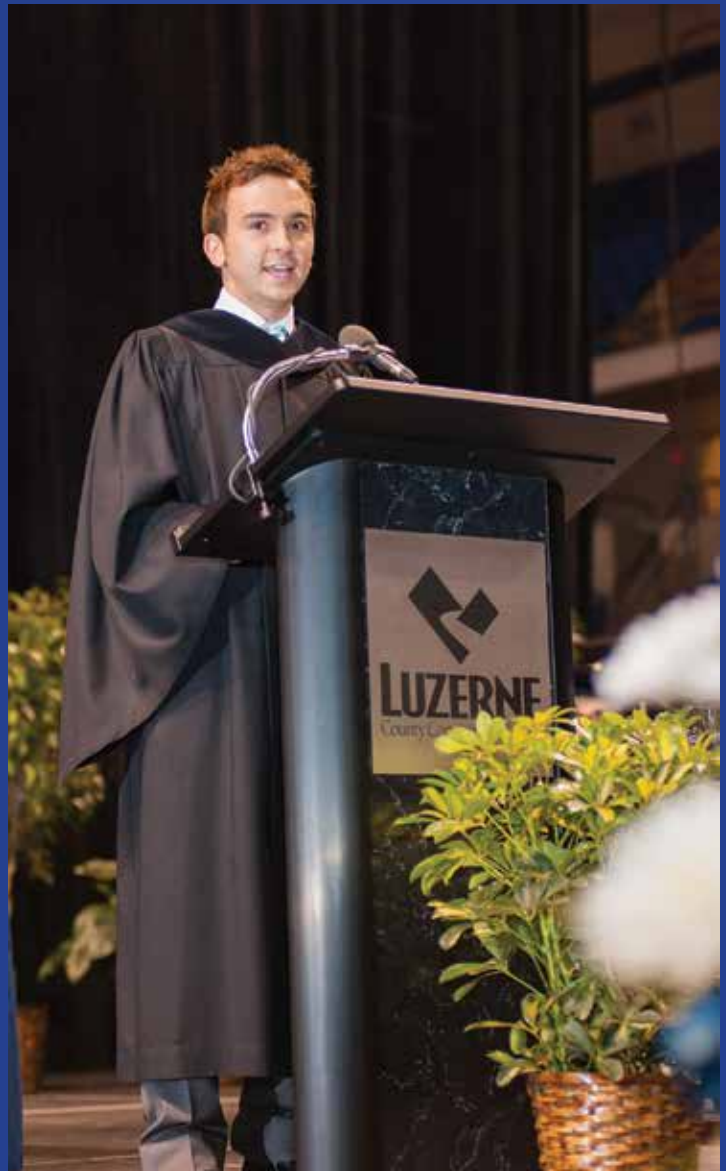
Each morning McFly and co-hosts Collis and Jen Richer bring their own brand of crazy with personal stories, real opinions and friendly wit to the airwaves. They encourage all to "Get Involved" and quickly be inducted into their dysfunctional family.

McFly, a Washington Business Journal "40 Under 40" alum, continues to take an active role in every segment of Washington and makes helping others a high priority. He served as the chairman of the Washington Humane Society's marquee event, Fashion for Paws, which has raised more than \$2.2 million in just six years.

Additionally, McFly works continuously with the Best Buddies, GW University Mobile Mammography Unit, The American Red Cross, Chris4Life Colon Cancer Foundation, The Alzheimer's Association, and many other organizations on projects throughout the year. In October of 2012, McFly challenged his listeners to raise \$20,000 for the GW Mobile Mammography Unit. The donations came pouring in, so he bleached and dyed his hair pink. When a local girl scout troop's cookie fund was stolen, McFly and his crew set up a table and broadcasted a cookie sale on air bringing droves of people to replenish the stolen funds.

He says the broadcast world is the ideal place to tell people's stories and do good for others. "I really believe in taking part in the world and diving in to help out those in need," McFly states.

McFly's advice to those who wish to go into this field: "You need to know in your heart you want to do this," he says. "There will be those who try to discourage you, but if you truly know this is the career for you, rock it out!"



*McFly addresses the LCCC Class of 2013*

He says having your own radio show is like running a small business; you need to understand many facets from marketing to public relations to keep yourself out there. "The days of having one job, like anchorman, have long gone," he points out. "There are many aspects of this career you need to learn. You have to commit to the media lifestyle and also be able to share your life on the air. Listeners and viewers need to be able to relate to you."

As he pointed out to LCCC graduates, he encourages others to take risks and follow their path. "You have a million choices ahead of you, and you can do whatever you want," says McFly. "Never lose your fire or passion. See how far you can push yourself. You're gonna hit curveballs along the way, but that's part of the fun."



# Life Saving Lesson



*Sara Litzelman, R.D.H., '13 and her grandmother, Theresa A. Myers.*

As a student in the dental hygiene program at LCCC, I was very anxious and excited to start working on patients during my first year.

The opportunity was presented to see a guest speaker, Eva Grayzel, who was an oral cancer survivor.

She told her remarkable story about her journey with oral cancer, and explained the importance of early detection. Little did I know that a few months later, I would have something in common with Eva.

In spring 2012, I started to see my first patients. My grandmother was one of the first patients that I ever saw clinically.

During the intra-oral exam, I noticed an area on her tongue that I wanted to bring to the dentist's attention. She attributed it to her ill-fitting partial plate rubbing on that area. A biopsy was taken when she visited her dentist and it came back negative for oral cancer. This diagnosis did not sit well with me.

After seeing Eva, and seeing that area on her tongue, I was still worried about the negative results. I called my sister saying I knew it was oral cancer.

During the summer, my grandmother's tongue started to

swell, and the area was growing rapidly. This was my biggest fear.

In fall 2012, I made sure my grandmother was one of my first patients again.

She had another biopsy done two days before I saw her in clinic. We had a new oral cancer screening wand that I was anxious to use on her.

The wand was a light that reflected abnormal cells, and when put into use on my grandmother, it didn't show anything abnormal. I was puzzled at this point, but my grandmother felt relieved yet again.

A week later, the lab results came back that my grandmother was diagnosed with Squamous Cell Carcinoma.

I felt my heart drop and I thought of Eva, and the struggles she had.

Two surgeries and a year later, my grandmother is a survivor due to early detection and the urging dental hygienist she has as a granddaughter.

The faculty at LCCC and I followed my grandmother's story from the beginning to now.

Today, I am a licensed dental hygienist and a professional member of the Oral Cancer Research Foundation. Being only 21 years old, I know my passion in life.

I feel as though I was meant to be a dental hygienist, to see Eva, and to save my grandmother's life.

I practice T.A.M. (Tongue and Mouth) oral cancer screening and I urge other dental hygienists to do so. T.A.M also happens to be my grandmother's initials.

Coincidence or fate? You decide!

Sara Litzelman, R.D.H  
NEPA Dental Hygiene Association  
Scholarship Recipient  
Dental Hygiene Class of 2013



## CRAYONS & CARE II

From a stark pencil drawing of a towering cathedral to a colorful crayon sketch of a reclining cartoon cat, the artwork of child patients of Litewska Hospital in Warsaw, Poland, lined the walls of the College's Schulman Gallery.

"Crayons and Care II" was the second exhibition of paintings from the children of Litewska to be held at LCCC. The exhibit included approximately 150 pieces of matted or framed art. Artwork was available for purchase throughout the exhibit with all proceeds donated to the Friends of the Litewska Foundation for the hospital's children's art program.

The first Crayons & Care exhibit held at the College in 2008 raised \$2,500 for the children's hospital and drew one of the largest crowds to an LCCC art exhibit since the opening of the Schulman Gallery.

According to Thomas Pugh, chair of the art exhibit committee, the Litewska Hospital treats children with the most serious medical conditions including cancer, kidney disease,

and heart disease. Since the hospital stay for so many children is almost a year, the facility has a fully-functioning school with an art department that has a distinguished reputation. The children's art classes are therapeutic as well as recreational and provide the patients with some relief from their daily medical treatments.

Pugh, retired Chief Operating Officer of Allied Services and CEO of John Heinz Institute of Rehabilitative Medicine, said that the John Heinz Institute became involved with the Litewska Hospital through a United States Aid Project in 1995. Through public donations, the John Heinz Institute sends funds to the Litewska Hospital which are used to keep the hospital's art school open.

His Excellency Ryszard Schnepf, ambassador of Poland, as well as two representatives of the school in Warsaw, Maria Gebarowska, head mistress of the school and Joanna Rozwadowska, a member of the Friends of Litewska Foundation, spoke before an audience during the exhibit's opening reception.





*(Above) LCCC staff sell pictures to attendees  
(Above right) Thomas Pugh, retired Chief Operating Officer of Allied Services and CEO of John Heinz Institute of Rehabilitative Medicine  
(Right) Joanna Rozwadowska, a member of the Friends of Litewska Foundation; His Excellency Ryszard Schnepf, ambassador of Poland; and Maria Gebarowska, head mistress of the school  
(Bottom right) Alice and Jennifer Pawlowski '88 pose with an exhibit piece.*



Pugh noted that the paintings produced by the children of Litewska Hospital are usually mixed media, very brightly colored, and are signed and include the age of the artist. Some feature scenes from Warsaw or Cracow, and many display traditional Polish symbols such as cranes and bears.

"Some pieces are very childlike," Pugh said. "Others are more polished. But all display the motivation of the school to provide some moments of happiness for patients."

Alison Carson, curator for the Schulman Gallery, commented on the exhibition's reception by the community.

"That's another one of the things I've really been moved by," Carson said, "How supportive the community's been, how excited they've been to contribute to and to own a piece of the show. They wanted to reach out and help."

"We could put on this beautiful exhibition filled with the most amazing works," Carson continued, "but if it wasn't for our community, we wouldn't be able to give what we are to the children of Litewska. This has really been an effort by which we've all done a little and we were able to help a whole lot."



The next pages are devoted to businesses that employ a number of LCCC Alumni. If your business employees LCCC graduates, we would love to come to your company and take a photo! Please contact Bonnie Lauer, Alumni Director, at 1-800-377-5222, ext. 7734 or blauer@luzerne.edu



## Maternal and Family Health Services



*Shown are, from left, seated -- Thomas P. Leary, president, LCCC; Bette Cox Saxton '98, CEO; and Lori Cotrone '89, senior executive assistant.*

*Standing -- Peter Lello, major gifts/planned giving specialist, LCCC; John Konopki, training coordinator; Jane Smallcomb '93, R.N., BSN, nurse home visitor; Bonnie Brennan Lauer '87, director, alumni relations, LCCC; Bob Bogdon, director, marketing, LCCC; and Gail Mendrzycki-Kauffman '81, senior director, human resources.*

## Nanticoke Special Care Hospital



*Shown are, from left, first row -- Jean Shivell Donnelly '81, medical technologist; Lori Laidacker-Morgan Evans '93, R.N., supervisor; Mary Ann Harden-Turak '08, R.N., registered nurse; and Michelle Bendrick '98, R.N., supervisor.*

*Second row -- Peter Lello, major gifts/planned giving specialist, LCCC; Thomas P. Leary, president, LCCC; and Bonnie Brennan Lauer '87, director, alumni relations, LCCC.*



# Commonwealth Health

Shown are, from left, first row -- Judy Ragu-  
kas, clinical director;  
Jeannie McCoy, R.N.;  
Sharon Kuklewicz, R.N.,  
clinical leader; Mari-  
lyn McCormick, R.N.;  
Cathy Ellsworth, R.N.;  
Angela Budziak, R.N.;  
and Debbie Hinz, R.N.  
Second row -- Mal-  
lerie Smith, R.N.; Amber  
Cousin, R.N.; Grace  
Olshefski, R.N.; Lori  
Schmidt, R.N.; Denise



Calabrese, R.N., clinical leader, telemetry; Melissa Partington, R.N.; and Bonnie Brennan Lauer '87, director, alumni relations, LCCC.  
Third row -- Cornelio Catena, chief executive officer; Thomas P. Leary, president, LCCC; James McConologue, R.N.; Leah McCurdy, R.N.; Renee Cusatis, R.N.; and Peter Lello, major gifts/planned giving specialist, LCCC.



Shown are, from left, seated -- Bonnie Brennan Lauer '87, director, alumni relations, LCCC; Jill Ferretti, R.N., CCE, CPFI; Amanda Barnes, R.N.; and Sherry Eastwood, R.N.  
Standing -- Peter Lello, major gifts/planned giving specialist, LCCC; Dorothy Konopki, R.N.; Thomas P. Leary, president, LCCC; Cornelio Catena, chief executive officer; Devon Buckley, R.N.; and Diane Reisser, R.N.

# Allied Services-Heinz Rehab



Shown are, from left, first row -- Bonnie Brennan Lauer '87, director, alumni relations, LCCC; Mike Rawls '77, inventory specialist; Susan Schwartz '87, director of nursing; Jean Aftewicz '84, R.N.; Anne Skamarakus '92, R.N., CRRN, coordinator, staff development; Brenda Shaffer '87, R.N.; and Rose Ward '74, patient care supervisor, assistant home health.

Second row -- Thomas P. Leary, president, LCCC; Marion Flannelly '84 R.N.; Colleen Matthey '92, R.N., CRRN; Bonnie Robbins '92, R.N.; Lisa Rozitski '05, CRRN; Sharon Saracino '94, CRRN; and Karen Kearney, vice president of rehabilitation services.

Third row -- Ken Lestansky '03, director, respiratory therapy; Rick Berlew, '92; Dayna McCartney; Vickie Elder, '12; Heather Saraday '11, R.N.; and Albert Jumper '72, MA, director, psychology and social work.

# Blue Cross of Northeastern PA (BCNEPA)



Shown are, from left, seated -- Angela Dragon '02, provider performance analyst; Mark Belenski, buyer/expeditor; Catherine Wasilauski '85, programmer/analyst III; Sandy Kendig '87, compliance specialist; Lynette Podskoch '92, R.N., team leader; and Mary Ellen Piasta '79, contract specialist.

Standing -- Peter Lello, major gifts/planned giving specialist, LCCC; Bonnie Brennan Lauer '87, director, alumni relations, LCCC; Thomas P. Leary, president, LCCC; Brian Rinker '81, senior vice president/chief administrative officer; Michelle Glynn '85, R.N.; Sheri Lawson '03, credentialing specialist; Joyce Ciaverella '98, quality assurance provider specialist; Amy Fargione '96, R.N., team leader; Susan Peters '74, healthcare analyst II; and Donna Gulick, web content specialist.



# Hildebrandt Learning Centers

Shown are, from left, first row -- Ashleigh Osolnick '11, assistant teacher; Teila McNulty '11, assistant teacher; Sarah Baloga '10, teacher; and Ashley Goulstone '09, lead teacher.

Second row -- Bonnie Brennan Lauer '87, director, alumni relations, LCCC; Mary Clarke '96, director; Laurie Pachick '00, teacher; Alecia Morris '03, teacher's assistant; and Melissa Cole '96, teacher.

Third row -- Peter Lello, major gifts/planned giving specialist, LCCC; Mary Lou Donahue '80, director; Leanne Grace, director, professional development; Bridget Conway '11, teacher; Holly Kline '97, teacher; Bill Grant, CEO; and Thomas P. Leary, president, LCCC.



# UGI

Shown are, from left, first row -- John Beberus, manager, human resources; Nicole Borick '02, customer relations; Michael Trusa '74 and '95, gas sales; Allison Fox '97, dispatch; Julie Hopkins '78, CIC; and Joe Dabbieri '11, telemetry tech.

Second row -- Tom Scappaticci, manager, operations and member, LCCC Foundation Board of Directors; Kevin Landmesser '04, serviceman fitter; Robert Heness '05, draftsman/GIS; Bonnie Brennan Lauer '87, director of alumni relations, LCCC; Marlene George '98, computer graphics operator; Janet M. Stochla '00, safety and claims assistant; and Thomas P. Leary, president, LCCC.

Third row -- Eric Swartley, director, operations; Nick O'Boyle '06, serviceman/fitter central; Patt Gregory '87, personnel admin representative; Jeff Stilp '97, serviceman/fitter; Jacob Piatt '09, serviceman/fitter; and Peter Lello, major gifts/planned giving specialist, LCCC.

# Office of Dr. Kenneth Foster, DMD

*Shown are, from left, seated -- Janelle Vasilakos '09, dental assistant; Nicole Lynn, RDH '10, dental assistant; and Jen Ambosie '97, patient coordinator. Standing -- Thomas P. Leary, president, LCCC; Ken Foster '99, DMD, Peter Lello, major gifts/planned giving specialist, LCCC; and Bonnie Brennan Lauer '87, director, alumni relations, LCCC.*



## Foundation adds new scholarships

The Foundation continues to assist students with the tuition cost of attending LCCC through a growing scholarship program funded through private donations. To date, \$160,000 has been granted to assist 225 students for the Fall 2013 semester. Students can apply for scholarships online through the Student Intranet or the College's web site.

New donations have been received to create additional scholarships as follows:

- **Elaine Lyons Memorial Scholarship** – Created through the estate plan of former faculty member Elaine Lyons '76, this scholarship is directed towards a student in the Humanities. Ms. Lyons passed away early in 2013 and created the scholarship through a bequest to the Foundation.
  - **Francis S. & Mary Gill Carrozza, R.N. Scholarship** – Created through a donation in memory of Mary Gill Carrozza, this scholarship will be awarded to a student in the health sciences field of study.
  - **Dr. Cornelia & Thomas Tengowski Scholarship** – Established in 2013 by Dr. Cornelia and Mr. Thomas Tengowski.
- Applicant must have a minimum of 15 credits earned and be enrolled in a health care program of study or a science program and have a 3.5 GPA or higher. Thomas retired from the security department at LCCC.
  - **Jacqueline Senyk Memorial Scholarship** – Established by Dr. Michael Senyk in memory of his beloved wife. Qualifications to be established. Dr. Senyk is an adjunct faculty. Michael's father, the late Basil Senyk, was a professor emeritus at LCCC who taught business courses. Prof. Senyk has three memorial endowments.
  - **Donna Lawson Memorial Scholarship** – Established in memory of the late Donna Lawson, nursing faculty member, by friends and family. Qualifications to be determined.
  - **John J. Tosi Memorial Scholarship** – Established by John Tosi, III in memory of his father. Applicant must have financial need.
  - **Edward Schmidt Memorial Scholarship** – Established through donations from friends and family. Qualifications to be determined.





Alumni team from this year's Alumni v. Student basketball game



Melissa Williams Taney '03, president, LCCC Alumni Association presents David Fox '13 the Alumni Association's Outstanding Graduate Award for 2013



Bonnie Brennan Lauer '87, director, alumni relations presents Deborah Anne Kowalczyk with the Alumni Association's Outstanding 2013 Adult Learner Graduate Award



Graduates of the CIS and related programs gather for their 5th annual mixer



Members of the LCCC President's Alumni Advisory Council



Members of the LCCC Alumni Association at LCCC's Craft Festival

# 2013 Alumni Events



# Alumni Class Notes

## 1970

**Joseph Cook** (Graphic Design) and his wife Kim have been married for 38 years. They are the parents of a daughter, Kimberly Hickock and have a grandson Kerry, 12. Joseph retired from the department of corrections after a 20 year career. He and his wife live in Edwardsville.

## 1974

**Larry Walko** (General Studies) was recently inducted into the Hazleton Area Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2013 for his achievements in and around the basketball court. Walko played under legendary coach Jim Atherton for two seasons and was named MVP in 1973. Following his graduation he took his talents to Maryville College, TN, where he received an athletic-scholastic scholarship. He graduated as class valedictorian from Maryville in 1976. He returned to NEPA and coached at both Bishop Hoban and Bishop Hafey while teaching history. Larry has owned and operated a landscaping and nursery business, Walko Landscaping and Nursery, in Drums for the past 38 years. Congratulations Larry on being recognized for your achievements!

## 1980

**Thomas Dietrick** (Criminal Justice) continued his education at Wilkes-Barre Area Vo-Tech Nursing Program earning his LPN degree in 1990. He retired earlier this year after a 40 year career in the nursing field. Thomas and his wife, Jane Erin (Lindsay) reside in Harleysville are the proud parents of daughters Kristen Baranowski and Rachel Stenger of Maryland. They are very proud that Kristen graduated from LCCC's Nursing program in May 2013.

## 1981

**Gregory Leonard** (Mechanical Design) is a bridge and structural designer for the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. In this position he designs bridges, retaining walls, box culverts and repairs to existing bridges. He is also a certified bridge safety inspector. Greg continued his education studying civil engineering at Pennsylvania State University and received a degree in forestry and wildlife conservation from the Professional Career Development Institute. In addition he is a member of the American Society of Highway Engineers Northeast Penn Section, and is appointed to the office of Forest Fire Warden with the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. Greg resides in Hazle Township with his wife Karen and children, Kayla, 14 and Gregory Jr., 11.

## 1991

**Joseph Gorham** (Broadcast Communications Technology) has accepted the position of Superintendent for Carbondale Area School District. Following his graduation from LCCC Gorham attended Ithaca College earning his degree in crisis public relations and advertising. Over the years he worked in landscaping, as a commercial DJ and at Price Chopper. He returned to Wilkes University and obtained his teaching credentials and administrative degree. In 2009 he earned his superintendent certification from Marywood University. He has worked in education for the past 15 years most recently as a principal in the Northwest School District. Joseph and his wife, Shannon, have 4 children and reside in Ashley.

## 1992

**Margaret Manley** (Computer Information Systems) has been appointed director of performance measurement and reporting for TMG Health. She holds a bachelor's degree in accountancy from Wilkes University. She is a Certified Public Accountant and a Chartered Global Management Accountant.

## 1994

**Debbie Johnson** (Social Science) was recently named the first female pastor of Duncan Creek Presbyterian Church in Clinton, SC. She is also the full-time chaplain of the Presbyterian Retirement Community. While living in PA she was an active member and ordained deacon/elder of the First Presbyterian Church in Berwick for more than 30 years. In addition to her LCCC degree, Debbie graduated from Bloomsburg University, Marywood University, and Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, VA.

Congratulations to **Carol Macculloch, MBA, CFRE** (Computer Information Systems) for receiving the 2013 Association of Fundraising Professionals Northeastern Pennsylvania Chapter Outstanding Fundraising Professional Award. This award is designed to recognize an outstanding individual fundraising professional who works directly for a nonprofit, charitable organization. Carol is the director of leadership gifts for the University of Scranton.

## 2003

**Michael Lukatchik** (Computer Information Systems) and Jessica Yaracz were united in marriage in August 2013. Mike is an application developer at United One Resources, Inc. and serves on the advisory board for





LCCC's CIS program. The happy couple resides in Shavertown with their dog, Bart.

## 2004

**Sara Longenberger** (Criminal Justice) graduated in December 2012 from Alvernia University with a bachelor's of arts degree in criminal justice (*shown in center*). She is a Northumberland County legal advocate for Transitions in Lewisburg. Sara lives in Atlas with her two sons, Guy and Russell.



Congratulations to **Stephanie Burridge McGrady** (Medical Office Assistant) and **Robert McGrady** (General Studies) on the birth of their son, Davin Robert on July 11, 2013. Davin joins big sister, Reiley Jean, 2. Steph has a pet sitting business while Bob is a teacher and football coach in the Wilkes-Barre Area School District. The McGrady's reside in Bear Creek Township.

## 2006

**Jeffrey Hunt** (Broadcast Communications) is known as Jeff "Hopper" Hunt in the State College area as the afternoon drive DJ for Big Froggy 101, WFGE-FM. He recently had an interview published in the February 2013 issue of *Power Source Country Music Magazine*. He has been with the station since 2010.

## 2008

**Tiffany Carite Kasarda** (Legal Assisting / Paralegal) and Andrew Kasarda recently celebrated their first wedding anniversary. Tiffany is a legal assistant / paralegal at Weber Gallagher Simpson Stapleton Fires & Newby, LLP. The couple resides in Dickson City.

Congratulations to **Kimberly Burridge Webby** (Advertising) and John Webby on the birth of their son, John William, on August 16, 2013. John joins big sister, Bella, 2. Kimberly also earned a graphic design degree in 2007 from LCCC. The Webby's reside in Slocum Township.

## 2009

**Jennifer Otway** (Surgical Technology) is a neurosurgery physician assistant at Inova Fairfax Hospital in Falls Church, VA. She also earned a bachelor's

degree in neuroscience in 2007 from King's College and completed her studies in 2011 with a master's degree from the King's College Physician Assistant Program.

## 2010

**Jerry F. Cavil Jr.** (Advertising) recently designed the cover for the third edition of *Micro-Distilleries in the U.S. and Canada*, the only guide dedicated to North American micro-distilleries. The book, written by David J. Reimer Sr., and published by Crave Press, is available in print and as an e-book from Barnes & Noble as well as Amazon. Jerry attends Kutztown University and is a communication design major and dean's list student.

**John "Jack" Dean** (Business Administration) graduated from the University of Scranton in May 2013 with a B.S in Accounting. He recently accepted a job as a staff accountant at Landmark Community Bank. Jack was previously employed as an operations analyst for Bank of America working with teams in Europe and Asia. He and his wife Katie recently welcomed their first child, Jack, to their family. Jack Sr. is currently enrolled in the MBA program at Wilkes University and plans to graduate in May, 2015. He is also preparing to sit for the Certified Public Accountant examination.

**Joseph Schott Jr.** (Criminal Justice) was recently hired as a patrol officer for Montgomery Township serving the Landsdale area. Schott excelled over 324 other applicants seeking to fill this position as a public servant. In addition to his criminal justice degree Schott earned a degree in Hotel and restaurant management from LCCC in 2008.

## 2011

**Nina Walck** (General Studies) is continuing her education at Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa Community College enrolled in the Native American Studies program at the age of 83. LCOOCC is a tribal college in Northwest Wisconsin serving both Native and non-Native populations in the region.

## 2012

Congratulations to **Joan Beyer** (Health / Physical Education) who recently earned a master of science degree from California University of Pennsylvania in exercise science and health promotion. Joan has recently accepted a position with Commonwealth Health as a full time fitness instructor at Star Fitness in Kingston. She resides in Swoyersville.

**Erin McNamara** (Dental Hygiene) accepted a position with Horizon Dental Care as a full time dental hygienist at their Cherry Ridge location. Erin resides in Greentown with her family.

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# 2012-2013 Events Calendar

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**February 6, 2014:** Alumni Association Meeting, 4:00 p.m. Campus Center, second floor, Alumni Room (#214)  
26th annual Alumni vs. Student Basketball game;  
James Atherton Gymnasium, 5:30 pm

**March 24-31, 2014:** Alumni Association Phonathon, Educational Conference Center

**April 1-2, 2014:** Alumni Association Phonathon, Educational Conference Center

**April 4, 2014:** Nomination deadline for the Outstanding Graduate Awards. For more information visit: [www.luzerne.edu/graduation2.jsp#GraduationAwards](http://www.luzerne.edu/graduation2.jsp#GraduationAwards)

**April 14, 2014:** Alumni Association Meeting, 5:30 p.m. Campus Center, second floor, Alumni Room (#214)

**April 15, 2014:** Application deadline for LCCC Foundation & Alumni Association Scholarships. Visit [www.luzerne.edu/foundation/scholarships.jsp](http://www.luzerne.edu/foundation/scholarships.jsp) for a complete listing of offerings.

**May 3, 2014:** 15th Annual Alumni Flea Market & Collectible Show, Educational Conference Center, 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

**May 9, 2014:** Dental Health Alumni Day, Educational Conference Center, speaker: Betsy Reynolds. Online registration begins March 3, 2014.

**May 15, 2014:** Computer Information Systems / Court Reporting / Health Information Management and related programs Alumni Mixer, Bar Louie - Mohegan Sun

**May 20, 2014:** Graduate Reception, Educational Conference Center, 6:00-8:00 pm

**May 22, 2014:** Commencement Ceremony, Mohegan Sun Arena, 6:00 pm

**June 9, 2014:** Alumni Association Meeting, 5:30 p.m. Campus Center, second floor, Alumni Room (#214)

**August 2, 2014:** Alumni Knoebel's family picnic, 1 pm

*For more information on these events contact the LCCC Alumni office at [alumni@luzerne.edu](mailto:alumni@luzerne.edu) or call 570-740-0734.*

## Retirees/Career Moves

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*The following members of the faculty, administration, and staff have retired from the College since the last issue of "The Bridge" was published. We wish them well in their future endeavors.*

Joanne Chipeco, Chairperson, Nursing  
Barry Cipala '83, Director, Distance Education  
Elaine Craig, Nursing Faculty  
Samuel Cramer, Coordinator, Commercial Art  
Francis Curry '71, Director, Admissions  
William Dombroski, Business Faculty  
Grace Garlan, Bookstore Clerk

Kathleen Jenkins '96, Business Faculty  
Phyllis Johnson '13, Admissions Data Processing Assistant  
Robert Komnath, Director, Automotive Technology  
Barbara Gail Marshall, Nursing Faculty  
Michael Molnar, Commercial Art Faculty  
James O'Donnell, Custodian  
Ronald Pohala, Science Faculty  
Margaret Rood, Program Director, ALTA

## In Memoriam

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*Sincere condolences are extended to the family and friends of alumni and members of the College family who have passed away since the last publication of "The Bridge."*

### LCCC Graduates

John Bonsavage '86 (CIS)  
Edmund Booth, Jr '93 (Criminal Justice)  
Sean Borys '03 (Electronics Engineering)  
Rose Boyer '78 (Nursing)  
Hugh Boyes '93 (General Studies)  
Barbara Casella '83 (Dental Hygiene)  
Jeremiah Connell '93 (Mathematics)  
Stephen Debarry '74 (Hotel/Restaurant)  
John Devlin '07 (Criminal Justice)  
Dr. D. Keith Ferrell '70 (General Studies)  
Jean Harry '88 (CA Graphic Design)  
Saranne "Sally" Heilbrunn '95 (Nursing)  
Jennifer Kaminski '11 (Nursing)  
Alicia Kempinski '03 (Education)  
Cynthia Kline '80 (Criminal Justice)  
John Kostic '83 (General Studies)

Andrew Kramer '06 (Accounting)  
Michael Krostag '90 (Computer Science)  
Karen Laver '95 (CA Photography)  
Keith Maxwell '06 (General Studies)  
Doreen Murphy '87 (CIS)  
George Murphy '08 (Electronics Engineering)  
John Petrovich '72 (Hotel/Restaurant)  
Dolores Regulski '86 (Nursing)  
Lisa Setta '92 (CA Photography)  
James Sibly '95 (Computer Aided Drafting/Design)  
Kathryn Sutton '93 (General Studies)  
Eric Williams '99 (General Studies)  
Mary Williams '78 (Criminal Justice)  
Kristy Wood '97 (Nursing)  
Sandra Lee Yenchick '93 (Nursing)

### Faculty & Staff

W. Bruce Neil '70  
Libby Mital  
Janet Mullery '90  
Mary Ellen Mudzik  
Sue Ace Topfer  
Diane Wilson-Wren



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Heartfelt thanks go out to our alumni, friends and community businesses, faculty and staff who have made gifts to LCCC. Thanks to your philanthropy, LCCC continues to make life better for current and future students by providing scholarships, financial aid, library books, technology and other necessities. Nothing touches the lives of LCCC students as much as the Annual Fund.

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Charitable gifts are generally exempt from taxation for those who itemize deductions on their tax returns. The higher your tax rate, the more you can save when you make a donation to the College.

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**Give a gift to the LCCC Foundation online at <http://www.luzerne.edu/foundationgiving/>**

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Alumni participation is also one of the criteria used to leverage gifts from private and public foundations as well as corporations. Any gift of any size publicly demonstrates your pride and helps the College continue its tradition of excellence.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

Several gift options are available to you for making a financial contribution to LCCC. They include: a pledge, an outright contribution by cash, check or charge (Mastercard, Visa or Discover), securities (stocks, bonds or mutual funds) and a planned gift (bequest and charitable trust arrangement) through the Heritage Society. For more information, or to make a gift, contact the Alumni Office at (800) 377-LCCC, ext. 7734 or at 740-0734.

## Alumni benefit offers discount on auto and home insurance

The LCCC Alumni Association has partnered with Liberty Mutual, the nation's fifth-largest auto and home insurer. Through Liberty Mutual's Group Savings Plus® program, LCCC graduates may save up to 20 percent on their auto insurance and 10 percent on their home, condo or renters insurance.\* That can be hundreds of dollars back in your pocket. Plus Liberty Mutual offers their customers who have both auto and home policies an attractive add-on, multi-policy discount. To find out how much you can save, call 1-800-310-6764 or visit [www.libertymutual.com/LCCC](http://www.libertymutual.com/LCCC) for an immediate, no-obligation quote.

\*Discounts are available where state law and regulations allow and may vary by state.



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Maureen Ryneski  
John Thomas Sedlak '88  
Leonard V. '69 & Bernadine Shimko  
Mary James Sinclair  
Susan Spry '99  
Robert Stanley  
Mary Sullivan  
John J. Tossi, III  
Lisa Yeager '78

### Century Circle (\$100 to \$249)

Elizabeth Aciukewicz '12  
Alden Manor Complex  
Jane Allardyce '98  
Donald Alonzo '75  
Charles Altmiller '83  
American Asphalt  
Mary Ankenbrand '91  
Donna Ashbridge '76  
William Barrett  
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## AACA donates to LCCC Alumni Association

The Northeastern PA regional chapter of the Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA) recently made a donation to the Luzerne County Community College Alumni Association Scholarship Fund. The regional chapter of the AACA held its 52nd annual car show at the College campus and donated a portion of the proceeds to the College's Alumni Association. The donation benefited the Nancy Boback Memorial Scholarship at LCCC which is awarded to qualifying automotive technology students. Shown are, from left -- Lisa Owens '97, vice president, alumni association, LCCC; Ann Marie Schraeder '79, treasurer, alumni association and assistant to the executive director, resource development, LCCC; Bonnie Brennan Lauer '87, director, alumni relations, LCCC; Susan Gilroy-King '10, alumni association and adjunct faculty, LCCC; Thomas P. Leary, president, LCCC; Bob Stavish, member, AACA; and Sandra Nicholas, executive director, institutional advancement, LCCC.



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## LCCC participates in Shamokin Relay For Life

Students and staff from the Luzerne County Community College Northumberland Center participated in the Shamokin Relay for Life held recently at Kemp Memorial Stadium. The LCCC team, the Cha Chas, performed face painting at the event and held various fund raisers throughout the year. Shown at the Shamokin Relay for Life are, from left -- Tina Katalinas, team member; Caroline Kaslavage, LCCC student and team member; Nicole Edmondson, director, LCCC Northumberland Center and team captain; and Danielle Cohen-King, LCCC student and team member. Absent from photo -- Chelsea Purcell, LCCC student and team member.



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Mary Ann Kline '97  
Lawrence Klug '78  
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Robert Kopec '71  
Leo Kopetz '92  
Carl Kosch '72  
Kevin Kovach '87  
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Kozemchak  
Jewel Kravich '85  
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Yolanda Kupchick  
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George Lacey '85  
Theresa Langan '85  
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Patricia Lavan '84  
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Edward Lewko '73  
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Robert Linskey '82  
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Gail Matushoneck '99  
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Edward Sartin '93  
William Saunders '84  
Maureen Savner  
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Richard Schall '73  
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## LCCC wins culinary awards

*A faculty member and student at Luzerne County Community College have been named recipients of the American Culinary Federation (ACF) Awards for 2013.*

*LCCC student Dene Nichols '13 received the President's Special Recognition Award ACF of NEPA Scholarship. Dene was also the 2012-13 student representative to the LCCC Board of Trustees.*

*David Pembleton, Jr. '95, CEC, CCE, ACE, was named as the recipient of the ACF NEPA Member of the Year Howard Newhart Scholarship for professional development. Pembleton teaches in food production management.*

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 Susan Schuster '78  
 Lois Scott '75  
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 Patricia Sentigar '91  
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 Chester Zaremba '79  
 Linda Zazzeri '89  
 Donna Zbiek '86  
 Bonnie '74 & Gary '77 Zisko  
 Karen Zmijewski '84  
 Denise Zmijewski '84  
 Christine Zuber '94  
 David Zurek '83  
 Christine Zuber '94

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## John Tosi III establishes memorial scholarship

Luzerne County Community College Foundation Inc. recently received a donation from John Tosi III to establish a scholarship in memory of his father, John J. Tosi. The John J. Tosi Memorial Scholarship will be awarded annually to a business or accounting student in his or her second year of study at LCCC.

At the check presentation, from left, are Francis Curry '71, member, LCCC Board of Trustees; Sandra Nicholas, executive director, institutional advancement, LCCC; Thomas P. Leary, president, LCCC; John Tosi III, scholarship donor; Ed Hennigan '95, assistant director, admissions, LCCC, and Peter Lello, major gifts/planned giving specialist, LCCC.







## Community Safety Day held at LCCC's Walk of Honor

On July 20, 2013, State Senator Lisa Baker (20th District) and State Senator John Yudichak (14th District) partnered together to memorialize deceased Federal Corrections Officer Eric Williams '99 who was tragically killed in the line of duty earlier this year. The first Community Safety Day ceremony held at the Walk of Honor recognized Williams for his dedicated service and ultimate sacrifice.

Family and friends gathered at the site to memorialize Williams with a permanent plaque which is inscribed, "It Is Not How This Officer Died That Made Him a Hero. But How He Lived!" Eric's parents, Don and Jean Williams, have established the Eric J. Williams '99 Memorial Scholarship to help future students pursuing a Criminal Justice degree achieve their dreams.

Eric's memorial plaque joins more than 100 other plaques, bricks and benches that are placed around the memorial. The Walk of Honor was the idea of Mrs. Phyllis Carlo, of Wanamie, to honor her son, Michael Scott Carlo, a NYFD firefighter who lost his life saving others on September 11, 2001 in the World



Trade Center. This site was dedicated in 2010 and has grown to include a piece of the World Trade Center as its centerpiece. The College hosts a Community Safety Day and September 11th Remembrance Ceremony annually to recognize the everyday heroes in our lives.

The bricks, plaques and benches are a beautiful and permanent part of the Luzerne County Community College campus. To learn more about how you can forever be a part of the Walk of Honor visit [luzerne.edu/](http://luzerne.edu/)

alumni or contact the alumni office at 570-740-0734. Some of the bricks, plaques and benches include:

- Bloomsburg Volunteer Ambulance "We Serve Because We Care"
- Vincent A. Drapiewski, M.D. A Nanticoke Family Name Since 1881
- In Loving Memory of Barb Struckus BFF Joanie
- KFD#2 Chief C. Fred Kase A Great Chief A Great Friend Eternal Memory By Paul Lesser
- Jimmy Ellis - Our Firefighter Hero We're So Proud of You
- Mary Ankenbrand '91 - Dental Hygiene

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## Alumni Class Notes

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**Kaitlyn Wacawski** (Nursing) and **Jeff Stewart** '09 (Broadcast Communications) were united in marriage in September 2013. Kaitlyn is a registered nurse at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital. She is the daughter of **Mary Waclawski** '06 (Medical Office Assistant). Jeff is also a graduate of the United Stuntmen's Association in Seattle WA and Motorcycle Mechanics Institute receiving a license in Harley Davidson Mechanics. Congratulations Kaitlin and Jeff!



### 2013

**David Fox** (Business Administration) is enrolled at King's College with a dual major of accounting and finance and a minor in economics. Dave was awarded a Phi Theta Kappa Hites Transfer Scholarship which recognizes outstanding academic achievement, engagement in college and community activities and leadership accomplishment of PTK members preparing to transfer to senior institutions in pursuit of baccalaureate degrees. He was one of ten recipients to receive this award internationally. Congrats Dave!





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