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ADVENTURE WEST COUNCIL

To: Rick Johnson, Senior VP of Administration and Finance
From: Louis S. Leopold, Assistant Council Commissioner, Adventure West Council, BSA
Date: November 14, 2022
Subject: Melissa Gallant & Arlene Lester-Carson

Dear Mr. Johnson:

I would like to commend and recognize in the highest possible way two of Laramie County Community College's administrators – Melissa Gallant and Arlene Lester-Carson.

I was the "dean" of the Adventure West Council's University of Scouting and College of Commissioner Science. These two "institutes of higher Scouting learning" brings adult volunteers together to be educated on a range of topics to elevate their knowledge and skillset to provide a quality experience to youth from kindergarten through high school to prepare them for life in all life skills areas. The method of "experiential learning" through the program has been shown to be successful for over 110 years.

To provide the education of our leaders, I approached Melissa Gallant back in February to see if LCCC had the facility to accommodate a new experience for us, a hybrid classroom where we would be able to accommodate both physical and virtual attendance.

The reason is that the Adventure West Council encompasses all of Wyoming, the panhandle of Nebraska, and northwest Colorado from Boulder in the south to the Nebraska border, so our council is very large geographically speaking. Also, Cheyenne and LCCC being at the intersection of major interstate highways made sense for those who wanted to attend physically and for those who did not wish to travel quite so far would have the convenience of attending from home.

It was obvious, from the start, that LCCC was "the" choice for this event. Melissa was very thorough in providing me with information and as the year progressed, worked with me every step of the way, right up to the event itself.

Arlene "took the reins" as our host for the day as Melissa had a personal conflict with the event. Arlene seamlessly worked with me the evening before and the day of, ensuring that all was in place and ready to go. All I, and the faculty and staff had to do was execute. Everything went flawlessly. With Arlene's assistance we were up and running on time with no real technical difficulties. The day could not have gone any smoother and all present had an excellent experience.

Without Melissa and Arlene's advice, guidance, and assistance, I firmly believe the event would not be the success it was. For this, I am truly grateful. Thank you, Melissa and Arlene!

With sincerest gratitude in service to the youth in our communities,

Louis S. Leopold