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LARAMIE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION

ANNUAL REPORT



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COMMUNITY COLLEGE
FOUNDATION



OUR MISSION: ENGAGE OUR COMMUNITY AND SUPPORT LCCC.

Established in 1968, the Laramie County Community College Foundation exists to develop and sustain support for Laramie County Community College through solicitation, management and recognition of donations.

The Foundation is dedicated to providing services and assistance to students, faculty, staff and the community, thereby enhancing a sense of tradition and pride in the college. Though it is separate from the college, the Foundation works closely with the college to generate private gifts for the college's major fund-raising priorities. In addition to raising money effectively, the Foundation provides careful management of funds already raised.

With the assistance of the Wyoming State Legislature's challenge grant program which began in 2004 the LCCC Foundation has been able to match more than \$9,000,000.00 in donor gifts.

These generous gifts dedicated to helping our students achieve academic success have brought the Foundation's total endowment up to more than \$68 million.

Cover photo: Laramie County Community College scholarship recipients meet with scholarship donors at the LCCC Foundation's annual Scholarship Luncheon.

Inside cover: Dr. Joe Schaffer, LCCC President, greets donors and supporters at the LCCC Foundation's annual Scholarship Luncheon.

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT



As I begin my first year as President of the LCCC Foundation Board of Directors, I am honored and energized to be part of this remarkable organization. The LCCC Foundation has a long tradition of excellence, stewardship, and community engagement – and it is a privilege to help lead this next chapter.

This is a time of transition for the Foundation, and with transition comes opportunity. One of our most exciting priorities this year is the hiring of a new full-time Foundation Executive Director. This leader will be instrumental in guiding our vision, strengthening our operations, and ensuring we continue to serve Laramie County Community College with intention and impact. As we move forward, it is essential that we maintain the strong ties we have with the College and remain aligned with its evolving needs and strategic direction. Our work is most effective when it is rooted in collaboration, shared purpose, and a deep commitment to student success.

In the coming year, our Board will continue to focus on thoughtful and strategic fundraising that addresses the College's greatest priorities – whether through scholarship support, program innovation, or opportunities that enrich the student and community experience. I am fortunate to work alongside an exceptional leadership team and a dedicated Foundation Board and staff who bring passion, expertise, and a genuine commitment for our community. Together, we will build on the strong foundation that has been laid and continue advancing the impactful work of the LCCC Foundation.

What inspires me most are the LCCC stories I hear – our students who persist and thrive, the donors who give generously because they believe in the mission, and the faculty and staff who support learners every step of the way. These stories remind us why our mission matters: Engaging our Community and Supporting LCCC.

I look forward to the work ahead and to partnering with each of you as we continue to elevate the College and strengthen the impact of the LCCC Foundation. Thank you for being part of our story and for helping make a difference in the lives of students across our institution.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dershie Barber". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Dershie Barber President,
LCCC Foundation Board of Directors



A YEAR IN REVIEW



As we reflect on another year of progress and purpose, I extend my heartfelt appreciation to our supporters, donors, and friends, whose steadfast commitment promotes the work of the LCCC Foundation. Your belief in our mission to engage our community and support LCCC has made 2025 a year marked by growth, resilience, and meaningful accomplishments.

Because of your generosity, we continue providing essential scholarship support and programmatic resources that elevate the student experience at Laramie County Community College. Your contributions helped make higher education more affordable and accessible, opening doors to opportunity and empowering students to pursue pathways that will change the trajectory of their lives.

Every gift strengthens our capacity to serve. Every act of support helps expand programs, inspire hope, and ensure students have what they need to succeed. Together, we are not just supporting education; we are shaping futures and building a stronger community for generations to come.

As we end 2025 and move into 2026, I am pleased to share the LCCC Foundation will be transitioning our leadership to Riana Davidson, our new full-time Executive Director. For the past nine years, I have had the privilege of leading this incredible team and partnering with our donors, friends, and community supporters. With our endowment reaching nearly \$70 million, the timing is right to adopt a leadership structure that positions the Foundation for continued growth and ensures we remain strategic and forward-thinking in how we support the college.

I am not going far. I will continue to serve LCCC as the Vice President of Communications & External Relations, and I look forward to working closely with Riana and the entire Foundation team, as the LCCC Foundation enters this exciting next chapter.

Thank you for your steadfast support, your friendship, and your unwavering belief in our mission. Because of you, the LCCC Foundation continues to make a powerful impact on our students, our programs, and our community.

Sincerely,

Lisa Trimble
Vice President, Advancement

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PURPOSE TAKING SHAPE

Nursing program director leads with perspective shaped by opportunity

Angela Burge knows firsthand that life rarely follows a straight line, especially when it comes to education.

Balancing work, family and financial realities while pursuing a new career shaped her perspective long before she stepped into leadership. When deciding to make that career change, Angela said she wasn't looking for a leadership position and didn't expect to work in academia.

But today, as director of the Nursing Program at Laramie County Community College, Angela holds a position she has come to value deeply. An alumna of LCCC's Nursing Program, Angela returned to the college professionally after building her career, eventually stepping into leadership of the same program where she began.

"I never planned to work in academia, and I definitely didn't see myself in a nurse leadership role," Angela said. "But one opportunity led to another, and I realized this is where I can make the biggest difference. I see myself in our students, and I really do love the work."

After spending two decades working in human

resources, including leadership roles in health care settings, Angela decided to pursue a new career in nursing. Returning to school meant navigating a demanding transition that included full-time work, family responsibilities and the financial realities of changing professions later in life.

While completing the program, Cheyenne Regional Medical Center worked with Angela in her human resources role to accommodate her schedule, adjusting her hours so she could balance work, coursework and clinical requirements.

In addition, LCCC offered flexibility, academic rigor and the scholarship support she needed to move forward. Over time, that connection deepened, first as a student, then as an adjunct instructor for one and a half years, followed by two and a half years as a full-time clinical coordinator and nursing instructor, and eventually as program director.

"Returning to LCCC as a professional in the same nursing program where I began my journey feels like coming full circle," Angela said. "It's an honor to give back



to the program that shaped my career and help prepare future nurses for the same opportunity I was given.”

Nursing school brought challenges that extended far beyond the classroom. Learning happened wherever space could be found, sometimes at home, where anatomy labs spilled into evenings and weekends.

“It feels like your whole world gets turned upside down,” Angela said.

Scholarships helped stabilize that period, easing financial pressure and allowing her to stay focused on finishing the program.

“I had a family, a house, kids in sports and I was earning less money while I was finishing nursing school,” Angela said. “Having that scholarship support made it possible to keep going.”

Even as she navigated the demands of returning to school, Angela knew LCCC was the right place to begin that transition. Long before enrolling, she had seen the quality of LCCC’s nursing graduates firsthand while working in healthcare settings and trusted the program’s standards, which include full approval by state and national accrediting bodies and consistently strong licensure and job placement outcomes.

Teaching was not part of the career change Angela envisioned when she returned to school, and leadership was never the goal. Adjunct teaching offered a way to give back to the program that had supported her, allowing her to work with students facing many of the same challenges she had experienced. Those opportunities came at the encouragement of Dr. Karen Bowen, now Health Sciences & Wellness dean at LCCC, who even before leading the college recognized Angela’s strengths and urged her to consider roles she hadn’t been seeking out.

“Karen kept bringing opportunities to my attention and telling me they would be a good fit, even when I didn’t see it myself,” Angela said.

Today, Angela’s approach to leadership is rooted in empathy and accountability. She understands how easily life can derail even motivated students, while remaining clear about the responsibility of preparing future nurses.

“Being a graduate of the program gives me a unique perspective,” Angela said. “I understand firsthand the challenges and expectations our students face, which drives me to create a supportive learning environment while maintaining the high standards that prepared me for my own nursing career.”

Those students, Angela said, are going to be “caring for real people, so the expectations have to be high.”

As a student, Angela relied on scholarships to help manage the financial strain of returning to school while supporting her family. Now, she helps students access Foundation funds that can give them a boost as they complete licensure requirements and enter the workforce.

“Someone invested in me when I was trying to change direction,” Angela said. “Now I get to do that for our students, helping them stay in the program when things get hard and make it across the finish line.”

FINDING RESILIENCE IN THE FACE OF CHALLENGES

LCCC FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBER'S TIRELESS EFFORTS HELP STUDENTS FIND THEMSELVES AND SUCCEED

When Donnie Heiduck was young, his mom sent him with a box of his old clothes to the single mother next door to their house on Southwest Drive in Cheyenne.

They were things he had outgrown or no longer wore, and Donnie didn't understand why his mom asked him to complete this task. The single mother, having received the box, cried, which confused Donnie. He couldn't understand why someone would cry over his old clothes.

That was the first trip of many, returning with various essential items. Over time, Donnie realized the mother's tears on his first visit weren't about the clothes; they were about relief, about being understood and accepting help from someone who offered without explanation or judgment.

Those trips didn't come with explanations. Later, Donnie understood that those moments were meant to shape him into the person he is today.

"Giving back and paying it forward was really something that my mom was about, the first thing she had me do," he said. "And of course, as a kid, you don't really understand what they're molding you for or trying to share with you. As you grow older, you respect more about what your parents did."

Paying it forward is a defining characteristic of Donnie's work on the LCCC Foundation Board. By tirelessly working to provide students with opportunities to help them improve their lives through scholarships, Donnie hopes to pay back some of the help, generosity and mentorship that shaped his life.

As a first-generation student, Donnie knew he wanted to earn a college degree, but graduating from East High School didn't immediately bring clarity. Donnie entered his early college years at the University of Wyoming, encountering unexpected challenges and unsure of where he was headed.

What made the difference when he later came to LCCC, Donnie said, was people.

Support came in practical ways — help navigating expectations, encouragement to keep going, and reassurance during periods of uncertainty. Those moments helped him stay engaged long enough to find direction, eventually leading him toward a career in law enforcement.

"I didn't have everything figured out," Donnie said. "But there were people who helped me stay on track when I probably could have gone a different direction."

Law enforcement gave Donnie a way to serve his community, but it also exposed him to parts of humanity that most people never have to confront. Over the course of his decades-long career, he witnessed heartbreaking situations — death investigations, crime scenes and moments of loss that linger.



Those experiences were not easy to carry, but Donnie said they changed how he sees people.

"It made me a more compassionate person," he said. "I remember my father told me when going into law enforcement, 'Treat everyone the way you would want to be treated if you were in those circumstances.'"

Service outside of law enforcement became a constant in Donnie's life. Over the years, he served on numerous boards and community organizations, often taking on leadership roles. Alongside his work in law enforcement, Donnie also spent years teaching as an adjunct instructor, sharing his experience with students pursuing careers in criminal justice and related fields. Teaching gave him a direct view of how education could change the trajectory of students who were still finding their footing.



Among those commitments, his involvement with the LCCC Foundation became one of the most enduring.

Donnie joined the Foundation Board in 1999. In his ever-widening skill set, Donnie found the ability to raise funds from those with the resources to help, ultimately contributing to the establishment of 35 scholarships.

The work is worthwhile, Donnie said, because it can give people in the community he loves an opportunity to live remarkable lives. Trusting students with opportunity and understanding that small acts of support can matter more than you ever see.

“I don’t expect to know how every story turns out, but I know that someone had a chance because help was there when it mattered,” he said.

The work Donnie has done in establishing scholarship over the years has often been informed by his experiences. After suffering a severe leg injury, Donnie spent nearly a year in rehabilitation, attending regular physical therapy sessions as he worked to regain strength and mobility.

During those sessions, Donnie often saw a young girl with multiple sclerosis receiving therapy nearby. Most of her exercises were simple in form but demanding in practice — pushing a ball back and forth with her hands, repeating movements. Donnie, struggling with his injury, was deeply affected by the little girl’s persistence. Even on days when the task was exhausting, the little girl remained positive.

OPENING DOORS TO OPPORTUNITY

A FAMILY LEGACY FOCUSED ON
HELPING STUDENTS FIND SUCCESS

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Tricia Courtney has watched Laramie County Community College change over decades, a reminder that opportunity doesn't arrive on its own; it's created when someone decides to take the first step.

Tricia, a member of the LCCC Foundation's Legacy Society, has included the College in her long-term estate plans to ensure support for students continues well into the future. She believes estate gifts are an accessible and thoughtful way for individuals to extend opportunity beyond their lifetime, regardless of the size of the gift.

"The future isn't guaranteed," Tricia said. "There are so many ways to leave a legacy, and it doesn't have to be a large gift to make a difference."

Today, she is helping create that opportunity for students through The Watenpaugh Family Scholarship, one of the LCCC Foundation Donor Scholarships, established in honor of her father, Al Watenpaugh, the college's first dean.

For Tricia, supporting students through the scholarship is a way to pass on the values that shaped her family long before philanthropy entered the conversation. While she did not attend LCCC herself, her connection to the college runs deep, rooted in family history and a belief that education can change the trajectory of a life when someone is willing to invest in it.

Her father played a central role in building LCCC during its earliest days, helping establish a new community college in Wyoming at a time when its future was far from guaranteed. Tricia remembers him as someone who deeply believed in education as a pathway to opportunity and in taking thoughtful risks when the chance to build something meaningful presented itself. Those beliefs were modeled through everyday actions rather than grand gestures, leaving a lasting impression.

"He always believed that if you had an opportunity to help others, you should take it," Tricia said.

That mindset eventually became what she describes as "paying it forward." To Tricia, it is not a slogan but a responsibility — one shaped by recognizing how many people contribute, often quietly, to another person's success. It's a simple expectation that if you have the chance to help someone, you do it.

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Taking a chance to pay it forward

LCCC alumnus turns personal experience into opportunity through a donor-funded scholarship

When Tim Cowley enrolled at Laramie County Community College in the fall of 1974, the campus was still young and compact, and his plans were anything but settled. A Cheyenne native and graduate of Cheyenne East High School, Cowley arrived knowing only that he wanted a college education and that construction work was not the future he envisioned for himself.

That uncertainty was paired with opportunity. Tuition scholarships covered Cowley's coursework at LCCC, leaving him responsible only for books. For a first-generation college student living at home and working part time, that support mattered.

"I applied for every tuition scholarship I could, and that made all the difference," he said. "All I really had to worry about were books, and that took a huge amount of pressure off. It let me focus on school instead of constantly worrying about how I was going to pay for it."

With firsthand knowledge of how scholarship support can open doors, Cowley established the Timothy E. Cowley Scholarship through the LCCC Foundation. As one of the Foundation's donor-funded scholarships, it helps students manage the cost of college while extending the kind of opportunity that once shaped his own path.

College did more than provide coursework. Quiet by nature, Cowley remembers classroom moments that pushed him beyond routine and into engagement. A sociology class debate about personal priorities sparked a level of discussion he had never experienced before, breaking the ice and changing how he viewed learning. The experience left an impression that stayed with him long after graduation in 1976.

After completing his associate degree, Cowley transferred to the University of Wyoming. There, the reality of financial aid structures became clearer. Despite maintaining solid grades and supporting himself independently, scholarship eligibility was tied to parental income. Without access to aid, continuing his education was no longer possible. The path he had expected seemed to have closed.

"It was a tough moment," Cowley said. "I was very depressed and honestly didn't know what came next. I knew I couldn't keep going without the financial support, so everything I thought I was working toward suddenly changed."

At age 29, Cowley enlisted in the Wyoming Air National Guard, beginning a career defined by service, skill and responsibility. Over more than two decades, he earned multiple Air Force Specialty Codes and specialized in non-destructive inspection, a meticulous field responsible for evaluating the structural integrity of military aircraft.

That work demanded precision and accountability. Cowley inspected aircraft ranging from A-10s and F-16s to C-130s and B-1 bombers, collaborating with engineers and maintenance crews to ensure safety and performance. The role carried weight, and he embraced it fully. When retirement came in 2015, it followed a career he valued deeply and a life shaped by service.

Perspective arrived with time. After his parents passed away, Cowley found himself in a position to give back in a way he had not anticipated earlier in life. Thoughts returned to his own experience as a student who benefited from scholarships and to others who might lack the confidence or resources to advocate for themselves.

“I wanted to help somebody who was in my situation,” Cowley said. “If you’re not boisterous enough to get out there and ask, it’s easy to get stuck, and I didn’t want that to be the end of the road for someone.”

Through the LCCC Foundation, donor-established scholarships like Cowley’s connect individual experiences to institutional support. Each scholarship reflects personal values while contributing to a broader network of assistance that helps students stay enrolled, remain focused and continue moving toward their goals when financial barriers arise.

Letters from scholarship recipients have

reinforced that decision. Reading about students continuing their education, finding direction and gaining confidence has confirmed the purpose behind the gift. Recognition, Cowley notes, is not the point.

He only hopes the scholarship serves as momentum rather than a finish line. Education opened doors he could not have imagined as a young student navigating an uncertain future.

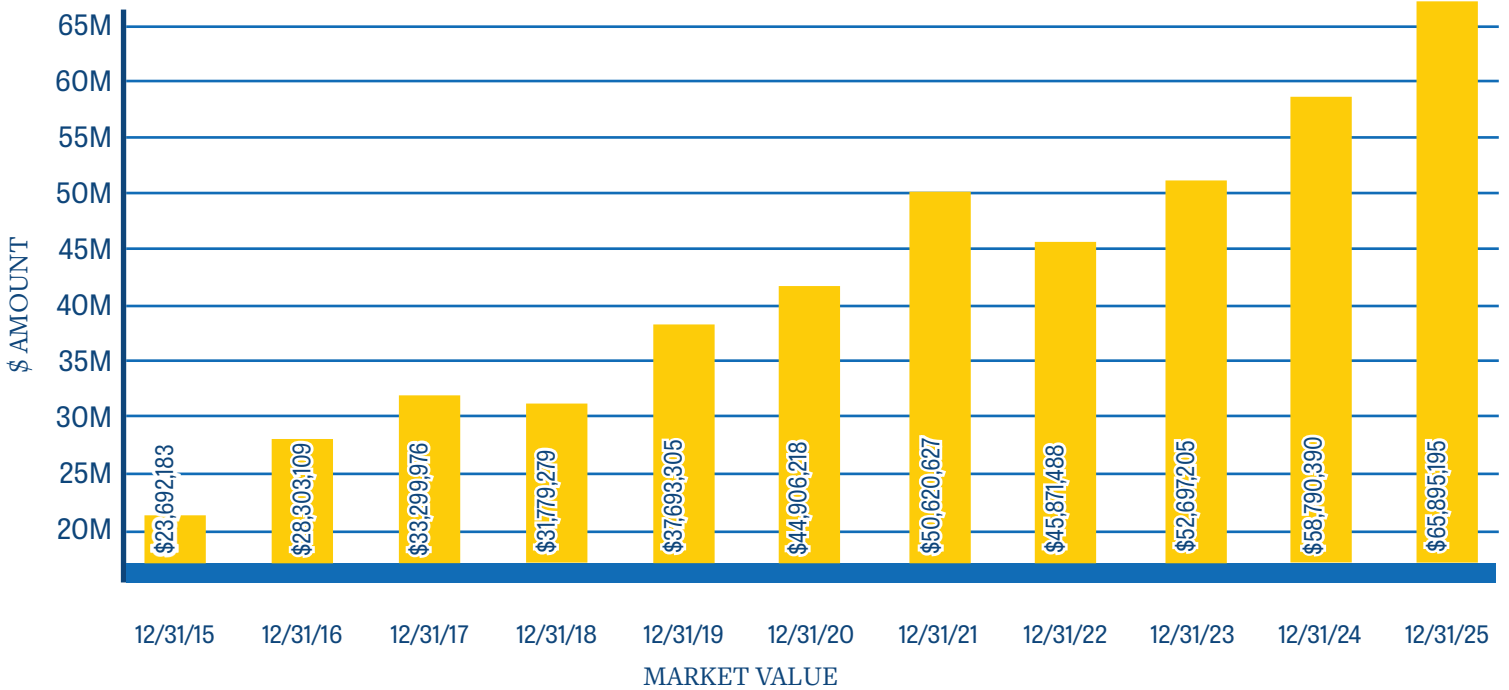
“I don’t even care if they know who gives them the money,” Cowley said. “What matters is that it helps them keep going and accomplish what they set out to do.”

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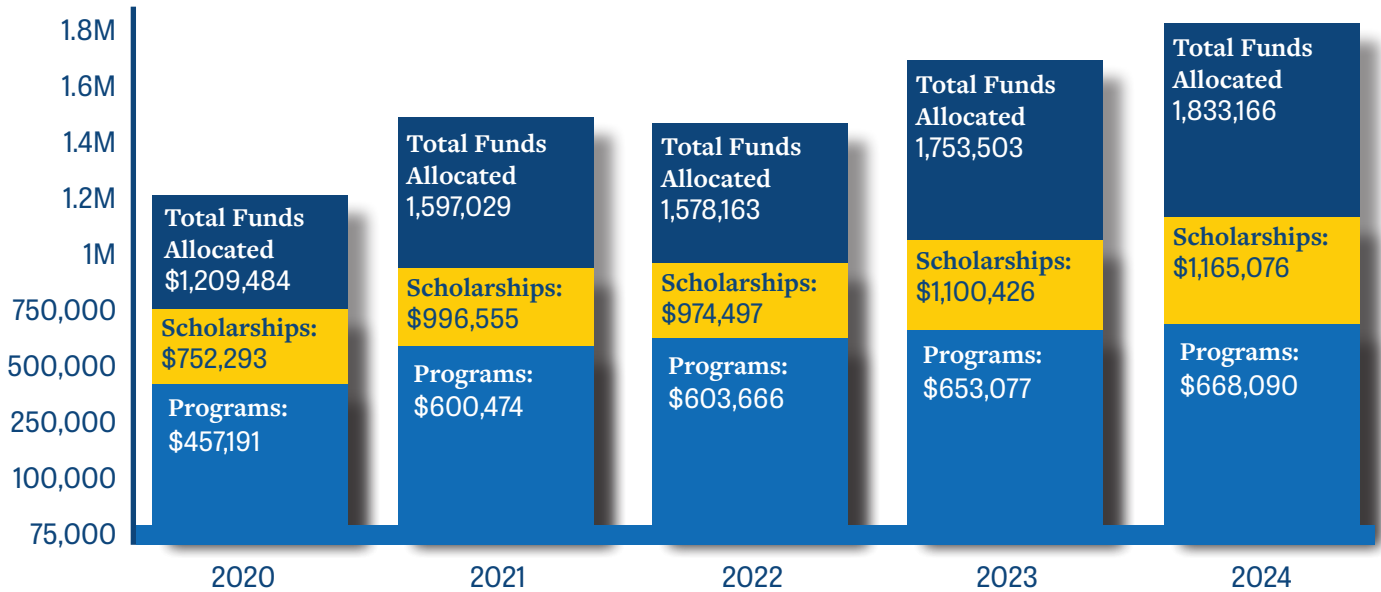


2025 FINANCIALS

ENDOWMENT VALUE



TOTAL FUNDS ALLOCATED TO SUPPORT LCCG



472

Total Endowed Scholarships



52

Total Endowed Projects

NEW ENDOWMENTS IN 2025

BOTH ENDOWED AND WORKING TOWARD ENDOWMENT

- Ludden Entrepreneurial/Trades Scholarship
- Ludden Education Scholarship
- Taran J. Sanders Memorial Scholarship
- Dwight Brockman Memorial Scholarship
- Willadeen Chamberlain Scholarship
- Jackie Lee Memorial Nursing Scholarship
- ANB Bank Investing in the Future Fund
- Davis First Generation Experience Fund



\$863,118

Total scholarships awarded to LCCC Students in academic year 2025-26



472

Number of students who received Foundation scholarship support in 2025-26

EMPLOYEE GIVING CAMPAIGN

96

Employee Givers
2025

\$46,351

given through Employee Giving
payroll contributions

68

scholarships or funds
were supported

2025 YEAR-END ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

**12 DAYS
OF GIVING**

\$189,503

total was raised through
the 12 Days of Giving campaign

74

scholarships or funds
were supported

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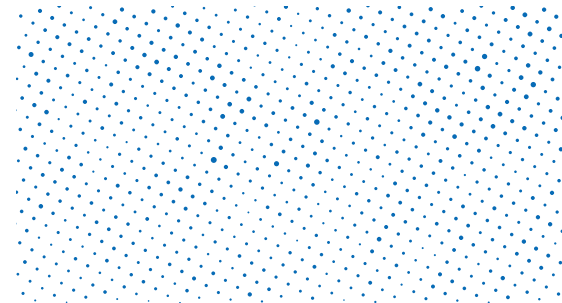
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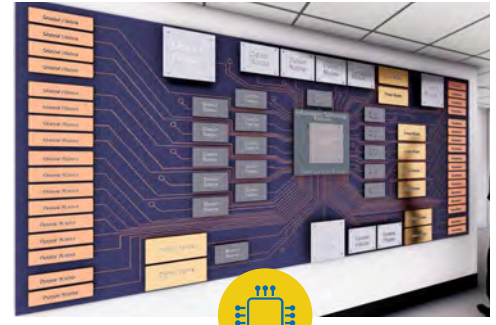
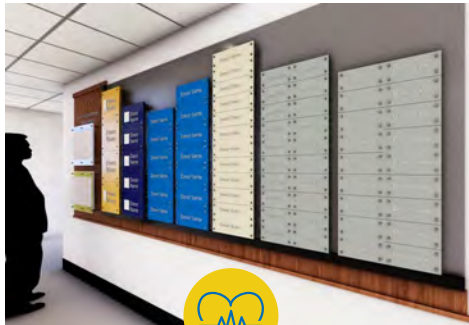
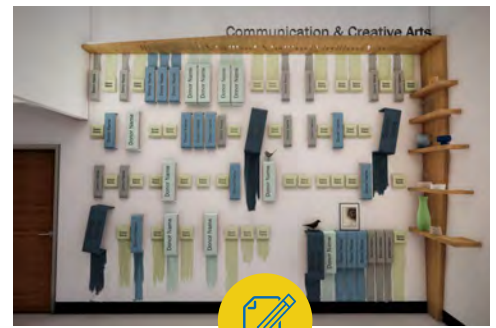
The LCCC Foundation is proud to support the strategic priorities and initiatives of the College and appreciates the continued partnership to help establish development priorities to provide focus and direction for the Foundation staff's fundraising efforts. With a number of outstanding opportunities and experiences available at LCCC, we work closely with the leadership of the College to help the Foundation prioritize our fundraising objectives and goals.

We are excited to share we have successfully completed our previous development priorities and have received new priorities beginning in 2025. Included below are the current development priorities for the LCCC Foundation, for January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027. A comprehensive fundraising effort of more than \$4.7 million over the next three years.

As part of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between LCCC and the LCCC Foundation, the College President provides the LCCC Foundation development priorities every 2-3 years to assist the Foundation in ensuring their fundraising efforts are aligned with the strategic priorities and projects of the College. These are not the only fundraising efforts of the Foundation, but they are a measure of progress annually in our work to support the College. The following goals were presented and accepted by the Foundation Board of Directors in January 2025 and will continue through December 2027.

PRIORITY #1: LCCC PATHWAY ENDOWMENTS

This has been a continuing development priority since the launch of Guided Pathways at LCCC. Working to grow existing endowments that support the eight LCCC Academic Pathways. The long-term goal is to have each of these endowments reach the \$1 million threshold. By December 31, 2027, the target is to have each Pathway Endowment funded at \$500,000 or \$2,250 per student in the pathway using the 2023/2024 enrollment data.



Progress Update: In total this fundraising goal is more than \$2 million, since this goal was established more than \$700,000 has been added to the six Pathway Endowment funds that are currently under the \$500,000 threshold. The Foundation has made good progress in achieving the overall fundraising goal; however, this goal will continue to be a focus for the team to reach the overall goal. To support our work with this goal, we have established Pathway Endowment Donor Walls to thank those who contribute to a Pathway Endowment with a gift of \$2,500 or more. The pathway endowment donor walls will begin to be installed across campus this summer and into early fall.

PRIORITY #2: SUPPORTING LOW-INCOME STUDENTS

LCCC has done a good job of providing financial assistance based on merit and the majority of the LCCC Foundation Scholarships include merit-based components or are focused on student achievement. While some support focused on financial need does exist, it is not at the magnitude of merit-based aid in either the Foundation or the College. This priority includes two sub-priorities to help scale financial aid to remove/mitigate need for low-income students: 1. Pilot Program/Proof of Concept - \$600,000 raised to be spent down over three years to test if removing financial barriers related to tuition and fees for low-income students results in high school graduation and college continuation. 2. Scholarships or Support for Students Living in the LCCC Residence Halls - We recognize that for some students the costs associated with living on campus are considerable, especially local students who may pass on the chance to experience college life and build lasting relationships simply because it is cheaper to stay home with family. Target for this fund would be \$1 million.



Progress Update: The LCCC Foundation has chosen to prioritize the fundraising efforts for the pilot project with the development of LCCC Accelerate, a program designed to support sophomores in LCSD1 to engage with dual/concurrent enrollment in meaningful and strategic ways. To help launch this program the LCCC Foundation has partnered with the John P. Ellbogen Foundation, the Sturm Family Foundation and Meta to raise \$600,000 to support the LCCC Accelerate Program and ensure the funding is available to run this program for the next three years. With the funding support for LCCC Accelerate in place, the Foundation team will now transition our efforts to increasing giving for the established scholarship to support students living in the residence halls that are low-income and first-generation.

PRIORITY #3: NAMING OF FACILITIES TO SUPPORT EXTERIOR RENEWAL

LCCC has launched a comprehensive Exterior Renewal Plan that will eventually transform 13 of its oldest, concrete buildings into more energy efficient, reduced maintenance, and aesthetically pleasing facilities. While LCCC has been successful in seeking some state and institutional support for these transformations, completing all 13 in a timely fashion will necessitate other resources. The College would ask the LCCCF for support in seeking donors and utilizing naming tributes on these buildings to generate revenue that can match state funding for the exterior renewal of buildings.



Progress Update: Supporting the College as they look to transform the physical appearance of the buildings is an exciting challenge for the Foundation. The opportunity to thank and recognize those that want to leave a lasting legacy on our campus through a naming opportunity is a wonderful opportunity for donor engagement and stewardship. We have many outstanding donors that have supported LCCC through naming opportunities over the years and since the development of this priority we have added two more: The Charles Carpenter Board Room – recognizing LCCC’s first President for his commitment to the development of our institution and The Art Ellis Auto Tech Building – recognizing a longtime employee Art Ellis for his more than 20 years of commitment to LCCC and his service to a variety of areas of campus, including the LCCC Foundation.

PRIORITY #4: THE LCCC STUDENT EXPERIENCE

As part of the College’s Unlocking Opportunity work, LCCC is purposefully structuring unique learning, engagement, and support activities to create an identifiable, unforgettable, connected and impactful experience for our degree-/credential-seeking students. While some funds/funding exist to support these operations, most of those are limited in scope or allowable expenditures. While many aspects of this programming should and will be supported by the College’s operational funding, LCCC would ask the Foundation to raise funds that could be either spent or endowed to support certain aspects of the Office of the LCCC Student Experience’s offerings. These would include: Experiential Learning and Supporting Special Populations.



Progress Update: The focus of the LCCC Foundation over the past year is to generate support for the Davis First Generation Experience, a program designed with the support of Dr. Harmon (Bud) and Claire Davis. The Davis First Gen program has been a pilot program for the past three years and has now transitioned into a part of the LCCC student experience with dedicated staff to support the program’s operations. The Foundation has worked with the Davis family and other donors to establish an endowment to help support the ongoing expense of running this program and provide scholarships to our Davis Scholars. With a matching gift of \$100,000 from Dr. and Mrs. Davis, we look to have this fund grow to over \$200,000 in 2026.

CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT SERIES

BRIDGING WORLDS AT LCCC

The LCCC community cherishes the power of expression and embraces a diverse range of voices. Through the Cultural and Community Enrichment Series, LCCC provides compelling opportunities for students and the wider public to engage with and glean insights from artists, authors, business leaders, historians, philosophers, musicians, scientists, photographers, poets, and other experts. These annual events, generously funded by donors, are open to the public, fostering a rich exchange of ideas and experiences.

The Cultural & Community Enrichment Series operates under a philanthropic framework, wherein each associated name represents a single donation or a pool of donations held in an interest-bearing account by the LCCC Foundation. This account serves a specific purpose determined by the donors. Importantly, the donation portion of the fund (the corpus) remains untouched, and additional contributions are simply added to it. Annually, a portion of the interest earned becomes available for expenditure.



ANB Bank Performing Arts Series

THE SECOND CITY IMPROV - MO' FUNNY, LESS PROBLEMS

February 5, 2025 Surbrugg/Prentice Auditorium

The LCCC Foundation welcomed The Second City, the legendary improv troupe that launched the careers of comedy greats such as Tina Fey, Steve Carell, and Bill Murray. Known as the creative force behind SCTV and an inspiration for Saturday Night Live and Whose Line Is It Anyway?, The Second City brought its acclaimed production Mo' Funny, Less Problems to a packed audience at the Surbrugg/Prentice Auditorium. The evening delivered sharp wit, quick-thinking improvisation, and the signature humor that has made The Second City an iconic name in comedy since 1959, providing the community with a memorable night of laughter and engagement.

Edington Family Enrichment Series

FINANCIAL LITERACY WORKSHOPS

Offered in the Spring & Fall Semester

The Edington Enrichment Fund played a pivotal role in expanding LCCC's financial literacy outreach across both campus and the broader community. With its support, the College delivered a series of engaging workshops focused on essential money-management skills, including budgeting for college, understanding student expenses, and using credit wisely. These sessions equipped students, families, and community members with practical tools to make informed

financial decisions, reduce stress related to educational costs, and build long-term financial confidence. Through the Fund's investment, LCCC continues to foster a stronger, more financially empowered community.



Clay Watercolor Workshop

BRENDA SWENSON

JUNE 1-6, 2025

Fine Arts Bldg, Esther & John Clay Fine Arts Gallery

Brenda is an accomplished artist and author of *Keeping a Watercolor Sketchbook* and *Steps to Success in Watercolor*, and a leader in the arts community as 1st Vice President of the California Art Club with prior board service for the National Watercolor Society and Watercolor West. A Signature Artist in multiple watercolor organizations, her work appears widely in major art publications, and she continues to contribute as a juror, demonstrator, and workshop instructor nationally and abroad.



Ed & Caren Murray Art Series

JUNE GLASSON

AUGUST 11 – SEPTEMBER 5, 2025

The Ed & Caren Murray Art Series welcomed artist June Glasson back to Wyoming with an exhibition featuring a decade of portraiture and mixed-media works inspired by her years living and collaborating in communities across the state. Drawing on regional stories, symbolism, and self-presentation, her collection highlights themes of identity, labor, and the American West while bringing nationally recognized contemporary art to the LCCC campus.



Literary Connection

JOY HARJO

OCTOBER 9, 2025

ANB Bank Leadership Center

Joy Harjo, the 23rd Poet Laureate of the United States and the first Native American to hold the position. A member of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Joy Harjo is not only an acclaimed poet, but also a musician, playwright, and fierce advocate for Indigenous rights and storytelling. Her work blends memory, history, and myth, offering powerful reflections on identity, resilience, and the natural world.

BMO Music Series

JOY HARJO & THE ARROW DYNAMICS BAND

OCTOBER 10, 2025

Surbrugg/Prentice Auditorium

Joy Harjo, an acclaimed Mvskoke Nation poet and musician, has performed nationally and internationally, blending saxophone, flute, and spoken word to create a powerful artistic presence. She performed with the Arrow Dynamics Band, a group of “pulled-together players” that expands her genre-crossing sound and supports her performances across major U.S. and global venues



AFRO-CARIBBEAN JAZZ CONSORTIUM

NOVEMBER 3, 2025

Surbrugg/Prentice Auditorium

The Afro-Caribbean Jazz Collective is a Chicago-based ensemble led by guitarist José Guzmán, blending Puerto Rican rhythms such as bomba, son, salsa, and cha-cha with the harmonic sophistication of modern jazz to create

a vibrant, contemporary sound. Their work has earned national recognition, including charting on JazzWeek’s Top 100 Jazz Albums of 2024, and continues to highlight the group’s commitment to preserving and evolving Afro-Caribbean musical traditions.



Union Pacific Business & Industry Series

THE BUSINESS OF BASEBALL CONVERSATION – COLORADO ROCKIES

September 18, 2025

Coors Field, Home of the Rockies

LCCC students received a behind-the-scenes look at the Colorado Rockies organization through a pregame career panel at Coors Field, where professionals from IT, graphic design, event coordination and business operations shared insights into the diverse roles that make Major League Baseball possible. Made possible by the Union Pacific Business & Industry Series, the event encouraged students to explore career pathways and embrace professional challenges, reinforcing the power of experiential learning.

First Interstate Bank Progress & Prosperity Community Conversation

GETTING AHEAD PROGRAM

MARCH 11 – MAY 21, 2025

Blue Boost Center

The LCCC Foundation was proud to support the Blue Boost Foundation and the Getting Ahead Program, an initiative designed to empower individuals with the tools, knowledge, and skills needed to break free from poverty. Getting Ahead helps participants make informed choices, build confidence, and create a sustainable path forward. By the end of the program, participants left with a clearer understanding of their own potential, increased self-confidence, and actionable plans to improve their lives.

Funds Not Used This Year:

Curt Kaiser Memorial Ethics Fund

Dineen Writer Series

Gerald & Jesse Chambers Speaker Series

Keizer Empowerment Series



2024-2025

LCCC BY THE NUMBERS

DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

LCCC awarded 976 degrees and certificates during the 2024-2025 academic year.



- 6,201 Unduplicated headcount enrollment
- 82% For-credit enrollments successfully completed by students
- 2,745 Duplicated registrations in workforce training, with 3,553 in Laramie County and 207 in Albany County
- 2,380 Duplicated registrations in life enrichment training, with 1,735 in Laramie County and 353 in Albany County
- 501 Duplicated registrations in adult education training, with 401 in Laramie County and 96 in Albany County
- 38 Clubs and teams, including NJCAA men's and women's basketball, Esports, women's volleyball, men's and women's soccer, and rodeo and equestrian show teams
- \$81,360,389 Annual operating budget



★ FINE ARTS BUILDING



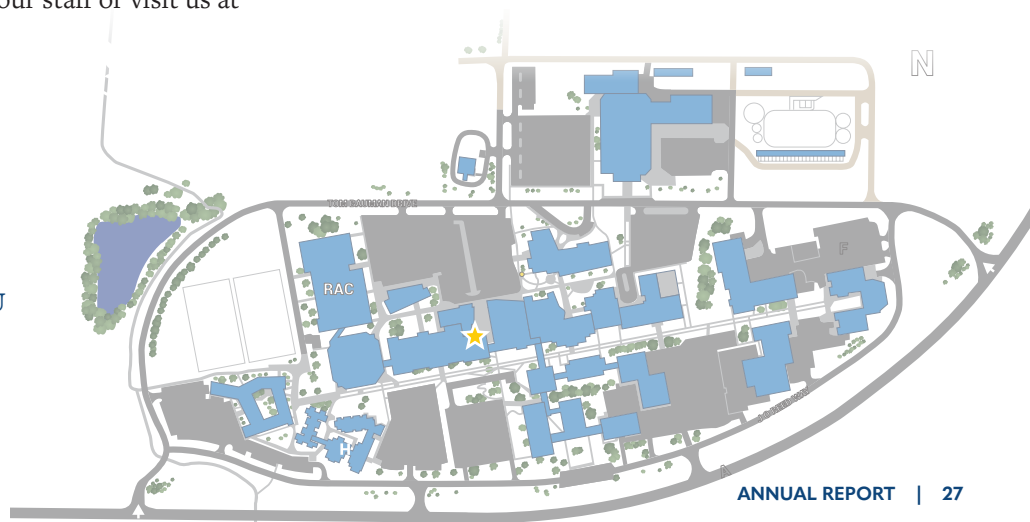
LCCC FOUNDATION

The Foundation is dedicated to providing services and assistance to students, faculty, staff and the community, thereby enhancing a sense of tradition and pride in the college. Though it is separate from the college, the Foundation works closely with the college to generate private gifts for the college’s major fund-raising priorities. In addition to raising money effectively, the Foundation provides careful management of funds already raised.

For more information on giving opportunities, scholarships and the work of the LCCC Foundation, please contact our staff or visit us at

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