For the Lummis family,
Generosity knows no bounds
FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends of the College
Welcome to a new year! The College is off to a great start.

We continue to see record enrollments. When comparing FTE, or full-time equivalents*, over the past ten years, our enrollment has increased by almost 52 percent; over the past five years, enrollment increased by almost 19 percent. According to the most recent fall 2009 enrollment reports, we hit another high, increasing by more than 6 percent, or an increase of more than 200 students from fall 2008. Plus, our new residence halls are filled to the brim – with a waiting list.

Early this year, the Board approved a budget to renovate the current dining facility. Because of our enormous enrollment growth, the current facility, particularly the kitchen and preparation area, was not adequate to continue providing quality and safe food service to our students and to those who visit our campus for workforce trainings. The renovated dining facility should be ready by August 1, 2010.

For the third time in a row, Laramie County Community College has been named the No. 1 Digital Savvy community college in the United States in the mid-sized colleges category (3,500-7,000 FTE). Our College faculty and staff utilize technology in every aspect of College business, from delivering instruction to business services; from scheduling classes to monitoring heating and cooling systems; and from allowing students to utilize technology, no matter where they are on campus.

We have a new member of the Board of Trustees. After the resignation of Tony Mendoza, the Board interviewed numerous candidates and selected Carol Merrell, who is no stranger to Cheyenne or to Laramie County Community College. We look forward to serving with her.

The Community College Commission’s strategic plan is almost complete. We appreciate those of you who gave input over the past year. Simultaneously, the College has “renovated” our strategic plan as well. Over the past year, we have held conversations and forums for faculty, staff, administration, Board of Trustees and business and industry to determine the direction of the College. I am pleased to report that the draft College strategic plan looks good. The final copy should be completed by the first part of December.

Overall, the College is doing well. I salute you and thank you for your consistent support of and commitment to the College, and we hope that you will continue being a part of our growth and progress.

Sincerely,

Darrel L. Hammon, Ph.D.
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That’s what the Service Learning program at Laramie County Community College is all about. During the 2008-2009 school year, 658 students, 29 faculty members, 9 administrators and 11 community partner staff members participated in completing 13,136 hours of direct community service. The college partnered with 51 non-profit agencies and local schools, affecting an estimated 10,600 individuals from the community. Among the many benefits provided by the service learning projects were bike helmets for kids, brochures for the American Red Cross, and even a car for a family in need.

“This has been a year of expansion in courses offering service learning,” said Jeri Griego, the LCCC Service Learning coordinator. “It is fascinating to see how different faculty members use their creativity to integrate service learning with the objectives of their courses.”

Among the service learning projects during the year, a forensics course was combined with a publication production course to study the political candidates, organize a political forum on campus, and write a newspaper supplement for the campus community informing students about candidates and issues. On the night of the election, the students gathered election results and actually scooped the local TV station with accurate and timely returns.

Radiography students noticed during their clinicals that children suffered many unnecessary head injuries. The students held several fundraisers with the goal of raising enough funds to buy 167 helmets for children at a day-care center whose families are primarily low-income. The students measured the heads of the children for proper fit and delivered the helmets to the children at the day-care center. Most of the children had never had a bicycle helmet before. The kids were so thrilled with their gift they didn’t want to take them off the rest of the day.

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The students in the livestock judging course taught 4-H children the criteria for evaluating livestock and then held a livestock sale where the children and their parents came to bid on animals that will be used for their 4-H projects during the coming year.

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“The wide variety of service projects, designed and implemented by faculty across the campus will provide inspiration to other faculty members and students alike as we continue to grow our program,” Griego said.

Service learning is a great tool for educators. Faculty members who have integrated the program into their curricula have informally reported that students are engaged, and the teaching/learning process is more vibrant as a result.

“We have maintained momentum in developing support for Service Learning across all academic divisions of the college, and several new service learning courses were added this year, as well,” Griego said.

The program continues to expand quickly, but that growth comes with challenges. Students have had difficulty finding unmet community needs.

“As odd as this sounds, it indicates that agencies do not always have the need for a deluge of student learners,” Griego said. “A goal for this next year is to work with our partners in developing a needs calendar. This will help us identify events or time frames when different agencies have different needs. For example, if we know that every September there is a Back-to-School drive to collect and distribute school supplies to needy children, we can plug students into that activity each year.”

The calendar will help faculty and students in planning service activities that are more meaningful. Griego said she wants to develop relationships where her students and the community can depend on each other for consistency and support.

“Although at times we wondered what we had gotten into, the support and encouragement we received from (The American Association of Community Colleges) has been outstanding,” Griego said. “We were challenged to meet our goals and provided many opportunities for assistance to make them possible. We can see the changes in our community that the students are making as a result to their commitment to service.”
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“It’s been an exciting year – for sure a great turnaround with our program,” Ward said. “We’re moving in the right direction.”

Being nationally ranked is a feat that LCCC volleyball has never fulfilled in the school’s 40 years of existence. Ward credits the quality of the team members for the success they’ve found.

“I’d like to say that it has something to do with what we’re doing as a coaching staff, but I think most of it... is kids that believe,” Ward said. “They wanted to play volleyball at this school and wanted to compete at the highest level.”

**TOP OF THE CLASS**

This season they’ve proven they can compete at the highest level by being in the top 20 rankings for the bulk of the season. These student-athletes have also performed off the court, in the classroom and in the community. Athletics Director Jason Ficca has placed a focus on academics for his coaches and all the athletes. The NJCAA requires the athletes to hold a 2.0 GPA and 12 credit hours. Ficca has upped that bar at LCCC by requiring a 2.25 GPA, and even further still, the volleyball team has set an expectation of a 3.0.

“Academics are going to be the paramount and how we’re going to judge whether or not we’re really successful,” Ward said. “We want them to be successful. It’s a big focus of what we do.”

With two former valedictorians on the team, Ward is very proud of the quality of student-athletes he has been able to recruit.

“I think it’s a credit to the strong academics at this school as well as the environment that we create on our volleyball team,” Ward said. “Those two things are drawing exceptional students.”

Last year the volleyball team was ranked 13th in the nation academically, and coach Ward doesn’t expect anything less for this year’s group.

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The coaching staff and team are also gearing up for the second year of the Cheyenne Volleyball Academy. The CVA is a training camp for young players in the community in grades five through 12. The players and coaching staff do all of the training and mentoring for this academy. Ward says the academy focuses on building quality fundamentals in the game as well as correlating those ideals into life lessons outside of volleyball.

RIGHT DIRECTION

The volleyball program has certainly done some great things in the past couple of seasons and is truly moving in the right direction. Ward says they won’t be happy until there is a national championship brought home. "We want to be a perennial top-five team and compete nationally every year," Ward said of the future of this program. The past season showed great improvement and much success, and the future looks to be just as bright or even brighter.
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“Who would have thought the little girl from a ranch in Cheyenne would end up in Congress in Washington, D.C.?” Enid asks. “It all started with education.”

And that education – for everyone – is what Doran and Enid are proudest of.

“The college offers opportunities for people to do things they otherwise wouldn’t have the chance to do,” Enid says, and Doran agrees.

“In the future,” he says, “without education, you’re going to be left in the dust. You won’t be able to do anything. Most jobs are going to require education, and rightfully so.”

As for the donation itself, the Lummises remain humble and modest about their gift.

“We wanted to leave something here,” Doran says. “People ought to do that. Maybe they just planted a tree. Maybe they did other acts of kindness. Maybe they just voted. When you check out of life, you need to leave something.”

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**Events coming in spring**

LCCC’s Kennedy Center/American College Theatre Showcase

Time for Jazz –
LCCC Jazz Ensembles

I Hate Hamlet –
LCCC Theater Production

Karl Jenkins’ *Stabat Mater* –
LCCC Choral Ensembles

Out of This World! –
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Dining Hall Update

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Mmmmm, that smells good. Homestyle mashed potatoes, brown gravy, pot roast and ... sawdust?

Yes and no. The dining hall renovation has started, but you probably won’t see or smell any of the effects of the construction – at least, not where you’re eating, thanks to the hard work of the Facilities and Maintenance team at Laramie County Community College. A lot of effort went into making sure meal times would be disturbed as little as possible.

The first step involves moving to a temporary kitchen, dining hall and serving area. For the spring semester, a couple of trailers have been placed next to the entrance by the Playhouse and Foundation Room (near the blue arches on the north side of campus). One trailer will house the kitchen, and the other will provide seating for diners.

The Sodexo kitchen staff will strive to offer the same choices currently available, but the space and equipment limitations of the temporary kitchen may require some modification of the offerings.

The temporary serving and seating area will be managed the same way the current dining facility is run, except that in the event seating space becomes an issue, only paying food service customers will be allowed entry.

The coffee shop, now called “The Grean Bean,” will be largely unaffected by the construction. It will continue offering sandwiches, pastries, and of course coffee and other hot and cold drinks.

The renovation is greatly needed. The current kitchen is too small for the staff needed to feed an ever-growing student population, and the facility’s utilities are overtaxed by the equipment. It was adequate when it was built in 1973, but 36 years later, it is in desperate need of an overhaul.

Starting in January, the actual construction will begin. The current kitchen and dining area, CCC 336, the student services offices north of the dining hall and the Foundation Room will be directly affected by the work. This area, from the east side of the Library to the foyer next to the playhouse, as well as everything north of the main east/west corridor, will be blocked off for construction. Construction is expected to continue through Aug. 1, at which time the new facility will be opened for business.

Tours of the construction will be offered when possible.

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CHEYENNE — Learning from a book or a lecture is a tried-and-true method, but hands-on experience is even more effective. And when that hands-on experience involves helping people who need a hand, students can add satisfaction to the list of benefits they receive.

That's what the Service Learning program at Laramie County Community College is all about.

During the 2008-2009 school year, 658 students, 29 faculty members, 9 administrators and 11 community partner staff members participated in completing 13,136 hours of direct community service. The college partnered with 51 non-profit agencies and local schools, affecting an estimated 10,600 individuals from the community. Among the many benefits provided by the service learning projects were bike helmets for kids, brochures for the American Red Cross, and even a car for a family in need.

“"This has been a year of expansion in courses offering service learning," said Jeri Griego, the LCCC Service Learning coordinator. "It is fascinating to see how different faculty members use their creativity to integrate service learning with the objectives of their courses."

Among the service learning projects during the year, a forensics course was combined with a publication production course to study the political candidates, organize a political forum on campus, and write a newspaper supplement for the campus community informing students about candidates and issues. On the night of the election, the students gathered election results and actually scooped the local TV station with accurate and timely returns.

Radiography students noticed during their clinicals that children suffered many unnecessary head injuries. The students held several fundraisers with the goal of raising enough funds to buy 167 helmets for children at a day-care center whose families are primarily low-income. The students measured the heads of the children for proper fit and delivered the helmets to the children at the day-care center. Most of the children had never had a bicycle helmet before. The kids were so thrilled with their gift they didn’t want to take them off the rest of the day.

The auto body instructor found a used vehicle that needed body work. The auto body students spent more than 100 hours working on different aspects of repair, learning the objectives of three

"The wide variety of service projects, designed and implemented by faculty across the campus will provide inspiration to other faculty members and students alike as we continue to grow our program."
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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Student Justin Thomas

Laramie County Community College student and rodeo team bull rider Justin Thomas comes from Boonsboro, Md. Yes, Maryland. At a rodeo back east, one of his role models, a cowboy named Marvin Nash, overheard Justin talking to his uncle about college. Nash then mentioned Justin’s name to LCCC rodeo coach David Browder, and Justin was sitting in a classroom in Cheyenne five days later.

“I visited a college in Iowa, and I decided not to go there,” Justin says. “I’m glad I didn’t. I just like the atmosphere here. You can be yourself here. It’s a laid-back school, and it’s easy to get along with the teachers and the other students.”

Justin realizes he won’t be able to ride bulls forever, so he’s working on his agriculture business degree. “I want to own and operate my own ranch someday,” he says. “I’d like to have some type of cattle – maybe Angus or Hereford. I’d also like to start my own bull herd, get some good bucking bull calves, and maybe be a stock contractor.”

Faculty Member Jeri Griego

Jeri Griego is an alumna of Laramie County Community College and came back to work here. She was an Accounting and Business instructor at Laramie County Community College beginning in 1985 as an adjunct and went full time in ‘96. She is also the coordinator of service learning at the college and loves to see her students giving back to the community she grew up in.

She loves to travel with her husband of 30 years when she’s not busy at work.

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Administrator Jenny Rigg

Fort Collins, Colo.’s loss is Laramie County Community College’s gain in Jenny Rigg, the dean of Campus Living and Learning. Her duties include overseeing the Residential Living and Learning Department, Counseling and Wellness, Health Education and the Student Activities and Involvement Department.

Jenny started at LCCC as a counseling intern in 1998, and she also worked as a part-time admissions recruiter. She went full time in 1999 as the Residence Life Coordinator after earning her master’s degree in counselor education with an emphasis in student affairs.

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Board Member Carol Merrell

Carol Merrell is a Registered Radiological Technologist, an LCCC graduate and has a BA in Psychology from the University of Wyoming. Currently she manages her family’s rental real estate business.

She is an enthusiastic volunteer for several organizations. She has volunteered for Safe House, the Downtown Development Authority, the Parent Advisory Committee at Central High School, her church and Youth Alternatives. She has been an active volunteer at Cheyenne Regional Medical Center for the past ten years and is currently a Past President. She also serves on the CRMC Foundation Board.

One of her projects, as a volunteer, was Merrell’s Morsels, in which the volunteers sold cookies in the lobby to raise money for scholarships offered to LCCC students in the health-related professions. The volunteer’s goal of $100,000 was met in May of 2009. She is also an associate member of Civic League, a member of PEO and several other groups.

Carol is married to Art, a psychiatrist, and has four children and six grandchildren. She enjoys tennis, reading, bridge, gardening and traveling.
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– Juny Lee, Student

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