



Lamar Community College President's January 2025 Report

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TRANSFORM THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE.

Student Life

LCC Men's Basketball Making an Impact

The Lamar Community College (LCC) men's basketball team, led by Head Coach Jaxon Autry, spent an exciting afternoon sharing their skills and passion for the game with the Lamar Middle School boys' basketball team.

Thanks to an invitation from Lamar Middle School Coach Anthony LaTour, the clinic focused on key aspects of the game, including defensive rotations, intensity, and effective communication. The energy in the gym was electric, with both teams working hard and showing enthusiasm for basketball.

Coach Autry expressed his pride in the effort and impact his players demonstrated during the clinic. The session was not only an opportunity to refine skills but also to build a sense of community and mentorship through basketball.

This collaboration highlights the dedication of the LCC men's basketball team to inspire and support younger athletes, fostering a love for the sport in the next generation.



LCC Spreads Holiday Cheer with Festive Gazebo Decorations

The holiday spirit is shining bright at Lamar Community College! Thanks to the hard work and creativity of students from the LCC Ag Club and Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Honor Society, the campus gazebo has been beautifully decorated for the season.

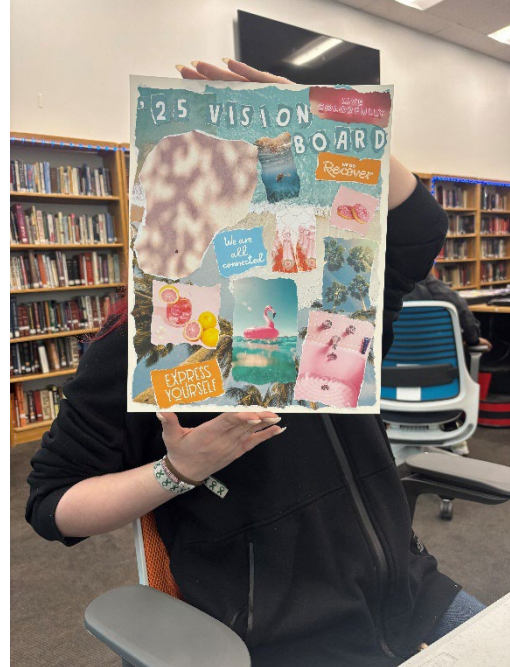
Their festive touches have transformed the space into the perfect spot to celebrate and enjoy the holidays. A special thank you goes out to PTK advisors Kelly Emick and Jake Specht, as well as Ag Club advisors Arosha LokuUmagiliyage and Dr. Brian Gauck, for their support in bringing this holiday magic to life.

Be sure to stop by and take in the holiday cheer—it's the perfect way to get into the festive spirit at LCC!



LCC Writing Contest: Celebrate Love and History Through Words

Lamar Community College students are invited to showcase their creativity in an exciting Writing Contest hosted by LCC Library Director, Annissia Forney. Participants can submit a story or poem inspired by either a Valentine's Day theme or a Black History Month theme. This contest is a wonderful opportunity for students to express themselves, explore meaningful topics, and share their unique perspectives. Winners will receive a prize in recognition of their outstanding work.



LCC Kicks Off Wellness Wednesdays with Vision Boards

Lamar Community College's Mental Health Counselor, Jannet Martinez-Chavira, hosted the first Wellness Wednesday event, offering students a creative way to support their mental well-being through vision boards.

Creating vision boards is a powerful tool for motivation, self-reflection, and goal-setting. This artistic process helps students visualize their aspirations, reduce stress, and gain a sense of control over their future. Held in a supportive group setting, the activity also encouraged positive conversations, built community, and provided a space for self-care.

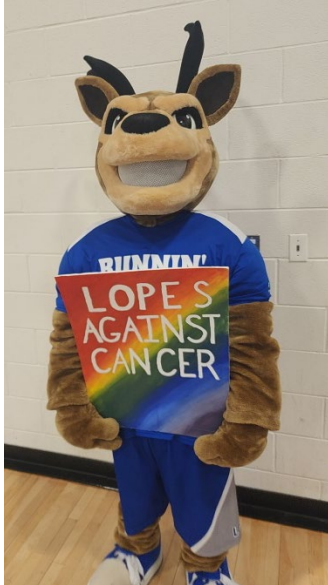
Wellness Wednesdays aim to promote mental health and well-being through engaging and meaningful activities. Stay tuned for more opportunities to participate!

Brycen Takes 3rd Place in Collegiate Horseman's Challenge!

Congratulations to Brycen Stewart for an impressive 3rd place finish in the Collegiate Horseman's Challenge at the National Western Stock Show! The competition was a fantastic experience, and LCC was honored to be part of such a prestigious event.

With this success, the team is already looking ahead to the next challenge. The Bridles & Brains competition at the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo is the next stop, and preparations are underway to hit the arena stronger than ever.





LCC Women's Basketball Hosts "Coaches vs. Cancer" Event to Raise Awareness

The LCC Women's Basketball Team recently hosted the "Coaches vs. Cancer" event, using their platform to bring awareness to the importance of early detection in the fight against cancer. This special game not only highlighted the team's dedication to athletic excellence but also their commitment to supporting a greater cause.

Throughout the event, players, coaches, and attendees came together to recognize those affected by cancer and to emphasize the life-saving impact of early screenings and detection. The team's efforts helped spark meaningful conversations and encouraged the community to take proactive steps toward health and wellness.

LCC is proud to support initiatives that go beyond the game, making a lasting impact both on and off the court. Thank you to the LCC Women's Basketball Team for leading this important event and to everyone who participated in spreading awareness!

TRANSFORM OUR OWN WORKFORCE EXPERIENCE

New Employees

Welcome – Jaci Brown

Jaci Brown is the newest addition to our Equine Program as the Equine Business Management Instructor. Jaci grew up in the panhandle of Texas, graduating from Stratford High School. She has a Bachelor of Science in Animal Science and a Master of Science in Animal Science, both from Texas Tech University.

While at Texas Tech, she was the Reserve Champion Individual on the National Championship judging team in 2021 at the AQHA World Championship Show. After completing her judging career, she was asked to be an assistant coach of the TTU horse judging team. She coached for two years while completing her master's. In addition, Jaci served as a TA and taught General Animal Science labs while also assisting with research projects at the Davis College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources Department.



Jaci was a member of the Texas Tech University Ranch Horse Team from 2021 to 2024. During her time on the team, the TTU RHT won 3 National Championships and won the D1 Collegiate SHTX World Championship twice. Jaci is most excited to join the team at LCC to help students find their passions in the horse industry.



Welcome – Bradley Stonerock

Brad Stonerock is one of the two new head coaches for the Lamar Community College golf team. Having grown up in a military family, he had the opportunity to travel the world as his father served in the United States Air Force. Through these experiences, he was exposed to various cultures and places.

Stonerock began competing in golf tournaments in 1993 and has played across the United States. In 2007, he moved to Lamar, Colorado, following the birth of his son. He went on to serve as a 911 dispatcher in the community for nearly 15 years. Drawn to Lamar's small-town charm, he has remained a dedicated member of the community and has never wanted to leave.

Over the years, Stonerock has provided numerous golf lessons in Lamar and has actively contributed to the junior golf program hosted annually by the City of Lamar. As he steps into his new role at LCC, he looks forward to expanding his knowledge and refining his ability to teach golf at the collegiate level. His goal is to develop student-athletes both as skilled golfers and as well-rounded individuals by the time they leave LCC.

Welcome – Robert Patterson

Robert Patterson is one of the new head golf coaches at Lamar Community College. He began playing golf at the age of six and, after serving six years in the military, turned professional in 1986.

Patterson has extensive experience teaching the game, having worked with adults, youth, and special needs children in Southern California. Throughout his career, he has traveled across the United States, competing in tournaments both as a professional and an amateur.

With 55 years of golf experience, Patterson brings a wealth of knowledge to LCC's student-athletes. He is excited for the upcoming season and looks forward to contributing to the development of the college's golf program in the years to come.



LCC Winter Wonderland: A Night to Remember

On December 7, 2024, Lamar Community College faculty and staff gathered at the Eagles for the much-anticipated LCC Winter Wonderland event, hosted by the Employee Engagement Committee. The evening was filled with delicious food, great company, and plenty of dancing, creating a joyful and festive atmosphere.

One of the highlights of the night was the Silent Night Auction, which featured a variety of exciting items up for bid. The auction successfully raised funds to support future Employee

Engagement Committee events and professional development opportunities for LCC staff and faculty.

The Winter Wonderland event was a wonderful opportunity for colleagues to connect, unwind, and celebrate the season together. Thanks to the hard work of the Employee Engagement Committee, the night was a resounding success, leaving attendees with cherished memories and a renewed sense of community.



CREATE EDUCATION WITHOUT BARRIERS THROUGH TRANSFORMATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

HTM Advanced Training Class Welcomes New Two-Year-Olds

January 27th marked an exciting milestone for the HTM Advanced Training class as they welcomed their new two-year-olds, beginning their training journey at Lamar Community College.

In preparation for their arrival, students conducted bloodline research on their assigned horses and presented their findings to the class. Once the horses were unloaded, their owners shared insights into their breeding programs, industry experience, and goals for the young horses this semester.

This hands-on experience provides students with valuable knowledge in horse training, breeding, and industry connections. The semester ahead promises growth and learning for both students and horses alike!



LCC Stallion Auction a Success – Supporting Future Champions

The LCC Stallion Auction was a thrilling opportunity for bidders to invest in future champions while supporting Lamar Community College's Ranch Horse Team. Featuring an impressive lineup of stallions, the auction drew strong interest from equine enthusiasts.

Bidding began at 50% of the advertised breeding fee, with \$50 increments per bid. Participants carefully reviewed each stallion's breeding contract, ensuring they understood the additional costs, including shipping and farm/chute fees.

This event not only provided access to top-tier breeding opportunities but also directly contributed to the continued success and growth of the Ranch Horse Team. The funds raised will help support student development, training, and competition opportunities.



REDEFINE OUR VALUE PROPOSITION THROUGH ACCESSIBILITY, AFFORDABILITY, QUALITY, ACCOUNTABILITY, RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, AND OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE.

Memorial Drive Home

The LCC Construction Trades Program has reached a major milestone, successfully completing a full-scale home build from the ground up. After breaking ground in 2023, students in the program gained hands-on experience in every phase of construction, from framing and electrical work to finishing touches.

To celebrate their achievement, the program hosted an Open House on December 5th, inviting the community to tour the completed home and see the craftsmanship firsthand. This project provided students with invaluable real-world skills and highlighted the program's commitment to preparing the next generation of skilled trades professionals.

Before



After

