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Lincoln Land Community College Foundation

FALL 2019

LLCC officials break ground for new Kreher Agriculture Center



September 19, 2019 was a grand day as officials of Lincoln Land Community College broke ground on a new building for the study of agriculture.

LLCC Board Chair Wayne Rosenthal announced that the new structure on the east edge of campus will be named the Kreher Agriculture Center, in honor of the late Charles and Irene Kreher, and is expected to open in spring of 2021.

“Eighteen months ago, we announced an amazing gift of \$18 million to transform and grow the college’s agriculture program,” Rosenthal told the crowd at the construction site. “Today we honor the intent of our incredibly generous donors, Charles and Irene Kreher, to modernize and transform our ag program into the finest anywhere.”

The 19,750-square-foot, \$7.5 million building is being funded by annual distributions from the Kreher Farm Perpetual Charitable Trust to the LLCC Foundation. “This cutting-edge facility will feature state-of-the-art classrooms and laboratories, student gathering spaces and a spacious, glassed-in expo area for ag simulators,” said Rosenthal. “The building will incorporate technology and active learning to prepare students for success in the 21st century workplace.”

According to Bill Harmon, LLCC’s ag program coordinator, “Our mission is to have LLCC be the first choice for potential agriculture students, and we want to be the agriculture leader for businesses seeking new employees. This new facility will help us fulfill this mission,” added Harmon.



By the numbers

61%
TRANSFER STUDENTS

50%
FIRST GENERATION

19%
MINORITY

LLCC SERVES
14,600

TOTAL STUDENTS ENROLLED THROUGH CREDIT AND NON-CREDIT COURSES

40% OF FIRST-TIME FULL-TIME STUDENTS RECEIVE PELL GRANTS



40% MALE



60% FEMALE



1,510

DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES WERE AWARDED TO LLCC STUDENTS IN FY '19

\$1,392,437 TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS SCHOLARSHIPS/GRANTS/ OTHER SUPPORT FOR LLCC PROGRAMS

\$17,719.59 EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROVIDED FOR STUDENTS IN FY '19

ALUMNI PROFILE

Lauren Cachera



LLCC alum launches radiography career

"At first I wasn't sure if I wanted to go into radiography," says Lauren Cachera, who graduated from LLCC's radiography program in May of 2018. "I liked that it involved both helping others and the ever-changing world of technology, but I had never worked in any healthcare setting and I wasn't sure what I could be getting myself into," she added.

She admits that the program was stressful because it was unlike anything else she had studied, but she caught on quickly. "All of the instructors at LLCC were helpful and really cared about their students," says Cachera.

Cachera's clinical rotations were at St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield and Memorial Medical Center (MMC) in Springfield. After graduating from the radiography program at LLCC, Cachera accepted a job in X-ray and Computed Tomography (CT) at Hillsboro Area Hospital. This helped prepare her for her transfer to the

Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) and CT program at Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

Cachera credits her time at LLCC as helping to prepare her for SIU-C. She graduated in August 2019 with a bachelor's degree and is employed full-time as a CT Technologist at MMC. Being registered in Radiography, CT and MRI broadens her career options in the hospital setting opening the door for opportunities in CT, MRI, ultrasound, nuclear medicine, interventional radiology, radiation therapy and the cardiac cath lab.

"Attending LLCC was one of the best decisions I could have made," says Cachera. "LLCC not only prepared me for a smooth transition to SIU-C, but I was able to graduate debt-free from college thanks in part to the scholarship that I received from the LLCC Foundation and the affordability."

DONOR PROFILE

Dr. Kevin & Lisa Coakley



Giving back

Healthcare is in the blood of this dynamic duo who has served our community for many years in so many different ways. Lisa and Kevin Coakley both graduated from Creighton University - Lisa with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree and Kevin with a medical degree.

For years, Lisa has volunteered her time helping to raise money for healthcare related programs. She has served on the Board of the Friends of Memorial Medical Center and on the committee for Memorial's annual Festival of Trees which provides support for patient care, education and research.

During his more than 34 years as a radiologist, many of the technologists

that Dr. Coakley has worked with have come from the LLCC radiography program. The Coakleys decided that supporting students in this field was a good way to give back to the community and to the practice of medical imaging. The Dr. Kevin and Lisa Coakley Radiography Scholarship was established to award a student in the LLCC radiography program \$8,500 annually.

"LLCC is an important component of our community offering a quality education at an affordable price," states Lisa. "The radiology technologists have been an integral part of Kevin's professional career."

Your dollars at work . . . preparing for the unexpected

Tornadoes, flooding and school shootings...all types of mass disasters defined as unexpected natural or manmade events causing severe damage to life and property impacting the ability of the affected community to cope using its own resources.

In today's world, it is necessary to plan and have trained staff for any type of mass casualty situation in the area. Thanks to donations made by Lincoln Land Community College faculty and staff, a mock disaster simulation module was purchased. "Providing a realistic hands-on mass disaster triage experience in a safe

learning environment is the goal," said Dr. Pamela Bradley, professor of nursing at LLCC. This is the first interactive learning activity crossing healthcare disciplines at LLCC."

According to Nick Ferreira, program coordinator of emergency medical services at LLCC, students from both programs first learn the principles of emergency and disaster preparedness in the classroom and then transfer the knowledge to the live mock simulation. "There is no better way to prepare for the unexpected than to have this sort of test run where students can learn to triage patients first-hand."



Lincoln Land Community College's nursing and emergency medical services students conducted a cross-discipline, mass disaster, triage simulation last spring in the Workforce Careers Center. Paramedic students were paired with nursing students as they worked to efficiently triage, treat and transport the victims.



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