



LCA NEWS

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New Program Director

by Dr. Ryan C. McFadden

It is with great excitement that I introduce myself as the Program Director of Lancaster County Academy (LCA). I'd first like to thank my predecessor, Emily Fields, for coordinating the move to HACC's Lancaster campus and helping me understand the role. Prior to joining LCA, I was an instructional technologist at Pennsylvania College of Health Sciences. I formerly taught high school social studies and am a graduate of Susquehanna, Temple, and Drexel Universities. LCA is a special place, and I'm delighted to be here.

The LCA staff (listed below) is amazing! I so appreciate the warm welcome they have given me.

- *Lydia Cleis, Administrative Aide*
- *Debi Schmidt, School-to-Work/Service Learning Coordinator*



Dr. Ryan and family

Counselor's Corner

by Debi Schmidt

LCA students have been busy this year figuring out a career pathway for life after high school! I coordinated numerous opportunities for students to learn hands-on about a career of their choosing. These experiences can count toward the 12 hours of job shadowing required for graduation. This year, I took all LCA students to the HACC Internship and Job Shadowing Fair, where they were able to connect with local employers to find opportunities to get job shadowing hours. Prior to the fair, I conducted a lesson with students on professional dress and how to navigate a job or internship fair successfully.

This past fall our students had the opportunity to attend two Construction Trades Day events. Rosalind Roth (Lampeter-Strasburg) learned about construction careers through an event held at Penn Manor High School in conjunction with Warfel Construction. Rosalind also attended a second event held at the Hawk Valley Community in Denver, which was sponsored by Landmark Homes and Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology. Other students who attended this event were Jasmine Hensel (Solanco) and Thomas Haas (Conestoga Valley).

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Teachers:

- Kevin Drantch (Science)
- Curt Holgate (English)
- Marianne McFadden (Mathematics)
- Sarah Meck (Science)
- Eric Scheib (Social Studies)

We've had several sending districts visit our new location. Thank you to our guests for their support. If you haven't been here yet, we invite you to see our academic environment.

Items on my project list include improving family and stakeholder communication, developing a student handbook/information guide, and digitizing records, among other goals.

I welcome ideas to improve our program! Please do not hesitate to contact me.



Thomas Haas, Rosalind Roth, and Jasmine Hensel at Construction Trades Day

Junior Achievement’s Symposiums

by Debi Schmidt

Several students elected to participate in Junior Achievement’s Symposiums for young men and women. This one-day conference pairs students with a mentor in their chosen career field. Students learned how to create their brand and elevator speech, what should be on a resume, how to make social media work for them, and they completed a personal finance activity. They also got to hear from awesome motivational speakers! This year’s LCA participants included Jenna Frey (Solanco), Rosalind Roth (Lampeter-Strasburg), Angelyna Jackson (Solanco), Alexis Rhoads (Conestoga Valley), Cassidy Wick (Manheim Central), Thomas Haas (Conestoga Valley), Jamaal Brown (Conestoga Valley), Billy Port (Elizabethtown), and Noah Port (Elizabethtown). Jenna Frey (Solanco) also participated in this year’s Leadership Summit: Dialogues on Racism held at Millersville University. This conference helps students to become leaders in their schools and communities to combat racism and discrimination.



Rosalind Roth, Alexis Rhoads, Jenna Frey, and Angelyna Jackson attend the J.A. Young Women’s Symposium. Missing from photo is Cassidy Wick.

Halloween Fun

by Debi Schmidt

In addition to learning about careers, LCA students participate in 55 hours of volunteering in their local communities as a graduation requirement. Students choose a local agency in which to complete their hours; however, they are also welcome to participate in some school-based projects as well. In the fall, three LCA students helped out with Boo-Bash and Mall-O-Ween at Boscov’s in the Park City Mall. Karly Ferris (Elizabethtown), Jenna Koehler (Elizabethtown), and Elleigh Kauffman (Manheim Central) helped with crafts, games, and passing out candy to trick-or-treaters.



Elleigh Kauffman and Debi Schmidt help out with Mall-O-Ween at the Park City Mall.

Guest Speakers

by Debi Schmidt

LCA students are required to see a minimum of three career or agency speakers per year. Students this year heard from a representative from HACC and got to tour the school. Other speakers included a U.S. Army recruiter, a presenter talking about domestic violence, a speaker from JFC Work Force talking about resume writing and interviewing skills, a school representative from Automotive Training Center, and a speaker from PSECU who discussed the financial aid and scholarship search process. Additionally, students got to hear Judge David Ashworth speak on drug court and the opioid epidemic. I also conducted a lesson with students on goal setting.

2020 Graduates

by Dr. Ryan C. McFadden

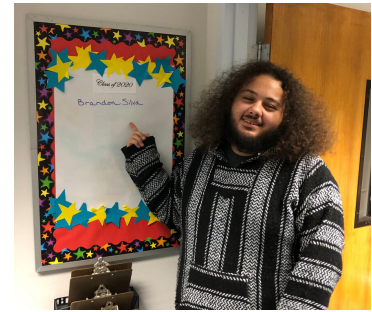
To date, we have three graduates for the 2019 - 2020 academic year! LCA has had nearly 850 graduates in our 26-year history.

- Brandon Silva, Penn Manor
- Karly Ferris, Elizabethtown
- Jessica Hebbe, Donegal

Congratulations! Best of luck to them in their future endeavors!



Karly Ferris



Brandon Silva



Jessica Hebbe

New School Notification System

by Dr. Ryan C. McFadden

We're excited to announce that we've subscribed to a new school notification system! The new service, called One Call Now, will allow us to deliver information and provide timely alerts to our parents/guardians via phone call, text message, and/or email. We now send daily absent notifications.

One Call Now will enhance our current communication and make sure everyone is kept in the loop in a timely and effective way. LCA will use this service only to send information that is timely and relevant. More information about One Call Now can be found at <http://www.onecallnow.com>.

Ready-to-Work

by Debi Schmidt

We have two students who should be recognized for their outstanding accomplishments. Pavel Reshchykovets (Solanco) and Thomas Haas (Conestoga Valley) both completed the Ready-to-Work Program through Career Link. To complete the program students must pass a series of quizzes on workplace skills with an 80% or higher. Upon completion of the program students receive a platinum, gold, silver, or bronze certificate based on their overall score to show employers that they possess basic employability skills. Besides looking great on their resume, another huge benefit of completing this program is that both students are eligible for grant money for post-secondary education for in-demand occupations. Pavel received a platinum certificate and the highest score ever in Lancaster County for the Ready-to-Work Program! He plans to use his \$5,000 of grant money to earn an Associate's Degree in Systems Administration from Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology. Thomas is using his funding for a Construction Pre-Apprenticeship Program through Associated Builders & Contractors. Congratulations Pavel and Thomas!

Enrollment Update

(as of February 24, 2020)

- Conestoga Valley: 6/12
- Donegal: 5/5
- Elizabethtown: 6/10
- Lampeter-Strasburg: 5/5
- Manheim Central: 5/10
- Manheim Township: 9/10
- Penn Manor: 6/10
- Solanco: 8/10

Total: 50

Thank you to our participating districts!

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Holiday party fun

ExtraGive 2019

by Dr. Ryan C. McFadden

We raised \$1,999 in last year's Extraordinary Give! We'd like to thank our donors. We so appreciate your support. The additional revenue helped fund a drug and alcohol program through Compass Mark and the new school notification system. Thank you!

