



Coordinated Care Newsletter

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Fall Scholarships

LCC's Fall Scholarship Application is open now until **October 31st!**

Scholarship applications are reviewed in November and awarding is completed in December. Awards are for Winter and Spring tuition of the 2025-26 academic year.

Important Fall Dates

10/20 Shopping
Cart Opens

11/09 60% Point
of Quarter

11/10 Priority Reg
(Veteran)

11/11 Priority Reg

11/14 Last Day to
Withdraw

11/24 Open Reg

1/05 Winter
Quarter Begins

Fall Transfer Fair

The Transfer Fair is a great chance for LCC students to explore their transfer options.



The Fall Transfer Fair will be held in the Student Center on **November 13th, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM.**

Advising Hub

Don't forget to visit the [Advising Hub](#) to find important resources like the math flowchart, NSA benchmarks, program guides and more!





Updates from the Advising Team

Welcome back to our Coordinated Care newsletter! Here are some important updates:

Coursework and Financial Aid Eligibility

On a quarterly basis, the Financial Aid Office checks that the classes students take are part of their program. If a class doesn't count toward their program, they cannot receive federal or state financial aid for it.

Students are alerted via email if they are enrolled in a course that is ineligible for financial aid. They are also being encouraged to check in frequently with their advisors to ensure their courses fall within their degree requirements.

Key Resource: [Program Requirements](#)

Directed Self-Placement for Math

Beginning Fall 2025, the LCC Testing Center launched the Directed Self-Placement (DSP) for math placement.

Rather than solving math problems, students self-assess their comfort level with different types of math concepts.

The Math DSP is available on the Testing Center's webpage for students to complete independently online.

Key Resource: [Math Flowchart](#)

It Was a Busy Summer for Advising & One-Stop!

Our Advising team was hard at work over the summer, helping students prepare for Summer and Fall 2025. Between the two weeks before priority registration and the first Friday of fall quarter, advisors completed **2,225** appointments with **1,157** unique students. Including **678** new students starting their Red Devil journey.

During the Summer/Fall enrollment push, our One-Stop team connected with **1,915** students across **4,833** drop-in appointments. From assisting with financial aid and registration to helping new students navigate their first steps, their dedication helped hundreds of students stay on track through one of the most demanding times of the year.

A huge thanks to all the departments who made this work possible, with a special shoutout to Outreach, eLearning, and Workforce!



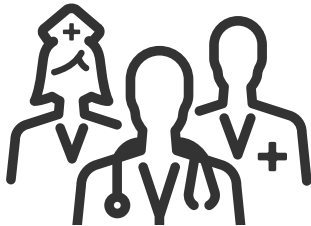
Meet Our New Career Pathway Advisor: Jenna Burnell

We're excited to welcome Jenna Burnell as our new Academic Advisor!

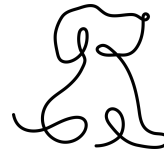
Originally from Kalama, Jenna earned her bachelor's degree in History in Portland and went on to work at Portland State University as a Financial Aid Specialist. Most recently, she supported students as a One-Stop Specialist at LCC, continuing her focus on financial aid.



Jenna is now excited to pivot into Career Pathway Advising for the health sciences, where she looks forward to helping students navigate their academic journey from a new perspective.



She is currently pursuing her Master's degree in Higher and Postsecondary Education, with the goal of continuing to expand her knowledge and strengthen her ability to support students.



Outside of work, Jenna enjoys spending time outdoors and paddleboarding with her dog, Joon. She also loves trying new foods while traveling and road-tripping.

Red Devil Welcome Days

The Friday before the start of each quarter, Advising, Outreach, and eLearning team up to present an orientation for our new Red Devils.

Here's what students can expect:

- Pizza and free swag
- Financial aid & Canvas presentations
- Tours by their degree pathway



This fall, the event helped 125 students prepare for school!



Faculty Advisor Spotlight: *Ashley Cahill*

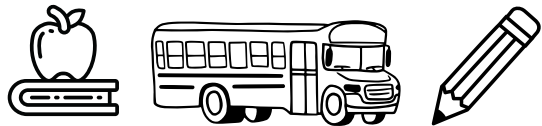
What drew you to your discipline originally, and what do you enjoy about it now?

I was inspired by my 4th-grade teacher, who made me feel valued for exactly who I was. That experience stayed with me and led me to teach at the elementary level for ten years before joining LCC, where I now get to help future teachers create that same sense of belonging for their students.



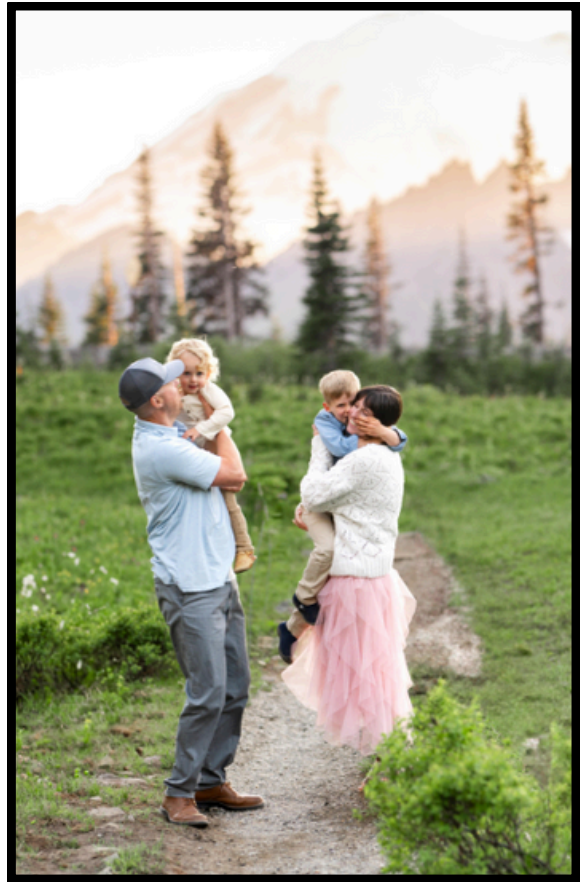
How has faculty advising changed since you began advising?

Advising has become much more holistic. I truly love it. It's not just about classes and credits anymore, but about helping students balance life, goals, and wellbeing along the way.



What's one piece of advice you often give to students?

Reflection over perfection. Teaching (and life) is all about learning, adjusting, and working towards improvement. As a teacher, you will never be perfect, and that's normal! Mistakes are great opportunities for learning.

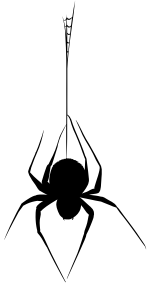


What do you wish more students knew about your program or pathway?

The BAS-TE program allows you to earn your Bachelor's degree and WA state Teacher certificate and stay at LCC. We are also a deeply supportive community. You're never "just a student". You're part of a network of future teachers who will cheer each other on well beyond graduation.

What's something fun or unexpected about you that students might not know?

I have a deep love of travel and have visited 27 countries so far. Each place I visit reminds me of how much we can learn from the world and from one another.



Have You Heard About LCC's New Programs?



Bachelor of Science in Computer Science (BSCS)

The Bachelor of Science Computer Science (BSCS) degree prepares students for professions in software engineering, cybersecurity, data analysis, network administration, and more!



The BSCS is a full four-year program, meaning that students do not need any prior credits and do not need to apply for admission to the program.

There are both full-time and part-time pathways available. Although the core classes involve face-to-face instruction, some general education coursework is available online.

So far, we have 28 students currently enrolled in the CSBS program!

Automation, Instrumentation, & Robotics Associate in Applied Science (AAS)

The Automation, Instrumentation, & Robotics Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree prepares students for technician roles in manufacturing, energy, logistics, and more.

This two-year program emphasizes hands-on training to prepare students to optimize and maintain complex industrial systems..

Some main areas of focus include machine maintenance, hydraulics, instrumentation, industrial safety, and process control.



Students may also choose to pursue LCC's Bachelor of Applied Science-Organizational Leadership & Technical Management (BAS-OLTM) degree upon completion of the AAS.



Department Spotlight



TRiO



Jodi has been part of the LCC community for 15 years and has worked with the TRiO program for 14 of those years. She has served as the Director of TRiO Student Support Services since 2015. She earned her MFA in Creative Writing through the Northwest Institute of Literary Arts (now part of Antioch College) and her Bachelor's degree in English from Washington State University. Jodi is passionate about the mission of TRiO and has seen firsthand the life-changing impact the program has on students.

Outside of work, she coaches the R.A. Long High School competitive cheerleading team, which has placed in the top three at the State Championships the past three years. She also sings and plays guitar for the Creative Arts department at her church, and loves spending time at the beach or hanging out with her cat, Poppy.

Matt has worked with the TRiO program at LCC for 11 years. Prior to this, he worked for World Relief Chicago, which coordinated the resettlement process for newly arriving refugees in Chicago, IL.

He earned a Bachelor's degree from North Park University in Chicago, IL, and managed to study abroad on two separate occasions in Ecuador and Iceland. He also spent two years working with underprivileged children at a center for education and support in Bolivia and maintains a passion for supporting at-risk youth in South America.

His hobbies include golfing, hiking, camping – basically anything that allows him to be outdoors and take advantage of living in the Pacific Northwest. He is also a huge Seattle Seahawks fan, Go Hawks!!





John has been part of the TRiO program at LCC now for over a decade. He grew up in Longview, graduating from Mark Morris High School, but his academic path took him all over the world.

His academic career can be described as an intercultural cornucopia. It began with a Hindu University in Iowa, followed by a Buddhist University in Colorado, and finally a Quaker-based international program headquartered at Long Island University in Brooklyn, NY.

Driven by his love for analyzing the sociodynamics of diverse populations, John spent 2 years studying in China, Thailand, India, Turkey, Japan, Singapore, Indonesia, Spain, France, and England. John received his BA in Ethnography from Long Island University and spent a subsequent 2 years in graduate school for contemplative psychotherapy in Boulder, Colorado.

Laura McBride is the Program Coordinator for the TRiO program. Laura began her academic journey at LCC, where she herself was a member of TRiO before transferring to Corban University, where she earned her Bachelor's degree in Interdisciplinary Studies.

In 2021, Laura became a Certified Life Coach through the Life Purpose Institute. She is grateful for the opportunity to give back to a program that plays a critical role in helping students be successful both in their personal and professional lives.

Outside of work, Laura enjoys spending time with her husband and four children, who keep her busy with sports and activities.



TRiO at Lower Columbia College



TRiO is actively recruiting for this academic year!

If you are a first-generation college student (neither parent has a Bachelor's degree), a student who qualifies for Pell Grant, or a student with a documented disability, and you plan to pursue a four-year degree after earning your Associate's, come check out our program!

TRiO works with students through their time at LCC to ensure they are taking the proper classes to graduate on time, as well as assisting them with the transfer process.

We have limited spots available, so apply today!



TRiO Fall Events



Every Tuesday & Wednesday from 9 am-11 am in the Library Lobby: Caffeine & Connection with TRiO

Fuel your day with coffee and conversation! Join TRiO twice a week for a quick cup of coffee, a chance to connect with our staff, and meaningful chats with fellow students.

Whether you're already part of TRiO or curious to learn more, stop by to recharge, ask questions, and discover how TRiO can support your success.

Oct. 23rd, leave LCC at 8 am, return at 3 pm

Portland State University Campus Tour & The Pumpkin Patch at Sauvie Island (Lunch Provided!)

Nov. 14th, leave LCC at 8:45 am, return at 3 pm

Washington State University Vancouver Campus Tour (Lunch Provided)



Thank you for reading!

