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Livingston Area Career Center

CAREER EDUCATION

the VOC NEWSLETTER

Created By: LACC Students

LACC Culinary Arts

Culinary is a program led by Chef Scott Rowan. It teaches an introduction to the hospitality and foodservice industry with a focus on knife skills, sanitation, recipe and menu development and catering. Our class is divided into two sections, our Culinary I students focus on an introduction of the industry and our second year Culinary II students focus on the management side of the industry. Through these two years, the students will receive their **Illinois Food Handler Certification and dual credit from Joliet Junior College for completing the Servesafe Sanitation Class and the Servesafe Allergens Class. These certificates are what you need to be a foodservice manager that the students can now take with them after graduation to broaden their career opportunities.**

This LACC class has grown each since Chef Rowan began to instruct our students. Starting with just 10 students and now with just over 40 the program continues to grow. With a professional kitchen to work in students now have had opportunities to cater events from football tailgates to events of over 100 guests. The Culinary program has increased its opportunities outside the classroom as well with internships in the foodservice industry. Our Culinary students have had training on how to plan, prepare and even serve meals, giving them a head start on the foodservice industry. As the year goes by, the students also have the opportunity to go to



Pictured above: A student mixes the batter for banana bread while in Culinary Arts class.

SkillsUSA to compete against other culinary programs. Two years ago at this event we had a student place 3rd in the State of Illinois. This event helps with the students understanding of the fast paced industry as well as what it takes to be a real Chef.

Overall, we hope to see you enrolled in the 2021-2022 classes to become more efficient and knowledgeable about the foodservice and hospitality industries. If you have an interest in the LACC Culinary program, see your guidance department and enroll.

LACC SPOTLIGHT



Pictured above: An Engineering student takes a look at the progress of his project while utilizing the CNC machine in class.

Regional Students of the Month "January"

<p>Curtis Pennington Pontiac Township High School Class: Introduction to Industrial Technology Instructor: Jodi Lancaster</p>	<p>Jack Hadley Woodland High School Class: Advanced Agricultural Foods Instructor: Keri Christie</p>
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LACC Criminal Justice Providing a Vision into the Future

Livingston Area Career Center's Law Enforcement program has undergone a name change to Criminal Justice, to better represent all the career fields highlighted through the program. Criminal Justice students get a firsthand look into the exciting careers available in the criminal justice fields. Field trips, guest speakers, and working security at events throughout the county give the students real-world opportunities not found anywhere else.

Students learn many skills utilized by criminal justice professionals in policing including: crime scene processing, arrest procedures, search techniques, report writing procedures, as well as physical fitness standards. Criminal Justice students can compete to showcase these skills at the state-wide SkillsUSA Championships.

Students explore careers in policing, courts, and corrections, to identify the right path right for them. Graduates of LACC Criminal Justice are currently working as city police officers, county deputies, federal agents, correctional officers, and forensic interviewers. College readiness, career planning, and job interview skills are learned, individualizing the career path tailored to each student's needs.

Former student, Officer Nick Pampinella, Morris Police Department, Morris, IL.

Q: How did LACC help to prepare you for your career in law enforcement?

A: My step-father is a Police Officer, and I always thought about becoming one myself growing up. LACC served as a confirmation that I truly wanted to pursue a career as a Police Officer. I learned the fundamentals of policing while enrolled in Law Enforcement (now Criminal Justice) I and II including landmark case law, crime theories, police history, and how Cops, Courts, and Corrections function together. My favorite aspect of LACC, which made LACC unique and separates its students from the pack, was the hands-on learning environment. Being able to physically practice hands-on law enforcement skills, job shadowing various law enforcement positions, and gaining volunteer working experience was beneficial and crucial in preparing me for the next steps of my career process. I quickly realized the material my Freshman and Sophomore year of college was the exact same material that I learned in LACC. This allowed me to start devoting time and energy to other opportunities as I was already promoted ahead of my college peers in an academic and practical setting. Most colleges and universities do not offer hands-on training to students which makes them undesirable employee candidates. Having that hands-on training in high school certainly created a significant advantage for me in the long run. I also learned valuable life skills which Mr. Bristow preached on a daily basis including responsibility, diligence, discipline, proactiveness, respect, and much more. These skills stretch far beyond just being a Police Officer as they fall under what it means to be a family member, friend, coach, or loved one.

LACC Education today...Skills for life.
CAPTION (PIC - Nick Pampinella): Officer Nick Pampinella, Morris Police Department, Morris, IL. (2016 LACC graduate)



Enrollment for the 21-22 School Year Now Open!

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- Certified Nurse Assistant
- Computer Maintenance
- Construction Trades
- Criminal Justice
- Culinary Arts
- Cyber Security/Networking
- Digital Media/Graphics
- Early Childhood Education
- Emergency Medical Technician
- Engineering & Architectural Design
- Fire Fighting
- Inter-Related Cooperative Education
- Manufacturing
- Medical Terminology & Health Careers
- Welding Technology

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Students of the Month "December & January"



DECEMBER 2020:

Drew Burns

Pontiac Township High School

Class: Welding Technology II
Instructor: Jodi Lancaster



Aaron Adcock

Pontiac Township High School

Class: Criminal Justice II
Instructor: Jack Bristow



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Pontiac Township High School

Class: Early Childhood Education I
Instructor: Amy Richardson

Quotes..

"There are far, far better things ahead than any we leave behind."

— C.S. Lewis