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## New president on campus

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Students and faculty are likely to see a new face around campus as the College welcomes Dr. James MacLaren as LVC's 19th president.

Prior to accepting his new role at LVC, President MacLaren spent 28 years at Tulane University before serving as the Provost at Xavier University in Chicago. President MacLaren accepted the offer to fill Dr. Lewis Thayne's shoes as president in February, with his term officially beginning July 1.

"At both of my prior institutions, my work was focused on building a student-centered institution," MacLaren said. "When I was approached about the opportunity at LVC, I was so impressed by the commitment of the



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ABOVE: Dr. James MacLaren

faculty, staff and trustees in fostering that same approach."

While President MacLaren's current

and primary focus will be maintaining a healthy campus, his sights are already set on the future of LVC.

President MacLaren stated that he hopes to continue diversifying program offerings in the future. In recognition of a projected decline in college enrollments over the next decade, President MacLaren hopes to focus specifically on graduate education and developing non-degree options such as certificates and short courses aimed to help workforce re-development.

"I think there are great opportunities and a bright future at LVC," MacLaren said. "Clearly the short-term objectives are to navigate through the challenges that COVID-19 presents, and that will likely occupy much of my time and that of the communi-

ty this first year. However, I believe it is also important to start to plan for the future."

During these times of uncertainty, President MacLaren hopes to see students make the most of their time while on campus as he shares some words of advice.

"Engage fully in your education and with our dedicated faculty and staff," MacLaren said. "Take advantage of the wealth of co-curricular and leadership opportunities that the College offers. For our new students particularly, my advice is to explore several different student groups so that you build up your circle of friends."

President MacLaren will reside at Kreiderheim throughout his presidency with his wife Gina and dog Luna.

## Gallery prepares new exhibit; new protocols in place

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The Suzanne H. Arnold Art Gallery on campus unveiled a new exhibit in mid-September.

The new exhibit, titled "Achievements and Aspirations," showcases the various learning experiences students have received throughout the last decade. These experiences range from internships to independent studies to collaborations with other departments.

"We want students to be aware of the opportunities a Gallery experience can provide to a variety of ma-

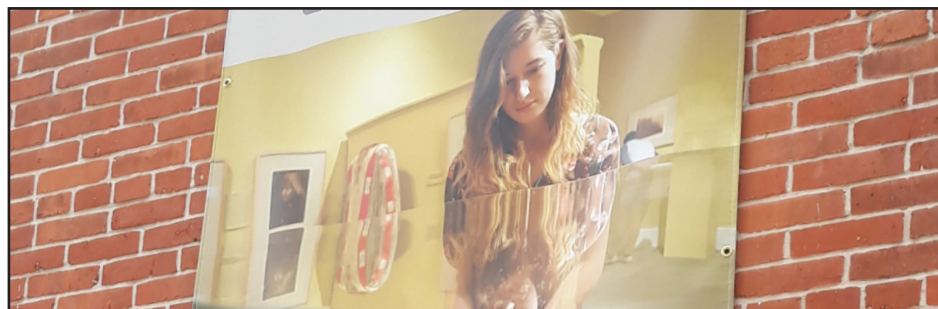


Photo by: Olivia Haug

ABOVE: The art gallery is located within Zimmerman Hall, across 934.

jors," Dr. Barbara McNulty, Suzanne H. Arnold Art Gallery's director, said.

This exhibit was prepared by

McNulty, assistant Becca Worhach and five interns: Madonna Borde, Katie Dudding, Olivia Haug, Rebekah

Nickel and Ian Rex.

Unlike previous years, this semester the Gallery will operate differently. There will be no regular open hours. Only LVC students, staff and faculty can visit. There will be a limited amount of people allowed in at a time.

"We are also planning on having a stronger online presence," McNulty said. "The Gallery is working on providing information about the exhibit, tours and events through the Gallery website."

"Achievements and Aspirations" runs throughout the semester. Students can contact McNulty for a tour.

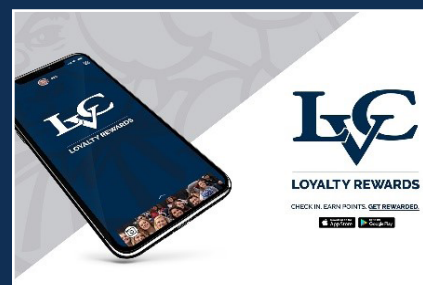
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# Voting registration reminder for 2020 election

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With the 2020 election less than two months away, now is as good a time as ever to register to vote.

While the Nov. 3 election date might not seem close, there are other dates to keep in mind.

Students who have not registered to vote and who want to can register online. The deadline for voter registration is Oct. 19.

For those who want to physically submit their application, there are

additional options. In person registration can be carried out at a county voter registration office and at PennDOT. Registration applications can also be submitted through U.S. mail.

Mail-in documents must be received by a county election office 15 days before the election date. Once the registration application is reviewed, a voter registration card will be sent in the mail.

One must be at least 18 years old on the day of the election. For voter registration forms and additional information, visit [www.votespa.com](http://www.votespa.com).

## #LVC4Change vigil

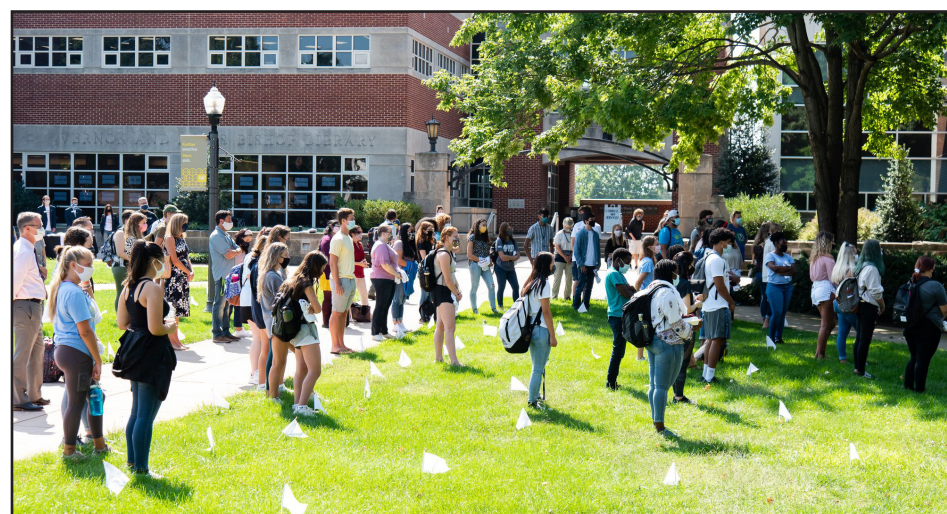


Photo by: Alexander Detter Photography

ABOVE: Students and faculty gather in support of anti-bias and inclusive excellence.

The vigil on Tuesday, Sept. 8, recognized and promoted the need to stand against racism and excessive use of force by police and discriminatory brutality against minorities. More than 100 students, faculty and staff attended.

# LVC establishes new honors program

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LVC established its new Honors Program this fall semester.

This program aims to provide a hands-on and interdisciplinary education to a select group of students.

"It's nice to be around people who are similarly motivated, genuinely good people," Bailey Willis, a freshman exploratory major, said.

The program is invite-only. In order to apply for the honors program, a student must have at least a 3.5 GPA and must be in the top 20 percent of their high school class.

"I saw myself being a part of that group," Willis said. "It's been such an

awesome experience and a lot of us have felt like we've known each other for years already."

Students in the program live and take honors classes together on campus. They also receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

"I know that the program will be a big benefit to all of us in the next few years, even after college," Willis said. "I can see that Honors will give us a unique experience and a quality education."

There are 35 students in the first year program. LVC's Honors Program will open up to applications from other rising sophomores at the end of this year.

## Female assaulted off campus

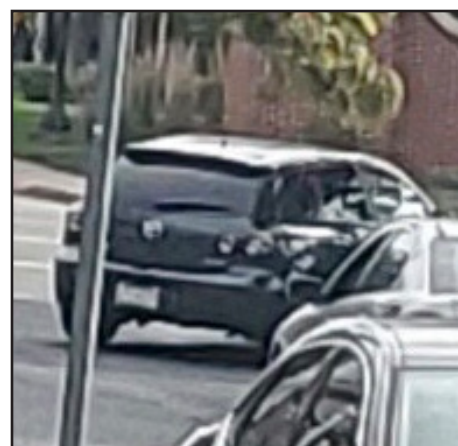


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ABOVE: The car the suspect fled in.

Police continue to investigate an assault that happened off campus on Friday, Sept. 11.

College officials sent an email to students saying a female student walking on the first block of West Sheridan Avenue across Route 934 was the victim of an assault. She was physically unharmed.

The suspect fled in a dark grey Mazda hatchback, seen in the picture.

The suspect is described a white male in his 20s. He was wearing long red shorts, a plain white t-shirt and had brown hair.

The suspect headed south on Route 934. Students are urged to call 911 if they see the suspected car. The incident is still being investigated by the Annville Township Police and LVC Office of Public Safety.

## In memory of beloved professor



Photo provided by Lebanon Valley College

ABOVE: Dr. Broussard came to LVC in 1983 to become chair of the history and political science department.

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The LVC community mourns the loss of beloved professor of history, Dr. James Broussard. Broussard died earlier this summer after teaching at LVC for 37 years. His dedication to uplifting and inspiring students will be sorely missed on campus. Read a full memoir detailing Broussard's involvement at LVC on La Vie's website at <http://wordpress.lvc.edu/wordpress/lavie/>.



### COVID-19 Update & Reminders:

- Students are reminded to wear a mask at all times while on campus
- Be mindful of foot traffic arrows in buildings
- Social distance when possible
- As of Sept. 16, there have been zero COVID-19 cases on campus
- To view the updated dashboard of testing on campus, go to <http://wordpress.lvc.edu/wordpress/lvcforward/>



## Hosting events for online and on-campus students

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The Zoom calls don't end when class does. The College is doing everything it can to keep students feeling connected and engaged with continued extracurriculars available for all students.

Since campus was first affected by COVID-19 in March, the Center for Student Engagement has been implementing events that can be accessed virtually, including a yoga class. The yoga class is held on the lawn behind Shroyer Health Center, and can be joined via Zoom as well as in person.

"We have an iPad on a tripod focused on Sarena, the student leading the event, and we advertise the Zoom link for students to join in," Jen Evans, director of student engagement, said.

Student engagement has been experimenting with different events to see what works best to include both on-campus and online students. The yoga sessions have been receiving good feedback so far, but there are

events that aren't translating as well over Zoom calls.

"We did the same thing for the comedy show last week and will offer our Thursday night trivia virtually as well," Evans said. "The comedy show didn't work too well last week, so we may not do that again. Viewers had a hard time hearing him with all the background noise."

Figuring out how to keep online students involved in on-campus events is a trial and error process. Evans said one of the hardest aspects of planning events is finding a variety of events and appropriate places to host them.

"The Mary Green tent works OK but it seems like there is always a loud car or train that goes by and we seem to have a resident cricket that gets noisy at times," Evans said. "Lighting is also a challenge, but the darn Pennsylvania weather has been most challenging — it seems to be a rainy start to the semester."

Students with any ideas for events that can be held both in person and virtually can contact student engagement at [jevans@lvc.edu](mailto:jevans@lvc.edu).

## Music education major navigates online education

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As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, many music education majors at LVC have needed to switch to distance learning for the fall semester, and the transition has its pros and cons.

LVC's music education department is one that emphasizes a comprehensive overview of music theory, as well as conducting and instrument techniques. Of these categories, the performance of musical instruments is the most disrupted as students take their classes online.

For students like Katelyn Keller, a junior music education major, one of the most inconvenient of these changes has been submitting musical performances virtually.

"When I play the recordings back, I don't get a true representation of how my voice sounds, and it bothers me," Keller said.

The transition has also been disruptive in that students no longer have the same kind of collaborative interactions intrinsic to music education. Normally, students would have

opportunities to perform through various mediums around campus, but due to the pandemic, these have been restricted.

"I don't get the whole recital experience," Keller said. "I like it better when I perform in person."

However, in light of these changes to the curriculum, Keller has been able to stay positive. She views these challenges as an opportunity for growth and has taken the time to become more familiar with virtual and asynchronous class instruction.

"I get to learn more about how things work," Keller said. "I can use VoiceThread and Zoom, and that will carry over when I have to teach, and I've even hosted on Zoom at one point."

The pandemic has certainly brought about some significant changes on campus this fall, but Keller has been quite optimistic and she remains hopeful that the situation will start to improve by the spring.

# LVC launches Loyalty Rewards App

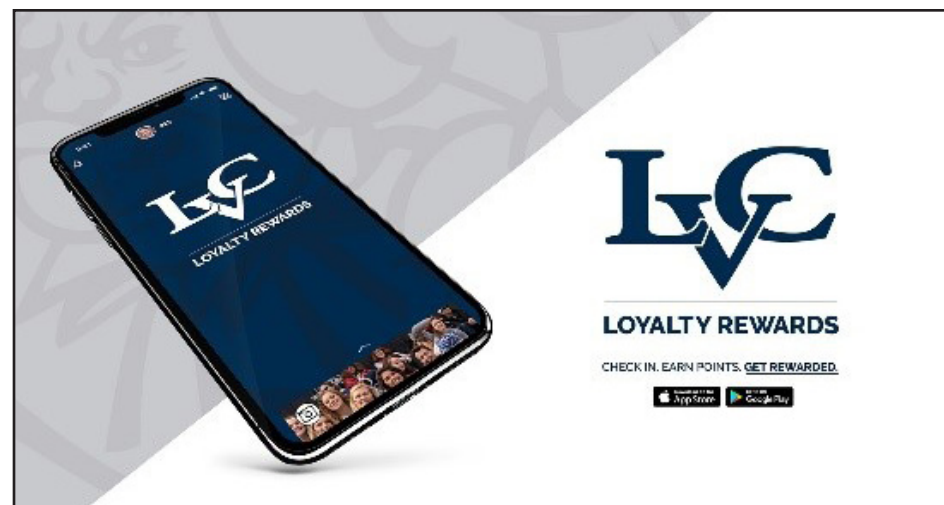
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LVC has launched a new loyalty rewards app for students on campus to stay engaged with events and other activities.

The app is used to help students stay up to date on events happening on campus while earning points towards special rewards such as LVC swag or unique experiences. Points can be earned by checking in at different campus events or sharing events on social media. However, geofencing is used in the app to make sure students must be at the event to get the points.

"The app is really useful," Kodee Bair, fourth year physical therapy student, said. "It helps me stay connected to what events are happening on campus, and it keeps us as students actively involved."

Through the app, students have



ABOVE: LVC Loyalty Rewards App.

the ability to view their stats, track achievements, see where they rank among other point leaders and stay up to date on events on campus. The app even allows push notifications. This means in the event there's a location change at the last minute, students will immediately be aware. In

the future, the app will also allow students to keep up with athletic events and scores. Rosters, videos and social media will also be available.

The app is free and can be found in the Apple App Store or Google Play.

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## Unconventional start to 2020 football season

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First downs, third downs and touchdowns are key phrases for many players' and fans' fall season.

Football is nothing short of a tradition for most American colleges and universities. But when a global pandemic strikes, it's difficult to see how the season will play out. Some students wonder if they will ever see the star quarterback throw the win-

ning pass or if they will have to sit and watch the leaves change colors.

The Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC) has postponed its fall football season, along with all other fall sports.

"Our team motto has always been 'find a way,'" Tyler Lutz, senior line-backer and team captain, said. "With the postponed season being out of our control, we, as a team, are continuing to find ways to compete and push each other as if we were in-season."

It's apparent that the football players will not let the season affect them negatively. Instead, they are rising above the turn of events and embracing it as a way to grow stronger as a team, despite the challenges.

"One of the biggest challenges with COVID-19 this year will be practicing in modified conditions," Lutz said. "We started out the year lifting in groups of 15 or less and no outdoor practices. Our ultimate goal is to stay on campus

and practice as a full team when protocols allow it. The team is determined to follow these protocols and promote student safety during this time."

Lutz went on to state that the opportunity to stay and practice on campus as a team gives them an advantage over other MAC teams that have been sent home already.

It's obvious the Dutchmen still have pride in their hearts and continue to have hope for the spring season.

## Athletes mask up to ensure campus safety

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An athlete's job is to overcome any challenge that a coach or opponent throws their way.

Recently, athletes at LVC have been forced to face a new obstacle.

Businesses and schools have been forced to adapt with their own rules and regulations about wearing masks, as it has quickly become the new norm.

With a wide array of mask options available, it's clear that each athlete

holds their own preference. Logan Reeve, LVC's interim head strength and conditioning coach, gave his thoughts on what masks hold the least weight when exercising.

"Surgical masks seem to be the lightest, but they come at the cost of being disposable," Reeve said. "If you can get a cloth one, it'll typically feel nicer and you'll be able to use it over again."

Factors that played into the men's lacrosse team's decision-making ranged from comfort level and appearance to temperature control

while exercising.

Lacrosse senior midfielder Michael Fisher wears a buff-style mask that he says is convenient.

"Anytime I want a drink or need a breath while we're working out, I just pull it down it for a second and I'm good to go," Fisher said.

There are also masks designed with moisture wicking qualities, to help prevent sweating and discomfort. These are typically made out of a dry-fit material and come at a higher cost than generic masks. Lacrosse junior goalie Nick Serrano opts for one of

those.

"It's just another precaution we, as athletes, have to take, and I think it's all about doing your part," Serrano said.

As multiple sports teams have returned to the weight room, there's been many different colors and styles of masks on display. And while each athlete may have their own feelings about wearing one, they're all doing their part to keep LVC safe.

## Speech language pathology gets new home

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The speech language pathology (SLP) program's faculty and students are settling into their new home after the completion of a continuous department renovation project over the summer.

COVID-19 didn't slow down the progress of the new Center for Speech, Language and Hearing Disorders located in Arnold Sports Center. Construction began prior to the dismissal of students due to the pandemic last spring and was fully functional for the start of the fall 2020 semester.

New features in the center include 10 clinic rooms, study rooms, sound-proof audiology booths and new equipment for students to use during therapy sessions. With these new renovations, the department is now able to host clinics on campus, similar to the CURE clinic held by the physical therapy department. While the



Photo provided by: Speech Language Pathology's Facebook page

ABOVE: The department's Fall 2020 white coat ceremony.

completion of the center was able to remain on schedule despite the pandemic, the department has needed to adjust their clinic plans accordingly.

"We had planned to have face to face clinic for our first semester, but we decided to provide only teletherapy," Dr. Michelle Scesa, chair of the speech language pathology program, said. "This experience will be different from working face to face with clients,

but it will still provide opportunities for students to practice their clinical skills."

The College's SLP program stands out among programs offered at other colleges and universities as it offers students a direct admittance into the five-year master's program. The newly renovated center and the extensive resources in the department add another stand-out factor to the program

as students have the ability to remain on-campus while completing necessary clinical hours.

"I love the renovations of our new department," Kelsey Boudier, fifth year communication sciences and disorders student, said. "It's a great space for me and my peers to have classes, clinicals and study groups. I especially like the clinician work room where I can work with my peers and collaborate on lesson plans for therapy sessions."

While the newly renovated center and resources provide students with greater opportunities, one consistent piece of the program's success for students has been the professors and the experiences they bring to the classroom.

"The SLP department here has some of the best professors," Boudier said. "All of our professors are still working in the field while teaching, so they can provide us with real life experiences to better prepare us for our careers."