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The Pride of The Valley takes on London

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The Pride of The Valley marching band has been invited to perform in the London New Year's Day Parade.

The organization was initially invited prior to the pandemic, which prevented the trip for the last two years.

"We received the invitation in the fall of 2019," Dr. Christopher Heffer, Pride of The Valley director, said.

The band has an extensive itinerary planned for the trip, including tours of Oxford University, Windsor Castle, the River Thames, the Tower of London and much more. Many members are attending, as well as alumni and family members.



Photo by: prideofthevalley Instagram

ABOVE: The marching band will be abroad from Dec. 28 to Jan. 4.

"We have around 94 current students, 12 alumni, and 27 parents and family members going on the trip," Heffner said. "I am looking

forward to students having an opportunity to experience London." This year's marching band show theme is centered around famous

British and American music, some of which will be showcased in a grandstand performance. During the parade, the band will play some pep band favorites: LVC's fight song, Valley Spell-Out, Go Valley, Hair of the Dog and Thrift Shop. Students are very excited about this long-awaited trip.

"This trip is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, and I can't wait to experience it with my friends," Sydney Frey, a sophomore piccolo player, said.

The band leaves on Dec. 28 and will return on Jan. 4. The parade will be broadcast on PBS starting at 8 a.m. EST on Jan. 1.

Have some fun at Jingle Jam!

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Jingle Jamboree will be held in the Arnold Sports Center arena on Friday, Dec. 9.

Jingle Jamboree is the annual holiday/winter activity night hosted by the Student Programming Board (SPB) and other groups on campus. Mariel Davis, junior PT major and SPB member, participated in activities last year.

"Jingle Jam really got me in the holiday spirit," she said. "It was a great destresser before finals."

With the date approaching, SPB is asking LVC clubs and organizations to host some activity tables.

In previous years, Jingle Jam has consisted of a variety of festive activities. These include ornament decorating, cookie decorating, gingerbread house decorating, Kwanzaa bracelet-making, holiday coloring and snow globe making.

SPB is open to other ideas and would love to hear from students interested in participating. SPB meets in the Mund living room at 9 p.m. on Mondays.

Christmas at The Valley returns to LVC

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The long-standing holiday tradition, Christmas at The Valley, will return this year in full swing on Saturday, Dec. 3, and Sunday, Dec. 4.

Christmas at The Valley is the annual Christmas concert put on by the LVC music department. Although the concert predominantly features LVC's three choirs, there are several other ensembles and musicians who are a part of the event, including the Organ Guild and the Handbell Choir.

For the past few years, this recital

has been unable to be performed at full capacity because of COVID. This year will be the first time since 2019 that Christmas at The Valley will happen as it has in the past, and all of the musicians have been hard at work all semester in preparation.

Although many aspects about Christmas at The Valley such as song selection and ensemble roster change each year, the recital features staple proceedings such as singing

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Study abroad trip to Maastricht, Netherlands

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LVC students are invited to study abroad in Maastricht, Netherlands, this summer, 2023.

The study abroad program in Maastricht is a four-week, six-credit program at Maastricht University. Students attending the trip will depart Saturday, May 13, and return Saturday, June 10.

"You'll have the chance to learn both inside and outside of the classroom, through independent travel and nights out in your host city, with the support of both the host institution and LVC," Jill Russell, LVC's director of global education, said.

The study abroad experience in Maastricht offers a European business or comparative criminal justice course along with a mandatory intercultural communication course. Dr. Douglas Gautsch, assistant professor of business administration, will teach business in the European Union, and Dr. Terrence Alladin, associate professor of criminal justice, will teach comparative

criminal justice.

These courses are not limited to business or criminal justice majors. Gautsch discussed the benefits of taking his European business course for any students interested in working for a large corporation after graduating.

"It gives students the opportunity to say to future employers that they understand European management," Gautsch said. "It presents students with a much broader understanding of management."

Maastricht is a train ride away from Germany, Belgium, France and the UK. Students have the opportunity to explore Europe on weekends and go on class excursions to a Belgium chocolate factory, a Dutch beer brewery and Brussels.

"You will not be disappointed with the investment and commitment you will make to the study abroad experience," Russell said.

The deadline to apply for the study abroad trip to Maastricht is Feb. 1, 2023. Students can email Jill Russell for more information.

"Imagine This" exhibition

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STAFF WRITER

"Imagine This" children's book illustrations exhibition is open for 11 more days in the Suzanne H. Arnold Art Gallery.

This event is free to the public and is open until Thursday, Dec. 8. These children's book illustrations, drawn from the Ruth E. Engle Memorial Collection at Messiah University's Murray Library, celebrate the art we first experienced as a pairing of story and image. Ruth Engle's love for children, books, and libraries is honored in this collection.

"These children's book illustrations celebrate the art we first encountered as a pairing of story and image," Barbara McNulty, Suzanne H. Arnold Art Gallery Endowed Director, said.

The exhibition, which includes works from the Lebanon Valley College Fine Art Collection, introduces stories from around the world and opens up a wide view of cultures and places, both real and imagined.

The gallery is open from 5-8 p.m. on Wednesdays, 1-4:30 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays, and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, as well as by appointment for groups.



Photo by: Ariana Genna

ABOVE: The Artist Talk will be held Thursday, Dec. 1.



Photo by: Ariana Genna

ABOVE: Construction is moving along on the new nursing building. The new facility is next to the Jeanne and Edward H. Arnold Health Profession Pavilion on the north part of campus. LVC recently added a bachelor of science in nursing. It's anticipated that construction will be complete by the summer of 2023.

Student pantry resource

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As the semester winds down, there is an important resource that students may find valuable.

The Dutchmen Pantry consists of several food pantries, as well as a pantry for toiletries and laundry detergent. The pantry is a great resource for students to access at no charge.

The main pantry is located in the lower level of the Frederic K. Miller Chapel, which has food and meal starters for students. It also has shelves of personal items, such as toiletries and personal hygiene items. Students can access this pantry by emailing Jen Liedtka, LVC's coordinator of service and volunteerism or the center for student engagement. The pantry is open from 7 a.m. - 11 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, and from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday. After these hours, students can contact public safety to assist.

There is also a basket at the main level of the chapel that has food as



Photo by: Julia Craig

ABOVE: Students can take supplies when needed.

well. Students do not need to contact anyone to access these items.

Finally, there is also a resource for commuters in the commuter lounge in the lower level of Mund. There are complimentary fresh meals donated by Metz, which are microwavable.

Liedtka said another pantry location may be added in the spring.

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Navajo Nation community service trip

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LVC's community service trip is headed to Navajo Nation, a Native American reservation, in Arizona in January.

Navajo Nation occupies land in Arizona, New Mexico and Utah, and students and faculty attending the trip will travel to Tuba City, Arizona. There, participants will learn about Navajo life and culture, work on community-led service projects and explore the surrounding area, including the Grand Canyon.

For this service opportunity, interested students responded to four short-answer writing prompts and provided two references. Students' applications were then considered by traits such as passion for service to others, interest in cultural experiences as well as academic status and social conduct. Students selected for the trip were notified via email on Sept. 30.

LVC partnered with Amizade, a non-profit, global-service learning organization, for the trip. One of Amizade's core principles is providing community-driven service, meaning that the community defines their needs, and participants contribute to those needs.

"This trip has a lot of building,

repair and clean-up types of projects with a more physical aspect to them," stated Jennifer Liedtka, LVC's coordinator of service and volunteerism. "We will also serve with groups like Angel House, a small grassroots organization that collects donations of household items, clothing and toys that are distributed to community members in need, as well as other community groups."

The service trip will fulfill one immersive experience requirement for all students attending as well as the Gold Service Award service trip requirement.

This opportunity will allow students to immerse themselves into another culture while simultaneously supporting its members.

"Service trips provide students with a phenomenal opportunity to broaden their understanding of themselves and their world," Liedtka said. "Beyond the hands-in service, this trip provides many cultural experiences such as visiting a Navajo museum, exposure to the Navajo language, visiting with community members and more."

The Navajo Nation trip will depart LVC on Jan. 7, and will return on Jan. 13, giving participants almost a full week to experience Navajo culture.

Introducing the Emerging Media Lab

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LVC's Design, Media and Technology (DMT) department introduced the Emerging Media Lab (EML) to provide students access to new and disruptive technologies.

The lab will allow students to test the behaviors and ideas that they encounter while using emerging media, to consider the strengths and weaknesses of these technologies and to develop design strategies for them.

"If there are emerging technologies that industry, trade or academic organizations are saying have the possibility to disrupt or change how the field works, we're looking to see how we can give students access to them," Dr. Jeff Ritchie, chair of the

DMT department, said.

The DMT department recently purchased 10 Meta Quest 2 virtual reality headsets that students will have the opportunity to use in the coming semesters, and the department hopes to expose students to other disruptive technologies in the coming semesters as well.

Specific classes devoted to emerging media, such as AR/VR and interface classes, will be offered each spring, but students will also encounter emerging media in assignments or case studies in existing DMT classes.

The technology introduced through the Emerging Media Lab is made possible by fundraising from donors and alumni.

LVC students place 3rd in business competition

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LVC business students studying consumer behavior placed third in the 2022 Direct Effect Innovation Challenge (DEIC), a statewide competition held in mid-November in Harrisburg.

The 2022 DEIC theme was Lead PA: The Future is YOUth. Students from post-secondary institutions across the Commonwealth were challenged to design a program, project or event and an integrated marketing campaign that works with the next generation of leaders in the state.

Dr. Kimberlee Josephson, associate professor of business administration, decided to integrate the challenge with her BUS 341 consumer behavior class. Josephson had students work in groups to design a marketing concept to enter the 2022 DEIC.

The class decided to create a high school event as a collaborative effort to introduce what Pennsylvania is about and how students can develop

their skill set through volunteering in the Feeding Pennsylvania program. The campaign is called "Leading by Feeding PA."

"If you win the challenge, there is potential for them to implement what you're recommending, so there is a level of seriousness in that we really have to make sure this is a worthwhile event," Josephson said. "It's a really great opportunity for networking and something to put on your resume."

Senior business administration majors Mike Bilansky, Hannah Campbell, Joseph Underwood and Julia Sennefelder presented campaign in the final round.

"It really was a collaborative effort with what we should be pitching," Josephson said.

The students competed in the finals against Point Park University, Pennsylvania College of Art & Design, Ursinus College and Rosemont College.



Photo by: Dr. Kimberlee Josephson

ABOVE: LVC students competing in a statewide business competition in Harrisburg.

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TKE fraternity makes record donation to St. Jude

NATALIE SANTANGELO '23
STAFF WRITER

46,086 steps, 22 miles and \$6,000 raised all to help save the lives of pediatric cancer patients.

Members of fraternity TKE walked to Harrisburg a few weeks ago to fund research for pediatric cancer research. The campaign lasted several weeks, and members raised more than \$6,500, beating their fundraising goal by \$500.

TKE partnered up with St. Jude Children's Research Hospital; the hospital aims to advance cures and means of prevention for pediatric diseases through research and treatment. Patients at St. Jude receive full care without having to worry about the expensive costs of medical treatments.

Once the campaign ended, nine members came together to walk from campus to Harrisburg. The trip was 22 miles which took the group a little more eight hours to complete. The group of nine LVC students included Matthew Davis '23, Jayden Cramer '23, Ben Maull '23, Wyatt Morrison '24, Bailey Klindinst '25, Deklan Shaughnessy '24, Moses Hawley '23, Griffin Olitsky '23 and Sam Trively '23.

Maull, a senior international business major reflected on his experience.

"This is the most humbling experience that I have ever been part of," he said. "To be able to work so closely with St. Jude and to raise

money in effort to tackle a problem that is bigger than us is truly inspiring."

The TKE fraternity has fostered a committed group of student leaders on LVC's campus. Members of TKE have made a difference through their philanthropy and on campus every day. The organization is a part of many service opportunities, professional development and leadership-building activities.

"This event captures what TKE is all about," Maull said.

TKE continues to facilitate campaigns to raise money and awareness for pediatric cancer research. All are encouraged to support TKE to help them reach their goal and help cancer patients.

To donate visit TKE's Instagram @tke_px and click the link in their bio.



Photo by: Ben Maull
ABOVE: Nine TKE members outside of the Harrisburg Capitol Building after they reached their final destination.

New club on campus

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There is a new special interest club on campus and it involves caffeine.

Coffee club, founded by Hope Fisher '24, has met since October. The club typically meets at 2 p.m. on Sundays at The Backstage Café, located in the Allen Theater in Annville.

In November, the club held a trivia competition in Bishop Brews on campus with prizes. Some activities the club has done are cup decorating and traveling to local coffee shops. Much more is planned for the remainder of the semester and next.

"I started coffee club to make connections," Fisher said. "A lot of my friends were made over a cup of coffee."



The coffee club is participating in this year's Jingle Jam on Dec. 9. They will be roasting coffee beans and selling the coffee as well as cups and stickers. Follow the coffee club's Instagram: @lvccoffeeclub.

Study abroad in Ireland opportunity

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The American-Irish scholars program enables U.S. students to spend one or two semesters at a university in Northern Ireland, which is completely tuition free.

LVC is a participant in the Study USA program which allows a student from Northern Ireland to spend a year of school in America. To show appreciation to LVC for hosting a student from Northern Ireland, each year several places on the Irish American Scholars Program are available for students at the schools that Study USA partners with.

"It's a means of thanking our U.S. colleges and universities for hosting Study USA students," Daniel Lowe, a consultant at the British Council, said.

LVC can write to the British Council to nominate up to three applications. A student needs to be a sophomore or junior with a GPA of 3.2 or higher. These students will be considered for a placement at an institution in Northern Ireland.

Accepted U.S. students may select courses in any subject area available, with tuition waived. To find out more about this opportunity, information is available at irishamericanscholars.com/application-process.



Photos by: Dr. Jeffrey Snyder
ABOVE: The 18th annual VALE Media Industries Conference was held Saturday, Nov. 19. The event was created and hosted by students from a variety of majors in the VALE Conference class. This year there was 28 guest speakers, including Shelly Yakus who recorded John Lennon, Tom Petty, Stevie Nicks and Van Morrison. There were also live music performances.

Statue spotlight: John Zola

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STAFF WRITER

Every day, students walk in and out of the Arnold Sports Center, and every day, they walk right past the John Zola statue outside the football locker room. However, many do not know his story.

John Zola was an LVC student from 1959-1961. He was a pre-med student and was very determined to become a doctor after college. An avid dancer and singer, Zola sang in local pubs and played the saxophone in the jazz band. Zola also was a running back on the LVC football team.

"John could always be found studying in either the library or in his room," John Yajko '63, friend and roommate of Zola, said. "He was a great team player and always on the upside and gave his all while playing or studying. Great roommate and great personal morals."

During a game at Drexel in 1961, tragedy struck. Zola was tackled on a play and while he was getting up, he collapsed to the ground. Timeout was called and Zola was subbed out.

"John was taken out, walked out under his own power, and sat on the bench where he said to coach, 'I'm all right coach,'" Bob Stull '62, teammate of Zola, said. "The coach didn't put him back in the game. He took him to the locker room where John passed out into a coma and never came out."

Zola was rushed to a hospital for surgery. Unfortunately, the surgery was unsuccessful. Zola would pass away at 20 years old on Monday, Oct. 2, 1961.

Everyone on the team dedicated the rest of the season to Zola's memory. The team embodied his fighting spirit and went on to win every game but one, resulting in a 1961 Mid Atlantic Conference—Southern Division Championship.



Photo by: Andrew Spaan
ABOVE:

After his death, Zola would be enshrined in LVC history in many ways. First, the athletics department retired his number, #11. His jersey would become the third retired jersey in LVC football history behind Lou Sorrentino (1950-1953) and Hank DiJohnson (1946-1949). Today, his jersey hangs in LVC's Sports Hall of Fame.

The John F. Zola memorial statue was dedicated on October 9, 2004. Along with the statue, there is an annual award given out to a football player who displays the traits of heart, courage and integrity when playing. This award is known as the Zola Memorial Award.

"Several years ago, John's teammates and friends raised funds for the Zola Memorial, with the hope that John's heart, courage and determination would touch today's student athletes and maybe by touching John's memorial, he may be touching you." Stull said.

The statue stands as a reminder for all LVC athletes to play with courage and integrity.

Former volleyball coach publishes novel

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Wayne Perry is no stranger to LVC; he is a storied-career head volleyball coach and a recent hall of fame inductee—and now, a novelist.

Perry published his paperback novel "Father Time on 80" in mid-November. A few days later, it was ready for purchase on Amazon.

"Father Time on 80" is described as "a fast-paced ride weaving through the lives of two fathers, who happen to be father and son. It is an uplifting tale of loss and love. It will take you into the depths of a man's saddest moments then to his most exhilarating experiences."

Although Perry had the idea of writing a novel about eight years ago, he only began writing his novel two years ago. The timing worked out well because when he started writing, he was retired; his retirement made him feel no pressure to finish the novel, and he was able to write without experiencing any mental blocks.

Perry had two inspirations for the novel: his yearly drives with his wife on Route 80 and the passing of his father in 2012. These two visions evolved into a final 243-page novel about life and dealing with death.

"It ['Father Time on 80'] provides enlightening viewpoints most younger readers would not typically think about, so I think they would like it," Perry said. "For baby boomers like me, it is perfect—I've had a few read it and they really enjoyed the story."

As Perry wrote the novel, he decided to toss out the outline and let his creative side take over. It was at this point in his writing journey that Perry was able to fully dedicate himself to his novel. Having such dedication is

nothing unusual for Wayne Perry.

Perry served as the architect of LVC volleyball since it was established in 1987. He went on to coach the women's volleyball team for over 34 years—show his total dedication.

Perry was an extremely successful collegiate volleyball coach, having a 671-382 overall record. However, when asked about his biggest accomplishments as a coach, his response had nothing to do with wins at all.

"First, we never had a player become ineligible due to grades," Perry said. "I'd say that is incredible for 34 years as a varsity squad. Secondly, in those 34 years, we had only two ACL injuries. In a sport where that type of injury is very common, it gives me pride knowing we were doing a good job with training and athlete safety."

It was because of his dedication and commitment to his players that Perry was inducted into LVC's Hall of Fame on October 14, 2022.

"Being inducted into the Hall of Fame was amazing," Perry said. "I couldn't believe all the encouraging emails and notes from former players, parents and volleyball people."

Perry says that his next venture may be writing a volleyball book with his wife who served as his assistant coach at LVC. Until then, he is focused on the publication of "Father Time on 80," which is now available for purchase.

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carols during transitional moments of the recital. These carols involve the entire congregation singing together, and Dr. Moorman-Stahlman, director of the LVC organ guild and handbell choir, playing the organ in Miller Chapel.

The concert begins at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 3, and at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 4 in Miller Chapel. Students can also watch the performances via the LVC Music Department Facebook page.

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Puppy fix

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Having a beloved family pet around throughout the school year can be one of the simple comforts that LVC students miss out on.

It's important for students to take the mental health breaks that they need as the fall semester winds down. One way that LVC students can do this, is by potentially pursuing their love for puppies!

"Leaving behind my 5-year-old woodle when I depart to school is definitely one of my hardest goodbyes," Josh Reinhardt, a senior business administration major, said. "I believe that having more opportunities on or around campus to interact with puppies would positively help a lot of students."

Located in Palmyra, Little Paws Dog Shop offers casual puppy playtime Monday through Friday, noon to 7 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

In the shop, students are encouraged to interact with the pups as well as check out the in-store treat bakery. If your furry friend is in town for the weekend, Little Paws also offers pet photography and grooming services.

Another opportunity that LVC students can take advantage of is to make a Rover account and offer to walk dogs and/or dog sit locally. By making an account, students can offer up a brief outline of their experience with dogs, filter through requests and have the chance to make



Photo by: Zack Kime

ABOVE: Research has shown that simply petting a dog lowers the stress hormone cortisol.

some extra money while destressing with a pup.

Although the Lebanon Humane Society lists on their website that they are temporarily halting any new volunteer training courses, this is also an option for students to go and get their fill of four-legged friends.

It's important for LVC students to remember that spending time with animals can help them manage their stress levels while also positively impacting the lives of an animal close by.

For more information and to reach Little Paws Dog Shop LLC, call 717-832-PAWS (7297). To find more information regarding dog walking or sitting opportunities visit <https://www.rover.com/become-a-sitter/>.

Table-top gaming reemerges on campus

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At the very start of the semester, a brand-new club founded itself here at LVC.

Dutchmen Table-Top Gaming covers it all, from Dungeons and Dragons (DnD) to all different trading card games, to casual everyday board games and much more.

Table-top gaming has seen a recent rise in popularity with the release of "Stranger Things," the Netflix original show that focuses on a group of young kids growing up in the 80s and taking on terrifying adventures of their own, like the DnD games.

Upon the club's formation, the founders were told that LVC had a similar club at one time; however, it had faded out quite a while ago. For a long time, engaging in table-top gaming was largely considered "uncool" in the social world.

Nowadays, largely in part due to "Stranger Things" and other popular media changing their tune about what kind of people play table-top games, the social attitude in general

is starting to change as well.

In fact, the people on screen playing those games are shown as heroes, relatable human beings, cool, etc., instead of the social rejects and outcasts they once were. LVC's club, Dutchmen Table-Top Gaming, hopes to provide a safe place for people to engage with their hobbies, as well as a safe and welcoming place for people new to the world of table-top gaming to dive in with the support of like-minded peers.

The club requires members to just bring themselves, the willingness to learn and a positive attitude. Neither previous knowledge nor supplies is required. The goal is that club members will share what they learn with others, and through the club, table-top gaming will continue to draw in new and interested people.

Interested students can find the club on Instagram, @dutchmenttg.lvc, or they can reach out to dutchmenttc@lvc.edu for information on joining and the club's official discord. Students can also attend a meeting held Thursdays at 5 p.m. in Bishop Library's basement.



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LVC grad teaching in Spain

JULIA WAWRZYNSKI '23
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A few time zones away in Asturias, Spain, Fulbright Scholar Julia Resele is immersed in a cultural experience like no other.

After graduating from LVC in May, Resele began to prepare for what the next year would bring. Her double major in education and Spanish, along with the Fulbright Scholarship she had earned, gave her the opportunity to travel to Spain to teach English.

While this was an exciting new chapter, Resele couldn't help but be slightly nervous. She would be living far from home, a shock after spending the last four years surrounded by peers. Resele admitted the new lifestyle has taken some adjusting.

"My favorite part is the kids," she

said. "I love working with the students. I have close to 700 of them total."

Resele spent a few semesters student teaching in the surrounding schools, gaining experience and hours to prepare for her current placement. While she would only teach one class per semester while at LVC, Resele now takes on a new challenge in Spain: working with hundreds of students in a single week.

"No two days are the same," Resele said. "I'm also still learning myself. It's been helpful to observe the different teaching styles of all the teachers I'm working with."

Resele said she misses her family and friends and knows she will miss her new friends and co-workers once she leaves. She's embraced the new culture.

"Everything is just more relaxed



Photo by: Julia Resele

ABOVE: Resele teaching in Spain.

because Spanish culture is a very different pace than the US," she said. "There's no real rush for anything."

Resele has found herself on the

beach, enjoying nightlife and even visiting Paris. She credits the relaxed work schedule that would be unheard of in the US.

"Living to work versus working to live," she said. "In the US, we really do tie our worth to our productivity."

Although she doesn't return home until June, Resele has already begun thinking about how she can utilize her experience in future teaching career plans.

"Adopting this mentality of the relaxed lifestyle will help bring my best version of myself out in the classroom," Resele said. "It's good to be able to slow down. We're building students to be more resilient because they can take their time with their work."

MOCHA men

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MOCHA is an up-and-coming group of established men which started this academic semester at LVC.

The acronym stands for Men of Color Honor and Ambition.

"I'm excited to see what all we can accomplish," Payton Lewis, sophomore exploratory major, said.

There are service projects, community activities and events that the group intends to lead this year and for the years to come.

"One event that I brought up in our first meeting was a food drive for the homeless," Jayson Pilsitz, sophomore accounting major, said.

The currently small group of men is looking for members around the LVC community to join.

"I'm honored to be a part of this group and will look forward to inviting more people," Justin Alquiza, first year exploratory major, said.

The campaign to activate more minority students has been in place at LVC since 2015.

"We plan on going above and beyond to help kids on campus and the people of the community," Giovanni Negron-Garcia, founder of MOCHA, said.

There are minority men on campus begging for someone to hear them, and this program allows them to have an ear that will listen. It gives them a professional platform to work and get things done as they see fit.

"There were times where I felt like I had no one to talk to, but the people in this group with me will always be there," Antonio Redding, first year exploratory major, said.

MOCHA is a national organization with annual in-person conferences around the United States. There are also plans to create a Women of Color Honor and Ambition (WOCHA) group.

"There's been an awakening on campus that will lead to a change in the systematic views in this town and worldwide," Negron-Garcia said.

Internship at the aquarium

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Internships are a great opportunity for students to explore their career options, and for one junior it took her to the aquarium.

Jacquelyn McBride, a junior ACS chemistry and English double major, recently interned at University of Connecticut Avery Point and Mystic Aquarium. Here, she had the opportunity to dive into her chemistry major.

"Day to day I did research in a paleoclimate lab working at benthic soil samples," McBride said. "On the days that I wasn't working in the lab, we were at the aquarium doing behind-the-scenes work with the animals with the veterinary clinic."

This internship was a special opportunity for McBride, and she was very grateful for the experience. However, as with most things, it also had its good and bad sides.

"I learned that I don't want to work in paleoclimate, but I also learned how much I love working with animals," she said. "Since I'm doing chemistry and English, it wasn't exactly the path I was planning to go



Photo by: Jacquelyn McBride
ABOVE: McBride sitting next to a sea lion at her internship.

on, but it was just something new to broaden my horizons."

With what she learned, McBride narrowed her focus for her career. She is looking forward to what the future holds for her as she continues to explore her field.

Students interested in doing an internship can contact the Breen Center for Graduate Success to explore their options.

Election reflection

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What was predicted to be a red wave turned out to be a win for democrats, especially in Pennsylvania.

On Tuesday, Nov. 8, voters headed to the polls for this year's midterm election. With high inflation rates and gas prices, many assumed this election would skew heavily in favor of the Republican Party, as a reprimand of President Joe Biden. This did not turn out to be true, as Democrats made some major gains.

"Democratic fortunes have improved, thanks to Trump," Dr. Chris Dolan, professor of political science, said. "Trump's inability to just go away made just enough voters in just enough areas in PA and across the country to render judgment on himself resulting in huge Republican losses in a year they should have done well."

Two of the most contested elections was in Pennsylvania. Dr. Mehmet Oz (R) and John Fetterman (D) were both vying for a seat in the US Senate and Josh Shapiro (D) and Doug Mastriano (R) for governorship.

These races were watched by those across the nation because the Senate race could have changed which party held power in the upper chamber of Congress. Moreover, the result of the governor's race could have meant limits or even bans on abortion and access to reproductive care.

"Mastriano was not a viable alternative for Governor as he was an extremist candidate central to Republican efforts to overturn the 2020 presidential election who also

threatened women's reproductive rights," Dolan said. "So, democracy, rule of law and civil rights were on the ballot in PA as much as inflation, and Democrats and independents were highly motivated and turned out in high numbers."

This midterm had the second-highest voter turnout among voters under 30 in the past three decades. Young voters showed up to the polls, and they favored Democrats. Moreover, those who predicted a "red wave" underestimated the impact abortion rights would have on voter turnout and candidate selection. In the state of PA alone, there were major upticks in voter registration rates. This jump was most pronounced in the days after the Dobbs ruling was announced

"Democrats now have a much deeper bench of candidates if Biden decides not to run in 2024 or for 2028," Dolan said. "Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer, who was on Biden's shortlist in 2020, PA Governor-Elect Josh Shapiro, the commonwealth's first Jewish governor and Maryland Governor-Elect Wes Moore, that state's first Black governor, will now be talked up as future presidential candidates alongside Pete Buttigieg and California Governor Gavin Newsom."

The 2022 midterm election is not telling of the future, but it may give some insight as to the country's direction.

Students head to D.C. for EU simulation



Photo by: Dr. Phillip Benesch
ABOVE: A panel of students from POL380 traveled to Washington, D.C., in November to participate in a three-day intercollegiate simulation of the European Union institutions. LVC was one of 13 colleges to participate in the EU simulation. It's an event LVC has participated in since 2008. The students included: Hannah Alvarez, Hannah Benson, Marcus Walko, Zachary Klein, Matthew Davis, Trevor Hamilton, Michael Williams, Jamison Lapine, Isabel Ortega, Amanda Keller, Aaron Delpais, Lionel Landry, Christopher Meixsell, Bailey Willis and Tabi Gilbert. The group went on to share their experiences with the Global Conversation Hour on campus on Friday, Nov. 18.

Possible Ice Plex and changes coming to LVC athletics and campus

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For the past couple of years, construction at LVC has been commonplace; yet there's another big project in the works.

Each sports team at LVC has its own home gym, field or court of some sort, and they are all within walking distance on campus. Hockey, on the other hand, has roughly a 25-30 minute drive to get to Hersheypark Stadium to practice and to play.

A possible "Ice Plex" is being discussed. The idea would be to build an ice rink, as well as other additions and changes to campus. Rick Beard, director of athletics, emphasized that nothing is final at all, though he likes the idea.

"The entire plan and changes would be so awesome to have," Beard said.

The biggest obstacle is finalizing the cost of construction and trying to agree on a design plan with the possible donor.

In the top portion of LVC's gym, there is a graphic of an "Athletics and Recreation Master Plan," which shows the possible ice plex, additions to the soccer field across the bridge, additions to the football field and the addition of a track and field to the open field next to the softball field near the gold parking lot.

"That was the original footprint and items on the graphic won't be the same size as shown," Beard said.

No one is quite sure when plans will be finalized, but for right now, the ideas that have been put on paper are ones that a student and an athlete can equally look forward to.



Photo by: Collin Jones

ABOVE: Plans are on display for review in the Arnold Sports Center.

Goalie looking for improved season

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Ty Franchi, a sophomore goalie for the men's ice hockey team, is looking to be a force in goal. So far, he's notched more than 200 saves.

"I've worked hard this season on my reaction time and being in shape," the goalie said. "It was time for me to step up now that I'm a sophomore."

In the second contest of the season, he claimed a new career high for total saves in one game, tallying 53 versus Nazareth.

"It was just another day in the office," Franchi said. "I just wanted to do everything I could to secure the win."

Franchi believes the team bond is different this year, and they have a chance to improve.

"We've just been focusing on getting pucks deep and battling hard in all areas of the ice," Franchi said. "We have outstanding leadership in the locker room this year."

The team's lone win this season came early over Elmira, the #13 ranked

Division III team in the nation.

"Honestly, after the game, I was just trying not to throw up," Franchi said. "I was pumped up to come out with the win, especially against a ranked team."

After that win, Franchi earned both Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC) defensive player of the week and United Collegiate Hockey Conference (UCHC) goaltender of the week honors.

Right now, the Dutchmen are looking to get back on track. Their record stands at 1-5-1 on the season. The Dutchmen square off against Neumann University on Friday, Dec. 2, at Hersheypark Arena. The puck drops at 7 p.m.



Photo by: Collin Jones

ABOVE: Franchi in goal against Arcadia in November.



Photo by: LVC Athletic Communications

ABOVE: Cross country runners Jordan Berger and Noah Griffin competed in the NCAA Division III National Championships in Michigan on Saturday, Nov. 19. Berger finished 238th out of 294 runners, while Griffin finished 278th. Both had an excellent season; now it's onto the indoor track and field season.

March to Kreiderheim; bowl game

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LVC students earned the day off school before Thanksgiving break, thanks to the football team.

The Dutchmen marched from campus to President James MacLaren's house on Monday, Nov. 14, to continue the longtime tradition of asking for the day off classes the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.

The march to Kreiderheim happens when the Dutchmen football team beats conference rivals, Albright. This

is the third straight season that the team has defeated Albright.

MacLaren congratulated the team on the win and granted everyone the day off. Students cheered with joy at the news.

With the win, the teams also qualified for a bowl game. The Dutchmen finished the year with a 5-6 record, after losing to Muhlenberg College 48-21 in the team's first bowl game since 2013.



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ABOVE: Students march to the president's residence to ask for an additional day off.