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LVC announces new DEI director

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Keeping in line with its drive for further diversity and more inclusion, LVC announced Annesha Edwards-Carter as its new Director of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Intercultural Affairs.

The role is not entirely new for Edwards-Carter, coming from St. Mary's College of Maryland, where she oversaw programs and initiatives regarding diversity and inclusion. The key difference between the two roles is in scope, a change she is excited to uti-

lize.

"I am continuing the work that I have done previously but at a more senior level," Edwards-Carter said. "I really get to be 'boots on the ground' with students here, and that interests me."

The more hands-on approach afforded by this role at LVC is what initially attracted Edwards-Carter. She is keen to ask the LVC student body what they would like to see added or improved.

"I am very interested in supporting students, collaborating with key partners on campus and creating in-

tentional [diversity] programming," Edwards-Carter said. "Programming that highlights our BIPOC and LGBT+ population is what I would like to see implemented."

Edwards-Carter hails from New Castle, Delaware. She attended Manhattanville College in New York, earning her degree in political science and sociology. Graduate school was always on the table, and she decided to attend Temple University to obtain her Masters in Higher Education Administration, determined to become involved with projects focused on inclusion and diversity.

"Diversity is having that sense of belonging," Edwards-Carter said. "Diversity work requires the community from a macro and micro level collective to do the work which means having difficult conversations or unlearning problematic ideologies and/or behaviors. That is precisely why diversity is necessary in higher education."

The LVC community welcomes Edwards-Carter with open arms, excited to see what important initiatives she will bring to campus.

LVC fights back

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LVC will hold an event to raise money for the American Cancer Society called LVC fights back.

In years past, LVC has participated in Relay for Life, an event held in other places around the country and world. Its mission is to raise money for the American Cancer Society. LVC's version of the event will be held on April 1, in the Arnold Sports Center from 6 - 10 p.m.

This year's theme for the event is Pirates of the Cure-ibbean. There will be many activities to participate in throughout the night. There will be a luminaire, lawn games, TKE jail and the clubs' dance off, similar to the fall Homecoming dance-off. Again, mon-

ey raised will benefit cancer research.

Event chair and junior business administration major, Emily Graeff, shared what she likes most about LVC fights back.

"I like how it brings the community together and brings the survivors out and everyone can celebrate the event," Graeff said. "Last year there was a luminary event, and it was nice to see how everyone came together for this cause."

Students are always welcome to join the club and there will be leadership positions that will be open for the upcoming school year. Students can email Graeff at emg005@lvc.edu for more information.

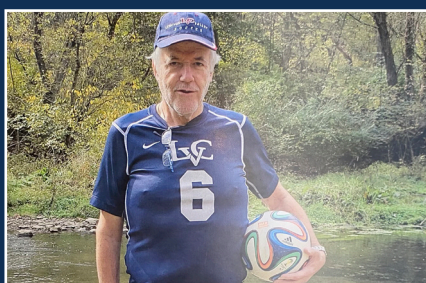
Fulbright Scholar



Photo by: LVC Marketing and Communications

ABOVE: Robbie Moul '22, an ACS chemistry and neuroscience double major, was awarded a Fulbright Grant to conduct research on chemical biology in Hungary.

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Annville Jack: LVC's unofficial mascot

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Annville Jack. A name LVC students all recognize and talk about, but who is Annville Jack? What is his story?

John McNamara, a man 74 years young, has been taking classes at LVC since 2009. He moved to Annville in 2005 after spending the majority of his life in New Jersey and Maryland.

McNamara tends to fall in love with the towns and cities in which he resides. He lived in his hometown of Elizabeth, New Jersey, for the majority of his childhood and young adult life, then moved to Baltimore—a city very dear to his heart—and lived and worked there for 27 years before moving back to Elizabeth to take care of his mother.

McNamara fell in love in Baltimore, which led him to move to Annville with his spouse at the time. His son, now 35, graduated from Annville-Cleona High School in 2005.

Living nearby the College, McNamara volunteered around campus and began attending athletic events. He quickly realized how special LVC is, describing it as “a hidden gem.”

“I love everything about LVC,” McNamara said. “I wear something LVC everywhere I go. You will never see me without LVC gear on.”

McNamara loves to learn, so, in 2009, it was an easy decision to start taking classes at LVC. Many of the courses he took during his first few



Photo by: Hannah Shirey

ABOVE: Annville Jack shows off some of his treasured LVC regalia.

years as an LVC student are no longer offered, but with a degree in philosophy himself, he focuses mainly on religion, history and political science courses. He says the political science courses he has taken with Dr. Benesch are his favorites.

When asked when he will stop taking classes here at The Valley, Annville Jack gave an immediate response: “Never.”

In addition to his passion for learning, McNamara also feels connected to LVC because of its high-quality music department and athletics.

McNamara makes it a point to at-

tend as many concerts, recitals and Wig and Buckle productions as possible. Years ago, he was actually in two of Wig and Buckle's productions—an accomplishment McNamara is very proud of.

“I try to be very involved,” McNamara said. “Why wouldn't I? LVC is an awesome place to be.”

McNamara is also very proud to be a Dutchman, and that becomes abundantly clear in the passion he exudes when he talks about its sports teams.

Although Annville Jack makes appearances at most home athletic events, ice hockey has always been

one of his favorite sports. He manages to make it to most home hockey games—which are held at the Hersheypark Arena—by getting on the Lebanon transit or getting a ride from a friend.

“I don't have a car but a couple of times I have been able to rent a car and go to away games,” he said.

That's right—Annville Jack didn't just get his nickname, he earned it.

In 2016, the LVC fanatic had the opportunity to play in the men's soccer team's alumni game. And of course, Annville Jack took that opportunity.

“I couldn't believe it, I was in my sixties,” McNamara said. “I actually played in the soccer game as a walk on. Could you imagine?”

McNamara recognizes that he would likely not get the experiences he gets at LVC at any other colleges. He even pointed out that LVC students can get into athletic events for free—something he believes students should be very grateful for.

His love for Annville extends beyond the College itself; it is also the town's community and history that shape his passion.

“Train tracks run through Annville and LVC,” McNamara said. “And a train is a lifeline. I don't think that's coincidental.”

McNamara's love for LVC is contagious. His presence reminds students what it means to have Dutchmen pride.

Writing: A Life presents poet S. Brook Corfman

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The Writing: A Life series is a staple of LVC's English Department. Every semester, two writers visit campus to read from their published work(s) and discuss their craft.

The first visiting writer of this semester was Ananda Lima, who read from her poetry collection “Mother/Land,” detailing her experiences as a mother and as an immigrant.

“Writing: A Life is such a wonderful chance for students to have one-on-one interactions with writers doing exciting contemporary work,” Dr. Holly Wendt, associate professor of English and director of creative writing, said. “Bringing in writers beyond the LVC faculty expands our ways of



Photo provided by: S. Brook Corfman

ABOVE: Corfman edits for a number of publications.

thinking and our artistic sensibilities.”

In the vein of amplifying a diverse range of voices, LVC's second visiting writer is S. Brook Corfman. They will be reading from their newest collection, “My Daily Actions, or The Meteorites.” The collection consists of works dealing with issues of gender, subjectivity and transformation.

“The collection mixes prose poetry that has a diaristic feel with very spare lyric poetry in which each line tends to stand alone as a monostich,” Wendt said. “This work is a beautiful example of creating intense impact with few words.”

Hailing from Chicago, Corfman now lives in Pittsburgh where they are a PhD candidate in Critical & Cultural Studies with an emphasis in Composition & Rhetoric. According to their website, their dissertation on

forms of knowledge in trans and genderqueer writing earned them a Lillian B. Lawler Predoctoral fellowship. The fellowship is awarded to those pursuing a PhD who show potential for an outstanding career in teaching and research.

“Learning the world from different lenses is what we come to college to do,” Wendt said. “Three experts in the same field may have different ways of achieving the same goal, so we're richer for hearing them all.”

The reading will take place on Tuesday, April 12, at 7 p.m. in the Bishop Library Atrium and simultaneously via Zoom. The event is free and open to the public. Those who wish to attend virtually can find a link for the Zoom registration on the Writing: A Life website.

First female full-time baseball assistant coach in NCAA

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An LVC coach is one of the few female assistant coaches in NCAA baseball, and is presumed to be the only female full-time baseball assistant coach in the NCAA.

Coach Beth Woener joined the LVC baseball coaching staff during the summer of 2021. She helps coach the team in every aspect of the game but has a specific responsibility for coaching infielders.

Before becoming a coach, she worked part-time on a research project for the Baseball Prospectus with international and women's baseball data. Woener then became an assistant coach for a developmental team at the University of Charleston (WV) for two seasons. She also has experience as an assistant coach in the Per-



Photo by: LVC Athletic Communications

ABOVE: Woener

fect Game Collegiate Baseball League for the Newark Pilots.

Woener explains that she has always had a connection with baseball,

stemming from her relationship with her family.

"I have always been around the game of baseball," Woener said. "My dad taught my brother and me to be Braves fans and we have followed the team my entire life."

She enjoys playing baseball in a women's league in her free time.

Through her experiences of coaching and playing, Woener has developed an important coaching philosophy of putting the players first, which she believes has led her to success as a coach.

"Sometimes coaches can get caught up in trying to get players better at the sport or trying to win that we forget that the players are people who have lives outside of practices," Woener said. "It is my goal to make sure that the players know that they are supported in who they are no matter

how different or similar they are to the other members of the team."

Woener explained that in the short amount of time that she has been coaching at LVC, she already feels accepted as part of the team.

"Coach Fester has made sure that I am comfortable and have what I need to do my job at every part of the process here at LVC starting from the first phone call," Woener said. "The people I have worked with currently and in the past are still extremely supportive and that is more meaningful to talk about than the times when I was treated differently or discriminated against."

Woener said she is hoping for a terrific spring season.

Internship paves way to success

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College can be tough for many reasons. For junior Brendan Byler, college is tough because of his busy schedule.

Byler is a multisport collegiate athlete — both on the men's tennis team and Rocket League esports team — and a student in the grueling accelerated accounting program. He is also involved in many other on-campus activities and clubs, including the First Year Mentor program and the active president of the Ping Pong Club.

"Time management has become a skill that I had to acquire," Byler said. "I came to college to get involved, and I surely am involved to the max."

This semester for Byler is his busiest yet, as he has a promising internship in downtown Lancaster for an accounting firm on top of his already loaded schedule.

"My days start at 6 a.m. and end past 12 a.m. [when he goes to sleep], but I couldn't be happier with where I'm at," Byler said. "I am waking up early and dressing up, and it's starting to feel very professional to me."

Byler enjoys working alongside veteran accountants who have been teaching him their working strategies. His excitement to learn makes the hour commute to and from work that much easier.

"I help with clients, and I have been loving getting to know each one I encounter," Byler said. "Hands on expe-



Photo by: LVC Athletic Communications

ABOVE: Byler recently earned two wins against Drew University.

rience is what I wanted, and I am getting that this semester."

As a student in the accelerated accounting program, Byler will graduate as a junior in May. He will graduate in spring 2023 with his MBA. Being an accountant, though, is not the end goal for Byler. He would like to work at a big firm in a city and dabble in real estate.

"I would like to acquire at least 20 rental properties that I would be the owner of," Byler said. "Real Estate is where my end goal is, accounting can just get me there faster."

It appears Byler has the numbers all figured out.

Bonnie & Clyde



Photo by: Hannah Shirey

ABOVE: Wig and Buckle, LVC's student-run theater company, presented their musical adaptation of "Bonnie & Clyde." The company has one more production this semester.

LVC Live



Photo provided by: La Vie staff

ABOVE: LVC Live was held on Saturday, March 19. Close to 300 prospective students and their families visited campus. It was a chance for admitted students to talk to faculty members and meet students from various clubs and organizations. LVC Live 2.0, a scaled down version of the event, will be held on April 9.

Buhr wins Male Track Athlete of the Year

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The men's and women's indoor track and field teams competed in the Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC) Indoor Track and Field Championships last month.

The men's team finished third overall with 108 points, while the women placed fifth with 85 points. Owen Buhr, a senior captain, led both teams with four gold medals and one silver medal. His incredible performance earned him Male Track Athlete of the Year.

"I have worked so hard the past four years and it is so nice to see it pay off," Buhr said.

In the 60 meter hurdles, Buhr broke the MAC Championship record and won gold, running in 8.22 seconds. Zach Reed finished third, and Daniel Murtha finished seventh.

Owen Buhr, Owen Linder, Logan Grauer and Zach Reed took home gold in the 4X200 meter relay and the 4X400 meter relay. The women's



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ABOVE: Buhr competes in a number of events including hurdles and sprints.

team of Hannah McCurdy, Darrian Berkheimer, Alyssa Peiffer and Laura Good placed second in the 4X200 meter relay.

The women placed third, fifth and seventh in the weight throw. McKenna Loughney earned bronze with a throw of 15.44 meters. Ashley Bartels

placed fifth, and Mackenze Spence placed seventh.

The men's 4x800 meter relay team of Andy Loy, Alec Di Cesare, Mac Eschinger and Vinny Ferrizzi ran 8:09.25 to finish second. Keri Jones, Julia Resele, Julia Wawrzynski and Lauren Bunke earned third in the wom-

en's race.

Darrian Berkheimer finished second in the 400 meters with a time of 59.98 seconds. In the men's race, Logan Grauer finished fifth with a time of 51.42 seconds.

Buhr also won gold in the 200 meter dash and silver in the 60 meter dash.

"I am most proud of being able to consistently progress throughout my career," Buhr said. "During my four years, I have consistently placed higher at MAC Championships and been able to lower my times."

Buhr went on to finish fourth in the 60-meter hurdles at the All-Atlantic Region Track and Field Championships and 16th in 60-meter hurdles at the NCAA Division III Indoor Track and Field Championships on Friday, March 11.

Buhr gives a lot of thanks and credit to Coach Byler and his teammates who have pushed him to get better every day. He looks to continue his success as he finishes out indoor season and begins outdoor track.

Athletic setback leads to comeback

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A women's tennis player was able to turn a major injury into a success story.

The possibility of injury looms overhead as an athlete's worst nightmare, and this is a nightmare that one LVC athlete is familiar with.

Nicole Honrade, a junior on the women's tennis team, expected April 28 to be just like every other match, but that was not the case.

"I was running for a ball and felt my left knee dislocate in the middle of a point," Honrade said. "I remember falling down and yelling for the trainers."

Shankroff Tennis Center went quiet as spectators and players tried to grasp what had happened. Trainers rushed to help Honrade, where she was carried off the court. It took an MRI to confirm that the injury was an ACL tear, and surgery was quickly scheduled for the beginning of summer.

"I was devastated," Honrade said. "When I was told I wouldn't be able to compete again for at least nine months, I felt like a huge part of me was ripped away. I was also angry because all of the hard work I had put into the season was ruined by a single



Photo provided by: LVC Athletic Communications

ABOVE: Honrade is ecstatic to be back on the court.

moment."

The road to recovery wasn't easy, requiring physical therapy two to three times a week after surgery, as well as frequent check-ups with her surgeon. As Honrade began to regain some function in her knee, the next step was working with LVC's athletic trainers to begin getting ready for a return to competition.

Fast forward several months, and Honrade has returned to action on the tennis court, resuming her position right back among the top of the team's lineup.

"It was definitely a long, slow process to get back to normal," Honrade said. "It feels amazing to be back on the court and competing, all the hard

work and time I put into these past 9 months is finally paying off."

Making it to the championship last year and picked second in the pre-season polls, the LVC women's tennis team is undoubtedly going to be even stronger with Honrade back on the roster.

While this setback would likely have kept many athletes away from their respective sports, the same could not be said in this instance. Instead, Honrade has a new appreciation for what it means to be an athlete.

"If this experience has taught me anything, it's to be grateful for your body and never take your abilities for granted," Honrade said.

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