

LA VIE COLLEGIENNE

LEBANON VALLEY COLLEGE'S STUDENT RUN NEWSPAPER SINCE 1924

VOLUME 95, NO. 3 | MAY 4, 2024

Congratulations to the Class of 2024!

Congratulations Class of 2024! I join all of our faculty, staff and administration in offering our sincerest congratulations to you, your families and friends as you prepare to graduate from Lebanon Valley College. We are excited to share and celebrate this milestone with you knowing that you are ready to take on the excitement, challenges, and opportunities that await you after commencement. Whether it is starting your career or going on to graduate or professional school, I wish you the very best and every success. I am confident that the education you received at Lebanon Valley College has prepared you well for this transition and that you will be successful in the next stages of your lives.

The class of 2024 will always hold a special place in my heart. We both started at LVC the same year. You showed fortitude and trust starting your college career in the height of the pandemic. You navigated the difficulties of testing, masking, hybrid classes and social distancing with grace. I firmly believe we learn and become stronger from challenges. This is the case for you too and so you

are well prepared for anything life throws at you!

I'm sure as you reflect on your time at Lebanon Valley College you will remember many successes and personal challenges overcome. These events have shaped and defined who you are. You have all come far on the journey that started the day you first stepped onto our beautiful campus. Please know that you have all made a lasting impact during your time at the Valley. Your contributions in classroom discussions, in research projects, in student organizations, in service to others and in athletics have enriched all of our lives.

I hope that you feel ready to take on the challenges of the next stage of your lives and that your education at one of the finest colleges in America has helped prepare you to be the engaged citizens and leaders we need to bring people together to find solutions to the issues our country faces. You have shown kindness to others and offered assistance to those who are less fortunate. I urge you to be lifelong learners and to continue developing these habits of the heart and the mind.

I trust that you will remember



Photo by LVC Marketing & Communications

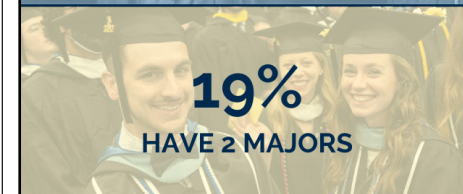
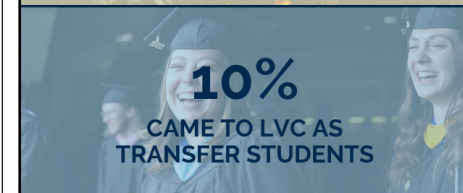
your time at Lebanon Valley College fondly and that the friendships and relationships established here will stay with you long after you graduate. As our newest alumni I invite you to come back and visit us often. Let us know all about your future successes of which I am sure there will be many. Please know that you are always welcome at LVC. I wish you every future success and happiness. Go Valley!

Best wishes,

J. M. MacLaren

President James MacLaren

CLASS OF 2024 PROFILE



Haas to become digital marketer in Harrisburg

RYAN PICKLE '24
STAFF WRITER

Meredith Haas, a senior English and political science double major, has had quite the array of experiences at LVC.

Coming in as a political science student, Haas thought a future in government could be for her, but she

wanted to explore other fields. After taking ENG 130: Intro to Media in the Digital Age, Haas knew that English was for her.

"I was really hesitant to commit to making it a double major at first, even though I knew it was what I wanted," Haas said. "After some time, I started to feel most at home in my

English classes."

One class in particular, newsroom workshop, became a staple in Haas' schedule throughout her college years. After taking this class once in the spring of her sophomore year, Haas has not missed out on a semester of writing for *La Vie*.

"I wouldn't consider myself a

creative person—at all—but I've always loved writing," she said. "Having the opportunity to find things interesting to me and create my own narrative around them was perfect. I've loved getting to work so closely with the staff to create

Digital marketer
continued on page 3

INSIDE THIS ISSUE OF LA VIE



WRITING THE FUTURE
PAGE 2



LVC TO BUSINESS
PAGE 3



JOSHUA OTTO
PAGE 6



FULFILLING EXPERIENCE
PAGE 7

Writing the future

MELISSA TORIBIO '25
STAFF WRITER

As the 2023-24 school year ends, graduating students are eagerly awaiting their final days of college to fly by before transitioning to new stages of their lives. Paige Dalto is among those graduating seniors.

Dalto is currently a senior social justice and English double major as well as an editor for LVC's student-run newspaper *La Vie Collegienne*. Growing up, Dalto has always been enthusiastic about the humanities, journalism and writing.

"I love writing, and I always have," Dalto said. "I did a lot of creative writing growing up, and I think that

going into high school was when I took my first journalism class, and then I was on the high school's paper as an editor. And then when I came here, I knew that I was going to want to be a part of *La Vie*."

With her love for journalism growing by the day, Dalto was able to secure an internship in the summer of 2023 with *The Sun* in Hummelstown, PA where she hones her skills in editing alongside reporting. Dalto not only thanks *The Sun* for helping her prepare for life outside of college, but also thanks LVC's humanities department.

"I have really appreciated my time in the humanities department, and I am incredibly grateful to have



such amazing support of professors in this department, especially like Dr. Romagnolo and Jaime [Fettrow-Alderfer]," Dalto said.

Dalto has been working with *The Sun* since her internship and was offered a full-time position. She intends to take full advantage of this opportunity to continue to grow

within the journalism field.

"I mean I've already said it, but I am very grateful that the humanities department has been so supportive and involved in pushing me to the best that I can be," Dalto said. "They encouraged me throughout my creative writing journey as well with *Green Blotter* and encouraging me to submit work for publication."

While also writing and editing for *La Vie*, Dalto also celebrates as she will have her second poem published in LVC's literary magazine *Green Blotter*.

Outside of college, Paige is also a piercing apprentice in the Lebanon area and will also continue to pursue her apprenticeship to become a licensed piercer.

MEREDITH HAAS '24
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Ryan Pickle never saw himself playing collegiate baseball, but when the opportunity presented itself, he couldn't refuse marrying his love for the sport with a quality education.

Unsure of what major would be a good fit for him, he chose business administration knowing that many business fields were interesting to him, but he wasn't quite ready to commit to just one.

"I liked the adaptability of the major," he said. "It allowed me to learn about and explore different areas of business and broaden my knowledge of business operations. The goal was to ultimately find what was the best fit for me and choose my career that way."

Having decided on a major, Pickle felt more confident in his decision to be a student-athlete.

Pickle was recruited to LVC as

Pickle lands position as underwriter

a pitcher, a role that would go on to shape his next four years as a Dutchman.

The skills Pickle learned as a member of the baseball team translated into the classroom, but also far beyond; how to be a leader, how to be a good teammate and how to put your best effort into everything you do are all skills that Pickle can transfer to every aspect of life.

"As a college athlete, I really refined my leadership skills," Pickle said. "I understand that for a team to be great, it takes a diverse group of people with different talents, skills and abilities. As a college athlete, it helped me embrace different ideas and styles, which has really helped reshape my vision in a future job, and just life in general."

A member of two MAC Commonwealth championship teams, he experienced firsthand the importance of the culmination of

these skills—a mental note he would be sure to always carry with him.

Pickle's dedication both in the classroom and on the field helped land him an internship position at Harford Mutual Insurance Group, a growing regional provider of property and casualty insurance based in Bel Air, MD.

Here, Pickle worked as an intern in the underwriting department.

"I worked with the underwriting team on various tasks, including loss summaries for new business entries and endorsements to current policy holders," Pickle said.

Aside from his day-to-day responsibilities, Pickle worked with a fellow LVC student and intern, Brent Moody '24, on a summer-long project.

"It was our job to look into the company's current policies and see if their properties were insured to value," he said. "This is a problem throughout the insurance industry

that Harford Mutual wanted to tackle right away."

The pair was tasked with presenting their findings to the underwriting department and executive officers—the CEO, CFO and COO.

While it was a daunting task, Pickle left his audience impressed. By October of his senior year, he received an offer for a full-time position as a commercial underwriter.

As Pickle prepares to start his future career in late May, he reflects fondly on all the memories he has shared with his friends and teammates. A historic 2023 season, three MAC championship appearances, hours upon hours of practice—each having made his college experience so memorable.

"Although [the schedule] was very demanding, it was worthwhile because I developed so many lifelong relationships that I will forever appreciate."

Creative mind

PAIGE DALTO '24
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Isaac Fox, a senior English and creative writing double major, has been a force of creative nature during his undergraduate years at LVC.

As the prose editor of "Green Blotter" Literary Magazine and a writer himself, Fox consumes and creates a variety of creative writing.

"The earliest things I remember writing were in second grade," Fox said.

During his time at LVC, Fox completed an internship with DoubleCross Press, a publishing company founded by Dr. MC Hyland, assistant professor of English and

creative writing.

There, Fox helped to make books, organize materials for the press and was able to help coordinate a chapbook that had eight different authors.

"I got the business side and the practical side of a small press," Fox said. "I hadn't had an editorial experience like that before."

As a result of this internship, Fox's interest in press work blossomed, and he, alongside LVC graduate Abbie Hoffer, founded Shelf Fungus Press.

"*Shelf Fungus* is a press for collaborative chapbooks," Fox said. "We've published a bunch of people in the English and creative writing program here."

Tackling the teacher shortage

ANNA LOUGEE '24
STAFF WRITER

Harry Pecunes, a senior exercise science major and a member of the men's lacrosse team, has big plans to continue his academic career after graduation.

Pecunes has excelled during his time at LVC, both in the classroom and on the lacrosse field. Post graduation, he will attend McDaniel College to earn his masters of science in teaching.

"I'm looking forward to the opportunities that lie ahead," Pecunes said.

Pecunes was selected as one of 12 students at McDaniel College to

receive the Teacher Collaborative Fellowship Grant. This scholarship will help Pecunes cover the tuition cost of his graduate degree.

"It was an honor to be selected," Pecunes said. "It helped me solidify my choice to pursue grad school."

This grant allows McDaniel College students to work in partnership with local school districts to produce high quality teachers and thus, combat the teacher shortage in Maryland schools.

From LVC to business world

TYLEE STAUFFER '24
STAFF WRITER

As graduation is fast approaching, many seniors cannot wait for graduation to come around and are looking forward to starting a new chapter of their lives.

Sam Trively, a senior business administration major, is looking forward to graduation and is hoping to pursue a career in professional sports or logistics management. He is currently interviewing with some teams in the American Hockey League and is hoping to secure a job with one of those teams.

During his time here at LVC, Trively served as the vice president of the ski and snowboard club for a year. Outside of LVC, he played guitar, actively recorded music and played in concerts with a band during his first few years of college.

When it came to searching for schools, LVC became a great fit for Trively due to it being a smaller school and having such a high job placement rate.

"LVC has taught me how to talk to people like a professional and present myself in a way that represents whatever organization I'm with well," Trively said. "Working with LVC's Athletic Communications department helped prepare me for working in the world of sports."

Looking back on his time here at LVC, he learned a lot about himself and made many friends.

"College has taught me to manage my time, self-motivate, communicate with my professors when I'm struggling to keep up and to never turn down help when it is offered," Trively said. "I'm going to miss football Sundays and dinner with the guys. Part of college is constantly



Photo by: Sam Trively

being around a close-knit group of friends, so it's going to be strange to adjust to life without it."

If he could go back and tell his younger self anything, it would be to stay ahead of the workload,

communicate with professors and air out the minifridge.

"I struggled as a student my first few years here, and I didn't do much to help myself," Trively said. "Professors are usually very understanding, and there are plenty of support systems here to help students make the jump from high school to college. Also, remember to air out your minifridge when you unplug it over break. Mold isn't fun."

One of Trively's core memories from LVC was when he secured an internship with the Hershey Bears.

"It took me a long time to figure out to succeed in college, so it was very cathartic when I got hired for a spot in my dream job field," Trively said.

Despite his college experience coming to an end, Sam is excited for what life has in store for him in the future and is hoping to travel to see some new parts of the country.

*Digital marketer
continued from page 1*

tangible result, one that we feel proud of publishing every time."

Haas started out as a staff writer, but she worked up to an editor by her junior year and is now co-editor-in-chief as a senior. Over the last three years, Haas has written more than 30 articles covering a wide range of topics surrounding the LVC community, while also proofing the other articles that appear in *La Vie*.

Along with her position on the school newspaper, Haas has worked alongside Jill Russell, director of global education, on various projects for the office of global education. This work stemmed from her own study abroad experience in Maastricht in the summer of 2023.

Outside of her rigorous academic schedule, Haas played on the women's tennis team for three years. In these years, she was a two-time all-conference selection, two-time conference champion and helped the team clinch its first victory in the NCAA tournament in school history. After a successful junior season, Haas decided to shift her senior year focus towards internship opportunities.

"Playing tennis was something I loved, which made the decision to step away from the team difficult," she said. "Ultimately, getting myself opportunities that I knew would prepare me for my professional career was super important to me, and I would absolutely say the invaluable experiences I've gotten have made that difficult decision worth it."

One of these experiences was an



Photo by: Meredith Haas

internship at Senator Bob Casey's Harrisburg office.

"I wanted to find a position that would incorporate both politics and communications, two things that interested me the most at the time," she said.

As the constituent services intern, Haas worked on many cases statewide, assisting people across Pennsylvania. This position required effective communication, patience, thick skin and the ability to think on her feet, all skills she will use in the future.

Although satisfied with the work she did at Senator Bob Casey's office, this would not be her final internship during her senior year. With a job search on the horizon, Haas thought there could be one more opportunity to diversify her experiences.

Northern Lebanon School District (NLSD) was looking for a marketing and community relations intern for

the spring semester. Haas interviewed and was offered the position.

"This internship was not something I would have predicted for myself, but when professors brought it to my attention, something about it felt right," she said. "Most of my projects have been creative, from managing their social media to being completely responsible for their community-wide newsletter."

Come time to look for a job post-graduation, Haas determined that marketing was the way to go. After doing some research, she set her sights on WebFX, a digital marketing agency located in Harrisburg. In October, she attended an informational open house at the WebFX office, a perfect opportunity to see if they could be a fit.

"There is a huge emphasis on workplace community and employees being put first—plus it's a dog-friendly office—which left me feeling like I could see myself working there," she said. "I received an email encouraging me to apply, which catapulted me into their six-step interview process."

After the long and very intense interview process, Haas was offered a position in December as an internet marketing specialist account manager where she will work directly with clients on improving their forward-facing internet appearance. She will start in May.

Journey on ice

BELLA GETZ '24
STAFF WRITER

Senior Arty Mikhaylov is making an impact both on and off the ice.

Mikhaylov's journey has reflected his entrepreneurial spirit, leadership and passion for the sport he has played nearly his whole life. Majoring in international business with a minor in leadership management, Mikhaylov has blended his passion for hockey with his academic pursuits. His journey started long before he arrived at LVC in the fall of 2020.

From Moscow, Russia, Mikhaylov's journey took him to Canada for prep school at Hill Academy, then to the United States to pursue hockey with the Connecticut Junior Rangers and the Charlotte Rush in North Carolina.

In 2022, Mikhaylov co-founded EuroStar Hockey, an enterprise focused on ice hockey camps and clinics integrating training methods from Russia and California.

Upon his graduation, Mikhaylov will pursue his MBA while continuing to play hockey for LVC next year.

"Combining my love for hockey with entrepreneurship has been amazing," Mikhaylov said.

In addition to his academic and athletic commitments, Mikhaylov remains involved in coaching and managing EuroStar Hockey, as well as working with the Hershey Junior Bears and Hershey Cubs.

Mikhaylov's favorite quote, "There is no success without failure," reflects his perseverance both on and off the ice.



FAVORITE CLASS

Hannah Benson | *Political Science and English*

"My favorite class was Literary Theory. I learned so much about the world and my place in it. That class definitely changed my life and affected how I perceive the arbitrary systems we operate under."

Lynsey Brinkley | *Exercise Science*

"My favorite class was Fitness Theory, because we got to learn about different workout styles."

Sam Burns | *Business Administration*

"Professional Ethics with Dr. Gautsch was my favorite class because I liked that it related to our lives and our major. Real-world controversies made for great in-class discussions."

Julia Craig | *Business Administration*

"My favorite class was Journalism and News Reporting. I had the privilege of writing for *La Vie* for two years, where I got to learn more than I would've imagined about journalism."

Meredith Haas | *English and Political Science*

"My favorite class was hands down ENG 233: Multimedia Narratives. We learned all about public relations, getting to choose a business of our choice to work as a PR manager. I will never forget how I chose Ben & Jerry's as my company and had to do damage control after sour milk went through the factory."

Teddie Hain | *Criminal Justice*

"My favorite class was probably CSI Forensic Evidence with Professor Corricelli because the lab portion was cool and Corricelli's background is really interesting."

Mariyam Hakem | *Creative Arts and Digital Communications*

"I have multiple—ART440: Directed Studio, ART170: Creative Wellness and IXD152: How To Make Stuff, because they were fun and I like to work with my hands."

Jordyn Hartsock | *Neuroscience and Psychology*

"My favorite class is Dr. Marx's Abnormal Behavior and Experience! It was a fascinating and intellectually stimulating class that furthered my interest in psychology and helped me solidify my career goals!"

Erica Hauger | *Criminal Justice*

"My favorite classes were CRJ 300 & 301: Research Methods in Sociology and Research Stats for Social Science with Dr. Prince. These classes allow you to complete research that is interesting to you and you get to present your research at a conference in the spring semester, which is a very rewarding feeling after an entire year of hard work!"

Haley Keener | *Business Administration*

"My favorite class was Bus-340, Principles of Marketing with Dr. Josephson. I learned a lot about how strong product placement in the market is an indicator of success."

Jacquelyn McBride | *American Chemical Society (ACS) Chemistry and English*

"My favorite class was Lit Theory because it challenged my current way of thinking."

Raevyn McMillian | *Business Administration*

"AMP-152, the second Audio Music Production class."

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2024

Ryan Murphy | *Business Administration*

"I'm gonna go with Sabermetrics, which was a Baseball COE with Dr. Peelen. I thought it was interesting and it was fun to have class with my friends."

Jacob Phillips | *Exercise Science*

"Exercise Science 202 was my favorite class because it was always something I was interested in."

Ryan Pickle | *Business Administration*

"I loved my experience in Dr. Gautsch's Managerial Decision-Making class. Although it was challenging at times, we had a lot of fun and worked on things that will help us in the future like presentations."

Igor Osadachyi | *Neuroscience and Psychology*

"My favorite class was Brain and Behavior with Dr. McFalls."

Erin Sinatra | *Digital Communications*

"My favorite class at LVC would be Principles of Information Design. It was one of the first digital communication classes. It provided the basic principles of information architecture that are used every day and really had my interest as a design concentration."

Annie Steinfeld | *Digital Communications and English*

"My favorite class was probably Dr. Ritchie's DCOM393: Augmented Reality (AR) class. We got to play around with AR and virtual reality (VR) headsets and apps, and we even learned to design for 3D interfaces and other emerging technologies, which was really interesting and fun."

FAVORITE MEMORY

Lynsey Brinkley | *Exercise Science*

"My favorite memory would have to be Dutchmen Day 2021, because it was the first real event after covid and I got to meet so many people."

Julia Craig | *Business Administration*

"My favorite LVC memory will be representing the Flying Dutchmen on the softball field. I could not have asked for a better experience with my teammates and coaches for my last few years of playing softball."

Riley Finnegan | *Speech-Language Pathology*

"My favorite memory is homecoming weekend. It was so much fun going to the football game with all of my friends and family."

Kate Fitzpatrick | *Business Administration*

"My favorite memory at LVC was all of the time spent with my teammates on the bus, in the locker room and over winter breaks when it was just us [the women's basketball team] on campus."

Meredith Haas | *English and Political Science*

"One of my favorite memories was getting the exciting email that *La Vie* would be receiving a Student Keystone Media award. Our class all shared in the excitement knowing that our hard work had paid off and was being recognized."

Mariyam Hakem | *Creative Arts and Digital Communications*

"My favorite memory will be of graduation."

Jordyn Hartsock | *Neuroscience and Psychology*

"My favorite memory from LVC is the psychology department poster sessions."

Haley Keener | *Business Administration*

"Dutchmen Day over the last couple years was always fun."

CELEBRATIONS, OF 2024!



MEMORY

Ryan Murphy | *Business Administration*
“My favorite memory was by far winning the MACC championship in 2023 and advancing to the regional finals. It was electric and I’ll never forget it.”

Derek Nigro | *Creative Writing*
“My favorite memory would either be playing Mario Kart with friends or learning how to sword fight in acting class.”

Igor Osadachyi | *Neuroscience and Psychology*
“My favorite LVC memory was when Dr. McFalls brought her dog, Zinnie, to campus.”

Ryan Pickle | *Business Administration*
“I will always remember being there for the LVC baseball team’s run to the regional championship in 2023.”

Eliana Shenk | *Business Administration*
“My favorite moment was clinching the women’s tennis team’s first ever NCAA match win last year.”

Erin Sinatra | *Digital Communications*
“My favorite memory at LVC is being a part of the softball team. I was lucky to have four years of talented teammates to help make the seasons fun and exciting as well as win a lot of games.”

Annie Steinfeldt | *Digital Communications and English*
“I think my favorite memory at LVC is of Dutchmen Day and ValleyFest of 2022. I met a lot of new people and had a great time that weekend.”

Sam Trively | *Business Administration*
“Landing my internship with the Hershey Bears. It took me a long time to figure out how to succeed in college, so it was very cathartic when I got hired for a spot in my dream job field.”

FAVORITE PROFESSOR

Hannah Benson | *Political Science and English*
“My favorite professor is Dr. Romagnolo (although it’s hard to pick just one favorite; I love the whole English department).”

Julia Craig | *Business Administration*
“My favorite professor was Dr. Josephson. She used real-world examples to relate topics from class to how we could use what we were learning in our careers.”

Paige Dalto | *English and Social Justice*
“Dr. Romagnolo and Professor Fettrow-Alderfer have been the most influential professors from my time at LVC.”

Kylie Domalewski | *Psychology*
“Dr. McFalls. Her classes are always fun.”

Meredith Haas | *English and Political Science*
“Jaime Fettrow-Alderfer has easily been the most influential faculty member during my time at LVC. Not only did I greatly enjoy the subject of the courses she taught, but I enjoyed having her as a professor and mentor. Jaime works tirelessly to truly get to know her students, and truly wants what is best for them. I will always appreciate the lengths she went to instill confidence in me and set me up for success.”

Teddie Hain | *Criminal Justice*
“My favorite professor is Dr. Whiteley because she’s always very into the subjects she teaches.”

Mariyam Hakem | *Creative Arts and Digital Communications*
“I have many, not just one. My favorites are Professor Pittari, Dr. Taylor, Dr. McNulty, Dr. Kline and Dr. Ritchie—I like all of them.”

Jordyn Harstock | *Neuroscience and Psychology*
“All of the psychology professors were my favorite.”

Kelli Heffer | *Physical Therapy*
“My favorite professor was Dr. Ghimire because he genuinely cared for his students and made time to meet with them to make sure they succeed.”

Haley Keener | *Business Administration*
“My favorite professor was Dr. Clark, who was very influential and inspirational and fueled my inner drive to succeed as a woman in business.”

Lindsey McCurdy | *Exercise Science*
“Dr. Gilbertson was my favorite professor because she was able to relate to the students.”

Ryan Murphy | *Business Administration*
“Ron Dowey was one of my favorite professors. I took a meteorology class with him, and he made learning about something new to me fun.”

Derek Nigro | *Creative Writing*
“My favorite professor was Professor Bhattacharya. She was always chill and great with discussions. Her class was one of the first classes where I did not feel like an outsider.”

Ryan Pickle | *Business Administration*
“Dr. Gautsch was my favorite professor at LVC. He was very helpful, understanding and wanted to do anything he could to help you succeed. The work we did in his class was very practical to what we may do in future professions.”

Pete Rahtjen Jr. | *Actuarial Science*
“Dr. Brewer is my favorite professor. Not only was he a good teacher in the classroom but he provided guidance for attaining a job after college.”

Trey Reynolds | *Criminal Justice*
“Dr. Alladin was my favorite professor because he was really helpful with organizing my internship as well as guiding me through my college experience.”

Carmen Rosselli | *Actuarial Science*
“Dr. Droms was my favorite professor. He was super kind and always able to help out.”

Igor Osadachyi | *Neuroscience and Psychology*
“Dr. McFalls was my favorite professor.”

Erin Sinatra | *Digital Communications*
“My favorite professor is Dr. Joel Kline. He is a great professor who connects with his students and puts in the extra effort to help his students network. It is obvious that he cares about the success of his current and former students.”

Annie Steinfeldt | *Digital Communications and English*
“My favorite professor is Jaime Fettrow-Alderfer. She is one of the kindest and most supportive people I have ever met and she cares so much about all of her students. She has also helped me get out of my shell and gain confidence not only in my writing abilities, but in myself as a person.”

Jordan Walter | *English and Political Science*
“Professor Jaime Fettrow-Alderfer pushed me out of my comfort zone by interviewing strangers either over zoom or over the phone. I’ve taken every class she has offered, and she has helped me discover my love for professional writing.”

Future plans of an actuarial science major

TYLEE STAUFFER '24
STAFF WRITER

With the graduation of the class of 2024 right around the corner, many seniors are switching gears and preparing themselves for their post-graduation plans.

Carmen Rosselli, a senior actuarial science major, is looking forward to graduation and starting his post-college journey as an actuarial specialist at AON. AON is a company based in Philadelphia that deals with health insurance and pensions, and Rosselli will be working on a team that specializes in reinsurance.

During his time here at LVC, he was a part of the men's golf team and participated in volleyball club. He chose to attend LVC because of the high job placement rating, close proximity to home and its small size. Between Rosselli's interest in math and his high school golf coach's recommendation, he decided to pursue a major in actuarial science.

"The math department here really tries to prep you to learn on your own, and that's part of the actuary science career path, being able to learn new exam materials and digest that all for yourself," Rosselli said. "That's how you get further in your career with your credentials."

Looking back on his time here at LVC, he learned a lot about himself and made a ton of friends, which is one aspect that he will miss the most.

"I feel like I've grown a lot as a person," Rosselli said. "From being someone who was pretty shy and didn't want to talk to a lot of people to just trying to be someone that likes being around people and is involved."

Despite this chapter of Rosselli's life coming to an end, he is excited for what the future holds.

"I am looking forward to being more independent, like getting my own apartment and stuff," Rosselli said. "I think that's just a big step in the next chapter of my life, being able to be on my own and make a living."

Rosselli will start his new job with AON in July.



Photo by: Carmen Rosselli

Otto accepts teaching position

JENNA ANGSTADT '25
STAFF WRITER

With graduation approaching, seniors are starting to anticipate their post-graduation plans.

Joshua Otto, an early childhood and special education double major, is looking forward to graduation and taking the next step in his career at Cornwall-Lebanon School District. Josh will be an autistic support instructor at Cornwall Elementary School where he will be teaching students with autism from kindergarten to 5th grade.

During his time at LVC, Otto was on the men's indoor and outdoor track and field teams for all five years, being named a captain in his fourth and fifth years. Otto was also involved in LVC's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC). He has been a member for the past four years, being the vice president for one year and the president for two years.

"Throughout the years, I have learned a vast amount of information about special education and early

childhood development," Otto said. "This has really prepared me for my role as a future autistic support instructor."

"Teaching young learners is something that I have wanted to do for a very long time," Otto said. "I believe I can have a more significant impact on their success, whether it's in the classroom or outside of the classroom. I am most excited to see my students grow as human beings."

Otto will start his teaching career with Cornwall-Lebanon School District in the fall.



Photo provided by: Joshua Otto

EMT to PA: Kaylee Haws' journey to graduate school

JESS BENNINGER '26
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Kaylee Haws wears many hats on LVC's campus.

Between sitting on the executive boards of various clubs, including ValleyFest and Red Cross Club, and serving her community through her job as an EMT and volunteer firefighter, Kaylee's impact will be felt long after her graduation this May.

After four years of studying biochemistry and molecular biology, Kaylee could not be more excited—or well-suited—for her next step: a physician assistant graduate program.

"[Graduate school] is a scary next big step so there's definitely some stress with it, but I felt pretty confident going in," Kaylee said. "I feel like the professors here really helped get me ready for applications and even for interviewing."

Physician assistants (PAs) are advanced practice providers who work in conjunction with a physician to take care of patients. PAs can work in a variety of specialties, but Kaylee already anticipates which area she will want to specialize in.

"I'm definitely drawn to primary care, more so looking into pediatrics," she said. "I'm an EMT, and I've done quite a bit of pre-hospital emergency medicine, so I have some experience with that, but I'd like to try something a little bit less stressful."

PAs work in many different areas in medicine, and Kaylee is confident that she will always find ways to stay satisfied with her future career.

"You can change your specialty around, so you're not locked in just to one," she said. "That's the great thing about becoming a PA."

Kaylee was accepted to Saint Joseph University's PA graduate program in October and knows that this is the right program for her.

"It's close to home for me... it'll be nice being closer back home to family and also during my interview I loved the faculty I interacted with," she said. "They had a big emphasis on primary care and really making sure students understand how to work with individuals from different populations and different communities that maybe we don't interact with day to day."

After the completion of her two-year graduate program, Kaylee will enter the field as a full-time physician assistant. While she is unsure what the future holds for her later in her life, she welcomes the idea of continuing her education and possibly teaching in a PA program.

Even though Kaylee looks forward to her future, she appreciates the meaningful experiences she has had at LVC.

"I'm excited but I'm also a little sad. I love LVC and it's like my little home now, so it'll be sad to leave it after four years."

For underclassmen students looking to make the most of their college experiences, Kaylee has one piece of advice.

"Take every opportunity that's handed to you... you never know where that might lead you and how beneficial it might be."

Coffee-taught collaboration

ALEXIS MCCARNEY '25
STAFF WRITER

Igor Osadachyi is graduating with a degree in neuroscience, a degree in psychology and a minor in common law.

He has applied to a master's program for industrial psychology, which is the study of human behavior in the workplace, and his plans after graduation are to enter the business industry.

During his time at LVC, Osadachyi was involved in various organizations on campus, such as Dutchmen First, Coffee Club, Mosaic Mentor, student leader for global conversation hour, student programming board and was a research assistant for the psychology department.

"I am grateful for Coffee Club for

teaching me how to collaborate with people I do not know and the exposure to customer service skills," Osadachyi said. "The skills and experiences I gained through the club helped me get hired at Target, my first job in the United States."

While at LVC, Osadachyi was able to develop his public speaking and presentation skills as well as learn how to use different software programs, which will be beneficial in his future career.

"I was exposed to new disciplines and opportunities that allowed me to develop new skills and the English language, as it is not my first language," Osadachyi said.

Osadachyi was also a member of the honors program. He believes that his experiences at LVC have prepared him for his future endeavors.

Fulfilling LVC experience

ELIANA SHENK '24
ASSISTANT EDITOR

LVC offers many opportunities, and one student took full advantage of them.

Jacquelyn McBride, a senior English and American Chemical Society (ACS) chemistry major, said yes to many of the activities LVC provides. She is a Valley Ambassador, resident assistant, chemistry and writing tutor, recitation leader and lab teacher's assistant. She is also on the women's tennis team and founded the tennis club.

"I made a lot of decisions I wasn't planning on making and they came out with the best outcome," she said.

Each activity McBride is a part of has helped her develop as an individual and added to her overall LVC experience. They have also connected her with countless people and helped her build meaningful relationships.

"I think the most enriching moment has been seeing how my impact on the freshmen has made them perform better in class," she said. "Just seeing their growth throughout the semester has been really cool."

As a double major, McBride has also balanced a rigorous workload on top of all these commitments. This includes her research required for her ACS accreditation in which she worked to discover a way to create plastic out of fruit waste. McBride

traveled to Louisiana to present her research to members of the ACS this past March.

McBride is also a crucial member of the women's tennis team. She has played at first singles for two years, second singles for one year and first doubles for three years, boasting an impressive 78-18 overall record. She's won several MAC Player of the Week awards, made the MAC Academic Honor Roll, made the All-MAC Commonwealth First Team and was on the 2022 MAC Commonwealth championship team.

McBride is grateful for all she has gained from the many opportunities she took advantage of. She offered a word of advice to current and prospective college students.

"Step out of your comfort zone, do things you don't think you were going to do initially," she said.

McBride will enter the workforce after graduation as an associate scientist with Eurofins researching raw materials. She hopes to get her doctorate in chemistry in the near future.



Photo by: Jacquelyn McBride

Captain gets grad school offer

HAROLD BOWMAN '24
STAFF WRITER

The LVC Overwatch team will see its captain take a much bigger stage after graduation.

Ben McDonnell, who took over the role of captain of the Overwatch team from Colin Brophy '23, accepted an offer he received from Syracuse University to compete on its team.

While in the Salt City, McDonnell will pursue a master's degree in public

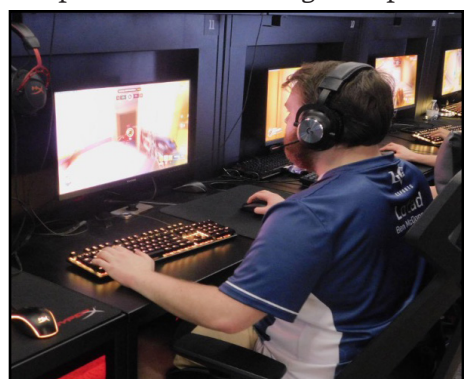


Photo by: Harold Bowman

relations after he walks the stage with his digital communications degree from LVC. McDonnell looks to make an immediate impact on the Orange roster.

"I competed with them in spring 2023 on their open division roster which was one of the best memories of my competitive career in Overwatch," McDonnell said.

In his time on the LVC Overwatch team, he played a part in three divisional championships and a 55-22 overall record. Two of these titles come from the Appalachian Conference, an esports conference for teams within the MAC; the other comes from the National Association of Collegiate Esports.

McDonnell looks forward to the gap year he will take before he starts his master's program in the fall of 2025.

Internship leads to job offer

ANNA LOUGEE '24
STAFF WRITER

Brent Moody is hard at work completing his degree in economics with a minor in environmental science.

Post-graduation, he will use that degree at Harford Mutual Insurance Group where he will be working as a commercial underwriter. Moody received an internship opportunity last summer with the company, which led to him to receive an offer for a full-time position.

"I am very thankful for this

opportunity," Moody said. "Harford Mutual is a great company with a great culture and I am excited to be a part of it."

During his time at LVC, Moody was a member of the football team where he was named to the MAC honor roll.

"Being a part of the football team has allowed me to learn lessons about work ethic and determination," Moody said. "I am excited to take the lessons I have learned and apply them post-graduation."

Moody will begin working immediately after graduation.

Keener reflects and strives for success

TYLER HARTL '24
STAFF WRITER

As we approach graduation, senior Haley Keener has taken a moment to reflect upon her journey here at LVC.

As a business administration major with a minor in management and leadership, Keener has not only learned the fundamentals of business and the skills to analyze the environment critically but has also developed a strong desire to succeed as a woman in management.

Keener credits two particularly influential professors, Dr. Gaustch and Dr. Clark, for shaping her academic experience.

"Dr. Gaustch made me question and critically analyze situations," she said. Dr. Clark served as an inspiration, fueling her inner drive to excel.

As she reflected on her time as an undergrad, Keener noted several campus activities as some of her best memories.

"Some of my fondest memories include joining FBLA, learning from guest speakers in various classes and experiencing activities such as Dutchmen Day and ValleyFest."

Looking back at where she was as a first-year student compared to the end of her undergraduate education, Keener also noted several significant aspects of skill growth.

"I've developed better time management skills and honed my abilities in data analysis and Excel," she said. "I've also become more driven and technically skilled."

These skills paid dividends in her position as an intern with Fulton Bank last summer.

As graduation fast approaches, Keener admits she will miss the interactions with professors and the camaraderie of having friends in class the most.

Keener is interested in pursuing a graduate certificate and transitioning into the finance and marketing fields. Her advice to incoming first-year students is to establish a strong circle of friends, connect with professors early and get involved in clubs and networking activities.

In ten years, Keener envisions herself in a leadership or management position, making her mark in whatever her chosen career ends up being.

LA VIE STAFF

EDITORS-IN-CHIEF

Meredith Haas
Annie Steinfeld

ASSOCIATE EDITORS

Jess Benninger
Julia Craig
Paige Dalto

ASSISTANT EDITOR

Eliana Shenk

WRITERS

Jenna Angstadt
Ethan Bazydola
Marina Biltcliff
Harold Bowman
Lynsey Brinkley
Bryce Dusel
Isabella Getz
Tyler Hartl
Justin Kopp
Anna Lougee
Jacob Marcus
Alexis McCarney
Ryan Pickle
Andrew Spaan
Tylee Stauffer
Melissa Toribio

Successful on and off the court

KYLE SHENK '25
STAFF WRITER

Brady McLucas will graduate from LVC with a bachelor's degree in business administration; in addition, he played tennis his entire LVC career and has collected many prestigious MAC awards, along with a school record.

In the 2021-2022 season, McLucas led the team in total wins. His singles record of 21-3 tied the LVC record for most singles wins in a season. He also posted a record of 7-3 in doubles. McLucas' impressive record did not go unnoticed, as he was selected to the All-MAC Commonwealth Second Team and MAC Academic Honor Roll.

In the 2023 season, McLucas collected an All-MAC Commonwealth Honorable Mention for his contribution to LVC's second consecutive MACC Championship win and impressive 11-4 record in doubles matches.

While he may have won a lot of individual awards, McLucas' favorite memories were with his team.

"My favorite achievement is when we won the MACC championship for the first time," McLucas said. "We all worked really hard to make it happen and were the first LVC men's team in 13 years to win it. It was an awesome team accomplishment."

McLucas will now start his post-collegiate career with the Hershey Company as a plant accountant.



Photo by: Brady McLucas

"I interned in supply chain finance there last summer," McLucas said. "It was a great opportunity and turned into a part-time role as a plant accountant while I finished my degree. It has been an awesome experience and I've been learning a lot every day. Supply chain finance is a unique area, as you get to see both the manufacturing and finance sides of a company and how they work together."

McLucas is excited to start his new career but will always remember the fun times he had at LVC with his teammates and friends.

Dominating on the mound

JULIA CRAIG '24
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

A Dutchmen softball player reflects on her time at LVC as a student-athlete and being a part of a historic season.

Senior pitcher Jordan Walter will be leaving a mark on the field for LVC softball. An integral part of the team during her four years, Walter is currently the reigning MACC Pitcher of the Year. She helped lift the Dutchmen to one of the most successful seasons in program history, pitching the way to the program's first NCAA regional tournament win.

"It was amazing to make LVC history on our own field surrounded by our friends and family," Walter said. "Being at the bottom of the doggy pile after making the last out of the game is a moment I'll never forget."

Walter was a part of the NCAA Annville Regional All-Tournament Team during that run. This season, she broke the program career wins record after her 53rd win and has hit the 300 career strikeouts milestone.

Being a student-athlete may be a

challenge, but Walter appreciates the relationships that come from it.

"I've been able to find a sense of community, surrounded by a strong support system of teammates and coaches," Walter said.

In the classroom, Walter was able to get out of her comfort zone to discover new interests and even majors. She will be graduating with a double major in English and political science and a minor in common law. Walter realized she had an interest in politics that she learned about herself after taking a law class in her sophomore year.

"Take classes that interest you even if they are outside of your major," Walter said. "By getting out of your comfort zone, you'll discover new things about yourself that you may not have known."

After graduation this May, she plans to pursue a career in writing and possibly marketing.

Shaffer takes next step in pursuit of med school

RYAN PICKLE '24
STAFF WRITER

A student at LVC has big plans for their future academic career.

Blair Shaffer, a senior biochemistry and molecular biology major, balances a busy academic and athletic schedule. This includes hours of studying for classes and lots of time in the gym and on the baseball field.

In his final year as a student-athlete, Shaffer has found the importance of being a student-athlete despite his rigorous schedule.

"The beauty behind Division III athletics, and especially baseball, is that you really have to develop your own career," Shaffer said. "We have a ton of time away from the coaches in the offseason, which really leaves it up to the individual to determine how much they want to improve. I think this mindset has really helped me take my academics approach to the next level during my time at LVC."

After three years of developmental success, Shaffer was named captain of the LVC baseball team in 2024. In his time as a player, he mentions how much of the success the team has seen was because of the culture that was created by previous leaders and current leaders like himself.

"The tight-knit family aspect of our team is a huge part of why we've been successful over the past few seasons," he said. "We've been fortunate to have a multitude of great leaders over the past few years, all leaving their marks on their current team."

In the midst of Shaffer's senior year baseball preseason was a time full of stress and studying months ahead of time for the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT). With much of his free time focused on a life-changing exam, the results were very rewarding.

"I logged 350 hours of studying over three months leading up to my exam

date, but I consider it a truly positive experience," he said. "I not only refined my study habits, but I also learned how to manage time and emphasize the things that are valuable to me."

With hundreds of hours of preparation for a six-hour exam, Shaffer scored very well and has put himself in a position to reach his goals. The next step for Shaffer is graduate school.

Shaffer will begin his graduate studies in the masters of applied kinesiology program at LVC starting in the fall. Within this program, Shaffer will be immersed in research focused on biomechanics and human movement.

"I've been working in the Lewis Human Performance Lab since May of 2023, and this graduate program allows for the continuation of research into an eventual thesis," he said. "I was drawn towards this program due to its involvement in the musculoskeletal system, but upon spending time in the lab I've become more interested in the entire research process."

Shaffer will use his fifth year of eligibility to play a final year of baseball while continuing his studies at LVC. Shaffer said that he eventually wants to become an orthopedic surgeon, ideally in sports medicine. Maximizing his academic and athletic experiences, Shaffer has put himself in an excellent position to reach his goals.

"I think my background would allow for a unique connection with athletes," he said. "Having an understanding of the desire to get back on the field when injured is something I have learned from experience."

With a long road ahead of him, Shaffer is ready to achieve the high expectations that he has set for himself.



Photo by: Blair Shaffer