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Thank You ACC Partners

On behalf of the ACC, its students, and staff, we would like to thank the dedication of ACC partners for their support and contribution to the upgrades that have been provided in the past three years. Amongst the upgrades and enhancements that the ACC has been blessed with are: **Pope Building**—New roof, gutters, windows, overhead and entrance doors, and concrete walkway. **Dolan Building**—New door locks, new HVAC system, windows, phone system, IT infrastructure, and entrance and exit doors.

The ACC would also like to thank LP High School for the upgrades to the East ACC Building. Those include, new doors and locks, overhead doors, new electrical, new bathroom, air conditioning, and furniture.

THANK YOU ALL!!!!



ACC Aviation Welcomes Instructor Mr. Brian Layhew



New to the ACC for the 23-24 school year is Aviation instructor Mr. Brain Layhew. He is a long time resident of the Illinois Valley Area, and his family has been a long time entrepreneurial presence within the La Salle Peru community.

Mr. Layhew is a career Air National Guard Airman, and retires officially in October with the rank of Master Sergeant. His approach to education is based upon the core values of the Guard: Integrity, Service Before Self and Excellence in all you do. Within his aviation instruction he hopes to guide his instruction and instill these values within the students he serves.

For his students he hopes the following exemplar will inspire their approach to education and all they do. Take pride in your work and people will take notice. When they notice you taking pride in your work, you're given more opportunities. When you have more opportunities, you become a commodity. When you're a commodity, you have the world in the palm of your hand. It takes hard work and dedication but that's the payoff. You're worth more than you know and don't ever let anyone tell you otherwise.

Welcome Mr. Layhew! Clear skies and strong tail winds to your instruction.

Automotive Instructor Mr. Michael Fisher Enhances Program



As many teachers do, Mr. Mike Fisher (Automotive Instructor) spent his summer upgrading his skill set with some professional development. However, what is unlike other PD, Mr. Fisher was able to gain his in Laramie, Wyoming at Wyoming Technical Institute.

Wyo Tech, as it is affectionately called, is a trade school with an excellent reputation in all things automotive (and diesel). They also offer Professional Development opportunities for CTE teachers. This past summer Mr. Michael Fisher took them up on their PD offerings.

In attending his, PD Mr. Fisher earned NC3 Certification in running a Solis Scan Tool. This allowed him to advance his ability to instruct in using diagnostic/computer equipment. His increased aptitude will allow his students to benefit in their own use of diagnostic equipment.

To learn more about Wyoming Tech [\(click here\)](#)

Student of the Month (May 2023)

Name: Caleb Novak (**Princeton**)



Pictured above are Caleb Novak (Left) and Instructor Mr. Zac Koesler (Right)

Caleb is currently a second-year student at the Area Career Center in the Computer Programming program. He was chosen as student of the month at the end of the 22-23 school year for the month of May. As there was no newsletter that month, we are honoring him at the start of this school year. Caleb is currently working on Virtual Reality programming with a goal of earning an Industry Certification offered through Knowledge Pillars

Below is a picture of Caleb involved in his current programming of VR apps and Programs.

Congratulations Caleb, the ACC is blessed to have you as a student! Best of luck in all your endeavors.



Student of the Month (August 2023)

Name: Orlando Harris (**Putnam County**)



Pictured above are Orlando Harris (Center) and Instructors Mr. Matt Dawson (left) and Mr. Harold Burr (Right)

Orlando is currently enrolled in Residential wiring with Mr. Dawson, and Building Trades with Mr. Harold Burr. As a double block student, Orlando drives himself to the Career center to spend the morning in his ACC classes, and then spends the afternoon at IVCC in his college English Composition class.

Orlando looks to use the double experience to advance himself in pursuit of a career upon graduation. Although his education will continue in both the formal sense and in the area of life experience, Orlando is hoping to use his developing ACC skills to provide for himself throughout life.

The ACC is very appreciative of the extra effort that Orlando (and Putnam County High School) have put in to the ability for him to attend. We wish Orlando the best of luck and congratulations on your selection as student of the month!

Seconds Anyone?

The students on the following pages are all second-year students in ACC programs. The ACC is blessed to have their dedication and skill sets on its campus. They serve as an inspiration to the students around them and exemplify the best the ACC has to offer. Thank You Second Year Students!!



Dimitri Rodriguez Mendota—
CAD—I want to pursue
Architecture as a career.



L to R—Mackenzie Hamilton LPHS, Samuel White
OTHS, Robert Rutherford OTHS—Fire Science—
Being a firefighter and or EMS is a career we want
to pursue and the class is fun to participate in.



Zach Znaniecki
LPHS—Building
Trades—I wanted
to learn more.



Giovanni Gatza La Moille—
Residential Wiring—This is a
career choice for me, and I
wanted to learn more.



L to R—Maddie Kolczaski, Kayla Fisher, Alise
O'Brien LPHS—Early Childhood. We love working
with the preschoolers and becoming an educator is
our calling.



Evan Hoff LPHS—
Culinary—I like the
way I learn at the
ACC, and I had
taken all the
computer classes I
could so I decided
to take Culinary as
a second option.

More Seconds Anyone?



Caleb Novak—Princeton, second year Computer Programming—It's a great class and this is my professional ambition. I have a great instructor.



Alex Evans and Bryson Yanish—LP—Automotive Repair. We like the class and wanted to add to our knowledge about auto repair.



Jayden Sims—Princeton—Fire Science. I want to work in the EMR field, and this class will add to my knowledge so I can succeed in that career pursuit.



L to R—Devlin Smith OTHS, Jack Huggins OTHS, Andon McQuade Henry-Senachwine—Computer Repair—We have a great instructor who believes in us, and we look to pursue this as a future career. We are highly interested in IT, technology, and its applications. The ability to find work in the field has been helped by the teacher.



R to L—Gage Swiskoski LP, Hannah Zera LP, Connor Kelly LP, Niles Tremper LP, Dylan Salz LP, Austin Grieve LP, Diego Garcia De Pue, Jack May Princeton—Welding—We are all looking at using welding as a career, and wanted to increase our knowledge and chances at acceptance into apprenticeship and post-secondary education programs.

Plenty of Seconds to Choose From



L to R—Kailey Archer, Megan Crites, Maddison VanZuiden, and Teresa Pini--LPHS—Medical Terminology. We all want to enter the Health Occupations Profession and had a great instructor, so we wanted to enhance our knowledge with this next class.



Left—Beatriz Arce—LPHS—Culinary—Beatriz earned her food Managers License in her first year (a very difficult test, and rare for a first year student) and wanted to extend her knowledge so that as she graduates she can use her certifications and knowledge to work in the food/hospitality industry. She loves the class and the instruction at the ACC.



Above L to R—Brian Edwards La Moille, Kyle Johnson LP, Logan Fahr Mendota, Zach Mullins Mendota, Joseph Burke OTHS, Gage Szymovicz Hall—Welding is a profession and a skill set that we love. We want to learn as much as possible to use in our future careers and to be able to gain entrance in apprenticeship programs. Mr. Villarreal has been a great instructor, and we can learn a lot more in our second year!



Erick Alejos Hall—Culinary Arts—This is a profession I want to pursue. Mrs. Turczyn is a great teacher. I learned a great deal from her and wanted to learn more.



L to R—Hannah Hubinsky LP, Emily Eitutis LP, Melanie Stisser OTHS, Abbey Gardner LP, Jackelyn Carreon—Medical Terminology—We have all decided to pursue a career in Health Occupations, Mrs. Pohar was an excellent instructor and we knew this class would help us in our pursuit of a career.

One Last Helping of Seconds



LPHS Automotive students (L to R)—Gino Valle, Erick Sanchez, Rylee Hernandez, Zakary Carr—All students took the class as cars and how they work are a love of theirs. They love the class, and two are considering it as an occupational choice.



LPHS Second Year Early Childhood students Nicole Derango (left) and Meghann Ostler (Right) have taken their ACC class to further their pursuit of a career in education and because of their love for working with children.

Around the ACC



Fire Science practices their hosing skills. A live fire hydrant is used for students to practice techniques for aiming and controlling the hoses.



Left—Amin Marenda of Hall labels his computer parts while Second Year student Jack Huggins of Ottawa verifies they contain all necessary information.

Trivia Question: Prize to first person to correctly send answer to dmentgen@lphs.net.

A Journeyman Ironworker in the Illinois Valley Region (Local 444) has a total package value (per hour) of?

Around the ACC



Students in Early Childhood Education collaborate on their reading assignment. Bottom right counterclockwise—Yovanni Perez-Hall, Chloe Hicks—Hall, Madelyn Kolczaski-LP, Olivia Sadnick-La Moille, and Gabriela Gonzalez-LPHS



CNA student Billie Partridge of Ottawa assumes the role of patient, while Henry-Senachwine student Mackenzie Hartwig practices her skills in attending to a patient.



Instructor Matt Dawson (of Residential Wiring) shows new instructional units that were added to his wiring class. Enrollment in Residential Wiring is at an all time high this year, maxing out both blocks of the class.



Lucas Tutko of LPHS pauses his work in unpacking and setting up new equipment in his Building Trades class. New equipment was donated by Mr. Tom Kowalski (LPHS Class of 58) in support of the trade programs.



Gage Swiskoski of LPHS works on his lathe in attainment of the necessary skill demonstration for dual credit with IVCC. In this case it is practicing drilling holes, precision measurement over four diameters. His precision must measure to the thousandths of an inch when finished.

A R O U N D T H E

A C C



Ty Muffler of Ottawa works on his stitch welds in Welding 1. Ty practices the welds by applying a steady rate of movement from left to right and back right to left. Welds will then be inspected and tested for strength.



Students in the Aviation class listen to Mr. Chuck Studer(left by plane blue shirt) explain engine efficiency and carb heat while the plane is at altitude.

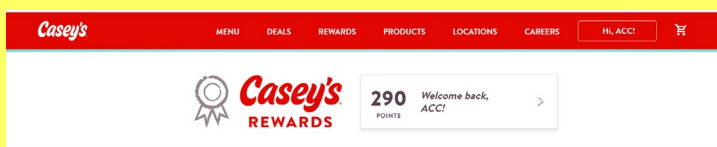


Mendota Student Kim Cedillo works on her CAD skills by orientating her parts design, and resizing the three-dimensional elements of which it is composed.

ACC Fundraiser

As with all things in our current economy, costs are rising. To help with some of the special projects that we promote at the ACC, and to offset costs, we have taken on a small fundraising initiative.

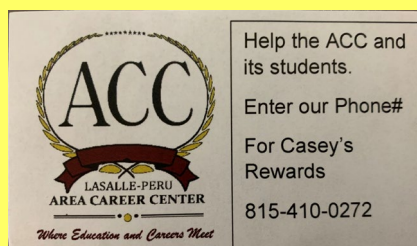
The Initiative: If you shop at any local Casey's Convenience Store and Gas Station, you can help the ACC by entering the ACC phone number at the pump or the counter. By entering the ACC phone number, any points that you would be awarded will be added to the ACC account and redeemed through their Rewards/Cash for Classrooms initiative.



As you can see above, for every 250 points accumulated, the ACC will be awarded one dollar. You get 10 points for every dollar spent.

So, if you are willing to share your kindness simply enter the number below, and those points will go to support the ACC. There is no need to create a special account or divulge any personal information. Just enter the phone number and the ACC account will receive the credit.

815-410-0272



The number above is the number that connects to the ACC Directors office. All funds that are donated will go to support ACC Scholarship programs, special projects for students in need, and enhancement of classroom supplies and equipment.

All Support is GREATLY appreciated!



Students in the Aviation class tour a corporate jet that uses the Peru Airport as its home .

Note: ACC Aviation will run for second semester. If you are interested, see your counselor for eligibility to take it. Drones will be a focus



Where Education and Careers Meet