



### A Message to Our Students

Everyone is coping with the terrible effects of COVID-19, the coronavirus. At Lackawanna College's Office of Continuing Education, our team is working hard to stay engaged with Con Ed students and to develop effective online educational platforms and new programs that can be delivered in our evolving virtual environment.

We're open to suggestions on new programming and are constantly thinking of ways to better serve those in need of continuing education. Feel free to reach out to us at [continuingeducation@lackawanna.edu](mailto:continuingeducation@lackawanna.edu).

**Bill Schoen**  
Director

### Training for Dislocated and Other Workers Continues Online

Our Training Institute, which provides a myriad of offerings to dislocated, under-employed and at-risk individuals, has converted most of its offerings to online.

This great accomplishment allows for Microsoft Office Suite; Administrative Medical Assistant Career Prep; Information Management; Medical Billing; Management Career Prep & Finance to all be offered in online formats.

For information contact **Diane Parlanti**, our Training Institute director, at [parlantid@lackawanna.edu](mailto:parlantid@lackawanna.edu).

### Early Childhood Education Directors' Credential Training Now Offered Online

Directors of Pennsylvania early childhood education centers can receive their credential training through online education programs now being offered by Lackawanna College. The next five-week module is scheduled to begin on April 2. Part three is in classroom.

In-class credential training for day-care child development workers is on hold as regulations for that instruction require in-person teaching. For information, contact **Laurie Mielo** at [mielol@lackawanna.edu](mailto:mielol@lackawanna.edu).

### Online Programs Offer Nearly 400 Topics for Remote Learners

Our online education platform is a great way to use virtual resources to obtain important education and information that helps with daily life, including many employment specialties. Courses are current, easy to navigate, affordable and can be accomplished in a self-paced format. Topics include:

- Accounting and Finance
- Business Leadership
- Hospitality
- Education and Personal Development
- Green and Renewable Energy
- Allied Healthcare
- Industrial and Skilled Trades
- Information Technology and Security
- Legal and Criminal Justice
- Media and Graphic Design
- Web Applications & Software Development
- Soft Skills
- Spanish

Visit the college's website under continuing education at [lackawanna.edu](http://lackawanna.edu) to learn more.

### Police Academy Training Poised to Get Re-Started

Our Police Academy is currently on hold with 30 students awaiting return to their classrooms to resume Pennsylvania Act 120 Municipal Police Officer instruction. We have a group that was ready to begin their first class on March 23, 2020. All are currently on hold as regulations – at least for now – require all in-person education.

All of our 2020 Mandatory Police In-Service training (MIST Act 180) is suspended until further notice, too. Training I classes will be rescheduled. Academy staff will be contacting all Police Departments with the revised training dates. Our team continues to recruit for the next classes and is keeping in touch with present and future cadets. For information, contact Police Academy Director **John Chilleri** at [chillerij@lackawanna.edu](mailto:chillerij@lackawanna.edu).

### Environmental Education Center Developing Online Programming

Our busy Environmental Education Center in Covington Township has postponed many of its events and tours until further notice. We are developing the capability to offer our Beekeeper Instructional course online and hope to get started by the end of March.

Our Conservation and Natural Resource Certificate program meets the minimum requirements for students to take the Civil Service test to be a DCNR Park Ranger. Recruitment for that and our Sustainable Leadership program – both set for this summer/fall – is in progress. For more information contact Environmental Education Center Director **Sharon Yanik** at [yaniks@lackawanna.edu](mailto:yaniks@lackawanna.edu).

### Manufacturing Certificate Training Program Now Online

Thanks to great collaboration with the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development and the Northeastern Pennsylvania Industrial Resource Center, the College's core manufacturing skills training certificate program remains operational through the use of online education.

Students have been participating in virtual training, in-classroom presentations and company tours since February and are scheduled to complete this course by April 9. A similar series is planned in Towanda beginning in August. The idea is to help "train up" those who wish to enter employment in advanced manufacturing.

For information, contact **Bridget Duggan** at [dugganb@lackawanna.edu](mailto:dugganb@lackawanna.edu).

### Special Youth Programming on Hold for Area Students

Our Lego Builders series with more than 30 youngsters registered and our College and Career Awareness programming with more than 50 high school students on board have been temporarily suspended.

These great offerings have received community financial support from the Scranton Area Community Foundation, the Diocese of Scranton and the Workforce Development Board of Lackawanna County.

For information or ideas about new programming, contact **Bridget Duggan** at [dugganb@lackawanna.edu](mailto:dugganb@lackawanna.edu).