LBI Then and Now

It was 1985 in Uniontown, PA and things were changing. Heavy industry and manufacturing jobs had been declining for more than a decade, and many people weren’t prepared for jobs that required new skills, and, in many cases, a completely new mindset.

Chris and Nancy Decker saw a need in the community, and decided to do something about it. LBI founder and CEO, Chris Decker, envisioned a community, and decided to do something about it.

So, on November 4, 1985, in just a few rooms, LBI started offering programs in banking, retailing, and secretarial studies to deal with these shifts in the economy. The buzz and snap of IBM Selectric typewriters was the norm, and shelves were stocked with whiteout. A few personal computers – Apple IIc’s, the ones with the green screens – made their way into classrooms. The school’s first class graduated on August 1, 1986 and had 19 members, secretarial graduates of a program sponsored by the Private Industry Council.

What a difference 30 years can make. From those few classrooms to three buildings, one on East Penn Street and two on Beeeson Boulevard. From a few programs to more than a dozen and a half that serve professions including accounting and business, early childhood education, cosmetology, skilled trades, healthcare, information technology, massage, and office administration. From those electronic typewriters and Apple IIc’s to fully integrated, high-speed networks. From a first class of 19 to more than 2500 graduates. From a single location in Uniontown to two sister schools in Sharon and Meadville, PA and a learning site in Morgantown, WV.

We’re proud to have been part of the community for 30 years, and we plan to continue to foster meaningful educational and employment opportunities for area residents. Most importantly, we never could have made it without you – graduates, students, staff, instructors, business owners, board members, and supporters in the community. And for that, we extend to you our biggest thanks. Happy 30th Anniversary to entire Laurel community!

LBI & LTI Announce Third New Trade Program: Electrical Technology

Dear Students, Faculty and Staff:

Laurel Business Institute (LBI) and Laurel Technical Institute (LTI) is pleased to announce that we will start our first class for the Electrical Technology program this September. The new program, to be offered at a newly renovated 10,000 square foot facility on the LBI campus in downtown Uniontown and 12,000 square foot industrial training facility on Dock Street in Sharon, PA, was initiated to address an ongoing need for electrical technicians in the region. The school developed the program in conjunction with an advisory committee comprised of electrical contractors and manufacturing facilities in Western Pennsylvania.


Nancy Decker, LBI & LTI President, says, “There has never been a more exciting time to become an electrician. With a large number of electricians approaching retirement age, and the growth of the construction industry, the electrical industry is vibrant, and growing. The increase in new construction will undoubtedly lead to an increase in the demand for electricians, as they are integral to all projects. According to BLS.gov, employment for electricians is expected to grow 20% by 2022 with a median hourly wage of $23.96.”

For additional information or to apply for the fall Electrical Technology class, visit the website at www.lauriel.edu or email admission@lauriel.edu.

LBI Respiratory Therapy Program Wins 2015 State Sputum Bowl

The Sputum Bowl is a knowledge contest that is similar to the game show “Jeopardy.” The prime objective of the Sputum Bowl is to stimulate interest in the current knowledge and practice of respiratory care. The students must answer questions quickly and accurately in topics ranging from anatomy and physiology to mechanical ventilation.

Since the late 1970’s, the Sputum Bowl has been a part of every American Association for Respiratory Care’s (AARC) national convention. The AARC’s annual gathering is the largest respiratory care meeting in the world.

The national contest is divided into two divisions: practitioner students. The student division started in 2004.

The state Sputum Bowl, which is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Society for Respiratory Care, starts at the regional level. The LBI students competed against Respiratory Care programs from the western part of the state on March 5, 2015 at Seven Springs resort. The win at the level advanced them to the state competition which was held on April 16, 2015 in King of Prussia, PA. Winning at the state level will allow them representation Pennsylvania at the AARC Congress 2015 being held in Tampa, Florida, November 7-10, 2015.

Competing at the national level is nothing new for the LBI Respiratory Therapy students. The program has partaken in the competition since 2010. They have been regional winners for four years, and this will be their third trip to nationals.

One benefit of the competition is the preparation the team members get in advance of the tests they must pass to become credentialed respiratory therapists.

This year’s LBI team members include Janelle Brangard, Ben D’Amico, and Alyson Milan.

April Butchki, Respiratory Therapy Program Director, and Jack Albert, Respiratory Therapy Clinical Director, served as the team advisors.

Cosmetology Students Write Essays

“Triton, a recent graduate of Albert Gallatin High School, was one of several local seniors to apply. His application was vetted by a panel comprised of area educators and LBI staff. Triton has accepted the award and has enrolled in LBI’s Welding & Fabrication w/ Pipeline Technology Program. He was excited to be the recipient of the $5,000 tuition scholarship and offered the following inspirational quotes: “There is no secret to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure” - COLIN POWELL. And his own of “Life is not about what you want...it’s about how hard you’re willing to work for it.” We congratulate Triton and expect him to accomplish whatever he sets his mind to

Area 2016 seniors are welcome to contact LBI ADMISSION (724.439.4900) or ask their high school guidance department for details on future scholarship offerings with LBI.”

Towards the end of our previous semester, our cosmetology students were asked to write an essay on one of these topics: How would you spend the last day of your life? OR How do you plan on living your best life?

This all began with a benefit 5K run, Run for Love, that was dedicated to Amy Hinton-Derr, whose life was suddenly cut short just months before she was set to marry the man of her dreams. Amy was a fun-loving, outgoing person who lived every day to the fullest. She spent her time as a stylist at Lindy’s at the Beach.

The co-organizers (Michelle Thompson and Shon Derr), as well as the family of Amy, wanted her legacy to live on and help a cosmetology student fulfill their dream of going to cosmetology school. The money raised at Run for Love 5K was used to dedicate a bench in Amy’s honor at Buhl Park and 2 one-time scholarships for LTI students. The winners were Natasha Willingham and Sheila Mulholland.

Laurel Business Institute Announces Scholarship Recipient

Nancy M. Decker, President and CEO of Laurel Business Institute, is pleased to announce that Triston Tyler Hughes is the recipient of the 2015 John D. Mihm Memorial Scholarship.
Laurel chooses Windows Tablet to enrich educational experience

June 9, 2015—Laurel Business Institute and Laurel Technical Institute, one of Pennsylvania’s leading career training institutions, is preparing students for success in the workforce of today and the future. An adopter of tablet technology in the classroom, LBI/LTI will be providing Microsoft Windows 2-in-1 hybrid tablets to students by the end of fall 2015 as one of the primary tools students and faculty will use to facilitate the educational experience across all of its campuses.

The school recently began a pilot program at its Meadville, PA campus and is currently running another pilot program at the Sharon, PA campus. In each program, the students gained valuable skills that will seamlessly translate to their careers post-graduation. For example, students used their devices to do the following:

- **Access** the school’s Learning Management System, course materials and assignments online.
- **Access** and read their e-books.
- Communicate with faculty and fellow students through email, chat and video conference.
- Save and share files with Google Drive or with the integrated USB 3.0 port.
- Use Office 365 to complete class assignments and activities.
- Submit assignments for classes and real-time peer review.

- Use additional apps such as Flash Cards and Nurse Tabs.

“Experience the students receive with the enterprise-quality technology of the Acer Microsoft Windows devices and Microsoft productivity tools help us achieve our goal of preparing them with the skills and experiences they need to succeed in their career now and 20 years from now,” said Douglas Decker, Executive Director. “We need to provide students with the tools they will use when they graduate and the skills that will translate in the future as technology continues to evolve, so the Acer and Microsoft software was perfect for us.”

Connected to the Internet, and loaded with the Office 365 suite, including storage in the cloud, the Acer devices allow students to read, produce, share and store materials. The Windows 8 operating system enhances student productivity with the seamless ability to multitask among different applications, for example, simultaneously watch a video and take notes in the OneNote app. Students are also able to search across the operating system, the Web and the cloud at once, and with a USB and HID video port, students can connect to dozens of peripheral devices such as printers and projectors.

The Acer offers a solution for a college that teaches a variety of disciplines. Healthcare students can use Windows 8 RT anatomy apps to study anatomy and physiology. Students in the business administrative and accounting programs can create reports, presentations and presentations using the Office Suite. In addition to the students, administrators anticipate a number of benefits for faculty, including greater flexibility to interact with students and provide feedback within and outside the classroom.

LTI Announces Their January 2015 Graduating Class

January 21, 2015, Meadville, PA — Laurel Technical Institute Meadville Campus celebrated the graduation of its Fall 2015 graduating class at The New Beginnings Church in Meadville, PA. Jessica Haines was recognized as Valedictorian and Matthew Porter was recognized as Salutatorian.

Row 1 L-R: Stephanie Shaulis, Timothy Bosserd, Matthew Porter, Jessica Haines, Destinee Seher

Row 2 L-R: Andrea Faubhaver, Ronda Janicki, Michelle Proper, Amber McGaughy

Row 3 L-R: Nathan Ohmer, Brittney Kaiser, Megan Moore, Nathan Guiney, Dan Anderson, Adrienne Lukart, Victoria Book

Director Patricia Campbell awarded the following students Specialized Associate Degrees, Associate in Specialized Technology Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates:

**Meadville Campus**

- **Degree in Administrative Office Technology**
  - Michelle Proper (Guy’s Mills, PA)
  - Matthew Porter (Meadville, PA)
- **Degree in Business Administration**
  - Dan Anderson (Meadville, PA)
  - Jessica Haines (Cochranston, PA)
- **Diploma in Cosmetology**
  - Megan Moore (Meadville, PA)
- **Diploma in Cosmetology – Esthetician**
  - Ronda Janicki (Erie, PA)
  - Christine Zieziula (McKean, PA)
- **Diploma in Cosmetology – Nail Technician**
  - Andrea Faubhaver (Waterford, PA)

**Laurel Campus**

- **Degree in Accounting**
  - Christine Zieziula (McKean, PA)
- **Degree in Administrative Office Technology**
  - Michelle Proper (Guy’s Mills, PA)
- **Degree in Medical Assistant**
  - Victoria Book (Conneautville, PA)
  - Timothy Bosserd (Meadville, PA)
  - Nathan Guiney (Conneautville, PA)
  - Adrienne Lukart (Meadville, PA)
  - Destiny Seher (Meadville, PA)
  - Stephanie Shaulis (Meadville, PA)
- **Degree in Network Administration & Security**
  - Nathan Ohmer (Meadville, PA)

LTI Announces January 2015 Graduating Class

January 22, 2015, Sharon, PA — Laurel Technical Institute celebrated the graduation of its Fall 2014 graduating class at Brookfield High School, Brookfield, OH. Lauren Marie Cuda was valedictorian, and Mark S. Tomack was salutatorian.

Row 1 L-R: Leslie Dunlap, Elizabeth Anderson, Yaratte, Brooke, Mark Tomack, Lauren Cuda, Brittany Bukovec, Virginia Honstott, Melissa Ramsey, Leanne Houck, Zoey Cuscio, Annie Nall

Row 2 L-R: Cole Finspach, Samuel Hooye Jr, James Songer, Branna Battyga Bell, Karon Abram, Deteri Calabrese, Denna Coombs, Jamie Williams, Gabrielle Cathe, Juliana Ball, Johned Schurten, Brittany Leister, Macy McBeth, Catherine Slaven, Michelle Crots, Brooke McLaughlin, Kenisea Myers, Tyson Robinson

**Sharon Campus**

- **Certificate in Esthetics**
  - Juliana R. Ball (Greenville, PA)
  - Leslie Susan Dunlap (Viro Vienna, OH)
- **Certificate in Nail Technician**
  - Gabrielle B. Cathe (New Wilmington, PA)
- **Degree in Cosmetology**
  - Elizabeth Joy Anderson (New Castle, PA)
  - Zoey Gabrielle Cuscino (Pullaski, PA)
  - Brittany Marie Leister (McDonald, PA)
  - Keveeda Ray-Nay Myers (Farrell, PA)
  - Aimee Aline Nall (New Castle, PA)
  - Tyra Raelle Robinson (Farrell, PA)
- **Degree in Health Information Technology**
  - Lauren Marie Cuda (Clark, PA)
  - Johiel R. Scharba (Farrell, PA)
  - Catherine R. Slaven (Hermitage, PA)

- **Degree in Respiratory Therapy**
  - Brianna V. Battyga Dale (Edinburg, PA)
  - Brittany M. Bukovec (Sharon, PA)
  - Virginia R. Horvath (Sharon, PA)
  - Leanne R. Houck (Grove City, PA)
  - Melissa Renee Ramsey (Warren, OH)
  - Nicole Lynn Reda (Mercer, PA)
  - Mark Tomack (Hermitage, PA)
  - Brooke Anne Yarlett (Bessemer, PA)

- **Diploma in Cosmetology**
  - Michelle Britton Crum (Transit, PA)
  - Macy Alexander McBeth (New Castle, PA)
  - Brooke L. McLaughlin (New Castle, PA)

- **Diploma in Welding & Fabrication with Pipe Technology**
  - Aaron Abram (Farrell, PA)
  - Demat A. Crisbore (Farrell, PA)
  - Dennis M. Combs (Greenville, PA)
  - Cole Trenton Finspach (Shippenville, PA)
  - Samuel Louis Hooye Jr. (Farrell, PA)
  - James Songer (Sharon, PA)
  - Jamie D. Williams (Hermitage, PA)

LBI Announces January 2015 Graduating Class

January 22, 2015, Uniontown, PA — Laurel Business Institute held its 85th graduation on January 22, 2015, at the State Theatre Center for the Arts in Uniontown. Carolyn Renee Hanabock of Uniontown and Brian M. Cummings of Smithfield were the Valedictorians. Elizabeth M. Bitt of Scottsdale and Sabrina Thomas of Tunkerton, WV, were the Salutatorians. Brian Casey, a local business owner, delivered the commencement address.

The following students were awarded Specialized Associate Degrees and Diplomas:

**Computer Software**
- Kenneth A. Lint – Fayette City, PA

**Cosmetology (Degree)**
- Florence Ella Guthrie – Martin, PA
- Carolyn Renee Hanabock – Uniontown, PA
- Courtney Lee Hixon – Uniontown, PA

**Medical Billing & Coding**
- Priscilla M. Morris – Vestaburg, PA

**Network Administration & Security**
- Dylan Mathew Gary – Scottsdale, PA
- Kenneth A. Lint – Fayette City, PA
- Jeffrey S. Myers – Smithfield, PA

**Therapeutic Massage**
- Elizabeth M. Brit – Scottsdale, PA
- Christian L. Christ – Uniontown, PA
- Melanie S. Harmon – Smithfield, PA
- Kristi Eileen Keith – Home, PA
- Sadie Renae Paul – Rockwood, PA

**Cosmetology (Diploma) Uniontown**
- Megan Justine Bungard – Everson, PA
- Mianna L. Hunter – Everson, PA
- Jessica Dawn Joseph – Fairchance, PA
- Jessica Morgan Richter – Connellsville, PA

**Hair Styling (Diploma)**
- Lacey J. Mathews – Mt. Morris, PA

**Nail Technician (Diploma)**
- Gretchen A. Belan – McClellandtown, PA
- Courtney Conn – Clennell, PA
- Felicia McKinney – Lemont, PA
- Amber Wilkins – Bentleyville, PA

**Welding & Fabrication with Pipe Technology (Diploma)**
- Thomas Connicky – Scottsdale, PA
- Brian M. Cummings – Smithfield, PA
- Tre M. McCargo – Masontown, PA
- Curtis M. Moreland – Uniontown, PA
- James R. Riffel – Mcloes Rockes, PA
- Olivia Quinn Wiley – Wheeling, PA

LBI student wins Soroptimist Award

more than $1.6 million in education grants are awarded to more than 1,200 women. Respiratory Therapy student Kelly Yeagle is this year’s winner of the Soroptimist International of Fayette County award. Kelly received a $1,000 scholarship for winning at the local level, and will next advance and compete at the regional level.

Since the Live Your Dream Awards program began in 1972, about $30 million in education grants have been disbursed to assist tens of thousands of women achieve their dreams of a better life for themselves and their families.

The Soroptimist Live Your Dream Award (formerly the Women’s Opportunity Award) assists women who provide the primary source of financial support for their families by giving them the resources they need to improve their education, skills and employment prospects. Each year,
LTI Announces Their Spring 2015 Graduating Class

May 12, 2015, Meadville, PA. - Laurel Technical Institute celebrated the graduation of its Spring 2015 graduating class at the Meadville Area High School in Meadville, PA. Jodi Crowther, Emily Docter, Anna Henderson, and Tiffany Klakamp were recognized as Valedictorians and Jenna Mason, Matthew McIlvain, and Sheila Roos were recognized as Salutatorians.

Row 1 L-R: Valedictorians: Emily Docter, Jodi Crowther, Ann Henderson and Tiffany Klakamp. Salutatorians: Jenna Mason (Meadville, PA), Matthew McIlvain (Meadville, PA), and Sheila Roos (Meadville, PA).

Row 2 L-R: Travis Curtis, Stephanie Catalano, Allan Pogg, Kain Wiciele (Meadville, PA).

Row 3 L-R: Travis Curtis, Stephanie Catalano, Allan Pogg, Kain Wiciele, Sandra Hall, Irene Turner, Mackenzie Coggan, Crystal Boat, Brittanie Binkert, Janet Reanger, Tim Dennis, Shannon Nouvel, Michael Rearick, and David Heeter.

Director Patricia Campbell awarded the following students Specialized Associate Degrees and Diplomas: Meadville Campus

Degree in Accounting & Business Administration
Phlebotomy Technician (Diploma)

Degree in Early Childhood Education
Crysta Bell (Saegertown, PA)

Degree in Health Information Technology
Sherry Anthony (Meadville, PA)

Degree in Medical Assistant
Brittanie Gorman (Meadville, PA)

Degree in Medical Assistant
Brittanie Gorman (Meadville, PA)

Degree in Dental Hygiene
Crystal Frantz (Meadville, PA)

Degree in Dental Assisting Technology
Brittanie Gorman (Meadville, PA)

Degree in Computer Software with Digital Media & Design
Brandon M. Long (New Castle, PA)

Degree in Cosmetology
Chelsea Paige Bailey (Hermitage, PA)

Degree in Health Information Technology
Diana L. Coggan (Greenville, PA)

Degree in Medical Administrative Technology
Ravanna Lynn Adkins (Sharpsville, PA)

Degree in Medical Assistant
Ravanna Lynn Adkins (Sharpsville, PA)

Degree in Respiratory Therapy
Casey Bennett (New Castle, PA)

Degree in Welding & Fabrication with Pipefitter Technology
David H. Hester (Meadville, PA)

Phlebotomy Technician Program Launched at Uniontown & Morgantown Locations

CPT Class Summer 2015: CarolynWithrow, Emily Burch, Wendy Hoppegarner, Stephanie Blaney, Tania Bosley-Phlebotomy Instructor, Brittany Hardy, Aftab Petrov.

June 11th marked the start of LBI's newest short programs.Certified Phlebotomists (Technician or CPT). The program, which has drawn students from Maryland, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia, prepares students for a career in Phlebotomy through an efficient 10-week curriculum that combines hands-on instruction with real-world clinical field experience. Held in Morgantown's new laboratory facility, the instructional portion of the CPT program offers students training in venipuncture, urinalysis, and centrifuging, as well as certifications in CPR and First Aid.

"The program is fast-paced and focuses on what students will actually face in the field on a daily basis," says Phlebotomy Instructor Tania Bosley, a new member of the LBI family. A Phlebotomist for 12 years, Tania is excited to share her knowledge of the Phlebotomy field with students that, as she states, "opens the door into the medical field for students." During orientation, laughter could be heard from the classroom as students were introduced to the faculty and staff and were acquainted to one another. "Everything went very smoothly," said Sherri Rimel, Assistant Campus Director for Morgantown, noting that special thanks were in order to those involved in the preparation of the program and orientation morning. "It is a cavy to see that the program will be a huge success," she added.

Judging from the response of the students, it already is.

LBI Announces May 2015 Graduating Class

May 14, 2015, Sharon, PA. - Laurel Technical Institute celebrated the graduation of its spring 2015 graduating class at Hickory High School, Hermitage, PA. Martin J. Shearer was valedictorian, and Karen T. Britton was salutatorian.

Row 1 L-R: Jessica Hanson, Samantha Ziccardi, Megan Buckel, Danielle McCullough, Chelsea Johnson, Kyla Perino, Karen Britton, Martin Shearer, Dana Crogan, Natasha Williams, Catherine Csorba.

Row 2 L-R: Rachael King, Dana Summa, Samantha Rabb, Carlynn Gibson, Cathie Turner, Heather McLaughlin, Audrey Faber, Marit Ortiz, Rachel Fuchs, Kelley Spedel, Deborah Ernst, Raivna Adkins, Cody Gregory, Chantel Guidicci, Yarina Mercerdy, Yarina Hutt.

Row 3 L-R: Brandon Long, Tim Sean Harrer, Brandon Carlin, Casey Bener, Jennifer Woodcock, Grant Allain, Eric Sloan, Karen Mcclinton

Director Douglas Decker awarded the following students Specialized Associate Degrees, Associate in Specialized Technology Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates:

Sharon Campus

Degree in Accounting & Business Administration
Samantha J. Rauber (Hermitage, PA)

Degree in Administrative Office Technology
Rachelle Marie Fuchs (Sharpsville, PA)

Degree in Medical Laboratory Technology
Regan Lyn Buckley (Rogersville, PA)

Degree in Degree in Cosmetology
Chelsea Paige Keigle (Hermitage, PA)

Degree in Degree in Computer Software with Digital Media & Design
Brandan M. Long (New Castle, PA)

Degree in Cosmetology
Chelsea Paige Keigle (Hermitage, PA)

Degree in Health Information Technology
Diana L. Coggan (Greenville, PA)

Degree in Medical Assistant
Ravanna Lynn Adkins (Sharpsville, PA)

Degree in Respiratory Therapy
Casey Bennett (New Castle, PA)

Degree in Welding & Fabrication with Pipefitter Technology
Dana S. Tifani (New Castle, PA)

The following students were awarded Specialized Associate Degrees and Diplomas:

Accounting
Amanda Jo Showman -- Uniontown, PA

Administrative office Technology
Chelsea Rae Ewart -- McClellandtown, PA
Kimberly Hoskins -- Greensboro, PA

Business Administration
Kimberly Hoskins -- Greensboro, PA
Katie Kermes -- Farmington, PA
Debra S. Kooser -- Mill Run, PA
Neil A. Morris -- Star Junction, PA

Cosmetology
Kaya Bayne -- Grindstone, PA
Hayley Dawn Fuller -- Connellsville, PA

Early Childhood Education
Jovlyn Guzik -- Fairmont, WV
Jenna Hosey Hicks -- Uniontown, PA
Johmelle Renee Minor -- New Salem, PA
Erica C. Roadman -- Uniontown, PA
Tiffany M. Springer -- Uledi, PA

Medical Assistant
Kaya Marie Dicosimo -- New Salem, PA
Brandon Kay Fisher -- La Belle, PA
Megan L. Holt -- Smithfield, PA
Nicole Minard -- Uniontown, PA
Trisha Renee Savage -- Farmington, PA
Cheyse Kiara Lee Stiles -- Bruceton Mills, WV

Medical Billing & Coding
Amanda L. Cesario -- Farmington, PA
Adrienne Jo Showman -- Uniontown, PA
Megan Lynne Stafford -- Hopwood, PA

Medical Laboratory Technician
Fauke Fanning -- Uniontown, PA
Edward David Kostelni -- Uniontown, PA
Shelby G. Spieelman -- Masontown, PA

Medical Office Administration
Amanda L. Cesario -- Farmington, PA

Network Administration & Security
Michael A. Barko Jr. -- Fairchance, PA
Travis L. Farrier -- Point Marion, PA

Respiratory Therapy
Janelle N. Brangard -- Mt Pleasant, PA
Deanna L. Carpel -- Uniontown, PA
Benjamin N. D’Amico -- West Newton, PA
David Hager -- Brownsville, PA
Krista Nicole Judy -- Morgantown, WV

LBI Announces May 2015 Graduating Class

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How do you turn a hallway into an underwater adventure? Just ask an ECE student. The Early Childhood Education program in conjunction with Scholastic Books visited the students during the family fun night events. The event ran for a week. A portion of the proceeds from the sales event were donated to the Crawford County Read program and will be used to buy supplies and books for their educational programs. LTI ECE students will also increase their library resources.

Paper plate fish...cut out a wedge like a slice of pie. The opening is the fish’s mouth and when taped to the underside, the wedge becomes a tail. Cut the plate in half and add streamers to the straight edge...Jelly fish.

The second annual Shamrock N’ Run was held on Saturday March 14th in downtown Sharon, PA. Laurel Technical Institute’s Respiratory Therapy program and Primary Health Network’s Charitable Foundation joined forces once again for a successful event. The proceeds from the event benefit PHN’s Charitable Foundation’s program, Caring for Our Neighbors, which provides rides to and from physician visits to individuals who otherwise would be unable to make the visits on their own, as well as a scholarship fund for a respiratory therapy student at LTI.

Although it was a rainy morning, the event drew over 190 participants, 70 more than 2014’s inaugural event. Runners and walkers enjoyed a puddle-filled 3.1 mile run through downtown Sharon, starting and ending at Quaker Steak and Lube, and passing LTI as well as PHN’s Charitable Foundation on the route. The event was a chip-timed race provided by Miles for Smiles, the same timing company that handled the race the previous year. Similar to 2014’s event, the race included a costume contest, award metals to the top three finishers in numerous age groups, a bagpiper, as well as a commemorative t-shirt.

The event required roughly 60 volunteers, including LTI employees and students, PBL, and HOSA members, as well as PHN Charitable Foundation employees. All participants, volunteers, and family members enjoyed breakfast donated by Quaker Steak and Lube, which kicked off the post-race party. New to the event this year was a Chinese auction, which all items were donated by local vendors in and around the Shenango Valley. The goal this year was to have over 150 participants and raise $10,000, both of which were achieved.

Although the event debuted in March of 2014, this year will be the first awarded scholarship in the amount of $1500. LTI’s Respiratory Therapy Scholarship winner is David Polonus, a first year respiratory therapy student.

We will provide food, fun, and games.
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Although it was a rainy morning, the event drew over 190 participants, 70 more than 2014’s inaugural event. Runners and walkers enjoyed a puddle-filled 3.1 mile run through downtown Sharon, starting and ending at Quaker Steak and Lube, and passing LTI as well as PHN’s Charitable Foundation on the route. The event was a chip-timed race provided by Miles for Smiles, the same time company that handled the race the previous year. Similar to 2014’s event, the race included a costume contest, award metals to the top three finishers in numerous age groups, a bagpiper, as well as a commemorative t-shirt.

The event required roughly 60 volunteers, including LTI employees and students, and HOSA members. All participants, volunteers, and family members enjoyed breakfast donated by Quaker Steak and Lube, which kicked off the post-race party. New to the event this year was a Chinese auction, which all items were donated by local vendors in and around the Shenango Valley. The goal this year was to have over 150 participants and raise $10,000, both of which were achieved.

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How do you turn a hallway into an underwater adventure? Just ask an ECE student. The Early Childhood Education program in conjunction with Scholastic Books held the annual book fair. This year’s theme was “Under the Sea,” highlighting a variety of books about the sea and animal life in and around the sea.

Clifford the big red dog and mascot for Scholastic books visited during the family fun night events. The event ran for a week. A portion of the proceeds from the sales event were donated to the Crawford County Read program and will be used to buy supplies and books for their educational programs. LTI ECE students will also increase their library resources.

Paper plate fish...cut out a wedge like a slice of pie. The opening is the fish’s mouth and when taped to the underside, the wedge becomes a tail. Cut the plate in half and add streamers to the straight edge...Jelly fish.