**The President’s Report**

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**TWO NEW STRATEGIC PARTNERS**

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Teaching facilities will be built to LSC’s specifications on the second floor of 420 Commons on NECC’s Lawrence campus.

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**LSC+NECC**

LSC is launching an ambitious new partnership with Northern Essex Community College (NECC) in Lawrence, Mass. An MOU between the two colleges is slated to be signed in late February or early March. Pending approval, starting in fall 2015 the Music Business and Industry, Computer Science, and Visual Arts departments will be offering bachelor degree completion programs in facilities constructed to LSC’s specifications on NECC’s downtown Lawrence campus.

Students with associate degrees from NECC or other Massachusetts community colleges will be able to take advantage of a highly streamlined admissions and acceptance process, attractive tuition rates, and the flexibility and convenience of getting a bachelor’s degree close to home. Lyndon sees tremendous potential for growth with this new partnership. Other academic disciplines may be added as we move forward with this initiative.

**LSC+LI**

In December, President Joe Bertolino and Lyndon Institute Headmaster Daren Houk announced a new alliance between the schools: the Lyndon Learning Collaborative. This collaborative was forged to enhance the current state-wide dual enrollment and early college initiatives.

The collaborative will provide Lyndon Institute (LI) seniors with a rigorous high school experience that gives them credit toward their freshman year at Lyndon State—at no additional cost to the student or the taxpayer. The program is slated to begin in fall 2015; 25 students are expected to participate.

Under the terms of the agreement, LI seniors attend LSC for free; the last year of high school and first year of college is completed simultaneously; and all classes would be taught at LI. The program’s credits are free if the students stay through their sophomore (second) year at LSC; otherwise, they’ll pay a per-credit fee to transfer their credits to another college.

**New Recruitment Outreach**

LSC’s Office of Communications and Marketing has launched a new virtual campus tour on the College’s website. The highly interactive tour allows viewers to take in 360 degree views of campus, jump to any one of the 20 tour stops, click on links to additional useful information, schedule a personal visit, or apply to the College. The video was hosted by three of our student news anchors: Tyler Dumont, Marybeth Noonan, and Katrina Floranza.

This is just one of this year’s new marketing efforts. LyndonState.edu will be relaunched as a responsive site this spring to improve functionality on mobile devices and tablets, an in-kind donation of $125,000 over five years was received from Vermont Broadcast Associates for regional radio advertising, text messaging has been added to the media mix, and we are expanding the use of readMe’s Merit pages to leverage word-of-mouth messaging.

**Student Services**

The Student Financial Services and Registrar departments have united to serve students better. This is designed to provide students with a “one-stop shop” experience, reducing the number of hurdles and bounces they experience in billing, financial aid, and registration.

The office’s financial services consultants will now be able to handle nearly all customer service functions—add/drop, change of address, transcript requests—which typically make up 80 percent of a student’s needs. Issues that require more specific, in-depth expertise will be directed to a “back-office” expert in student billing, financial aid, or the registrar team. A student-staffed reception desk now receives calls and directs students to a consultant or expert. The transition to this new workflow was completed during the semester break.

**Nolan Atkins is Interim Dean**

President Joe Bertolino has announced the appointment of Atmospheric Sciences Professor Nolan Atkins to the position of interim dean of academic affairs. Atkins began the position on January 19; he will serve for 18 months. He takes over from Kellie Bean, who resigned as provost/dean of academic affairs in December. Atkins will guide all areas of academic affairs, including academic support, curriculum development, academic services and administration, the library/learning commons, the registrar’s office, and institutional research, among other areas.

**Alan Boye, Professor Emeritus**

Former Lyndon English Professor Alan Boye has been granted Professor of Humanities Emeritus status. The award was confirmed through a special vote by the Vermont State Colleges Board of Trustees on October 30, 2014. LSC President Joe Bertolino nominated Boye for the honor.

Boye is the author of many highly regarded books, including the recent Sustainable Compromises: A Yurt, a Straw Bale House, and Ecological Living. These books, countless other articles, and his commentaries on Vermont Public Radio have earned Boye a national following.
EJA Ranked Sixth Best in U.S.!
MOVING UP IN ANNUAL J-SCHOOL SURVEY
LSC’s Electronic Journalism Arts Department was ranked sixth in NewsPro’s annual list of the top 25 journalism programs nationwide. The 2014 poll was distributed on TVWeek.com and to members of the Radio Television Digital News Association; there were 673 respondents. Last year LSC was ranked tenth.

Doppler on Wheels Returns
PROFESSIONAL GRADE, HANDS-ON LEARNING.
A Doppler on Wheels (DOW) truck-mounted radar unit returned to the LSC campus for a three-week residency beginning January 29. It’s rare for the DOW to make return trips; this is the third visit to LSC in five years. Atmospheric Sciences students deploy the unit and receive hands-on training in the theory, interpretation, and collection of Doppler radar data, including how weather radar works, how to collect good data, and how to find the ideal site for measuring precipitation.

Atmospheric Sciences Presents at National Conferences
Six LSC Atmospheric Science students gave presentations on their research projects at the national American Geophysical Union (AGU) and American Meteorological Society (AMS) annual meetings. Their research was conducted last summer on topics including space weather, volcanoes and climate, wall cloud structure, lake-effect snows, and radar analysis of thunderstorms. The AGU meeting was held in December in San Francisco; the AMS gathering was held in Phoenix in early January.

Atmospheric Sciences professors Nolan Atkins and Jay Shafer also presented papers at the AMS event. This meeting attracts about 3,000 meteorologists from around the world. The AGU meeting is for scientists from all geophysical disciplines: geology, astronomy, oceanography, glaciology, and meteorology.

LSC’s Year of Social Justice
DOZENS OF EVENTS PLANNED FOR SPRING 2015
The second semester of Lyndon’s year-long celebration of diversity features panel discussions, film screenings, live performances, participatory activities and more.

On March 11, Lyndon students will collaborate with conflict mediator and performing artist Dana Caspersen to create Like This, a “choreographic public dialogue” to analyze and experience the properties and presence of structural violence—commissioned specifically for Lyndon’s Year of Social Justice.

On March 19, President Joe Bertolino and his partner Bil Leipold will present “When the Gays Move into Mr. Rogers’ Neighborhood.” Their presentation explores the realities and human dimensions of living in a world of heterosexual privilege in a nonthreatening, humorous way.

A media and social justice panel discussion takes place on March 31. Panelists will be Anne Galloway, Vermont Digger; Charlotte Albright, VPR; Marybeth Redmond, Vermont Works for Women; and Adam Sullivan, WCAX. Professors Meaghan Meachem and Tim Lewis will moderate.

The Quimby Gallery will be exhibiting Scott Bakal’s illustrations, with pieces focusing on social justice issues. His work has appeared in The New York Times, Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post, and O Magazine, as well on book covers and in e-books. The opening reception and talk is March 26; the exhibit runs through April 14.

The 2015 Veterans Summit
The third annual Northeast Kingdom Veterans Summit will be held on campus March 14. The purpose of the summit is to bring veterans, their families, and veteran service organizations together to build relationships, strengthen connections, and enhance the regional support network. There will be breakout sessions for veterans and their families throughout the day. The Mobile Vet Center will be available throughout the summit and more than 50 Veteran Service Organizations will have information booths.

The Second Annual Ian Muller Rail Jam will be at Q Burke the afternoon and evening of the 14th. All proceeds go to the Ian Muller Memorial Scholarship, an annual $1,000 scholarship to an LSC student veteran.

Chinese Journalism Students
Lyndon hosted 15 students from China for three weeks in January and early February. The students, chosen on the basis of interest and English ability, are all majoring in journalism. The group attended classes in the Electronic Journalism Arts program. The greatest value of the program lies in the students’ opportunity to experience the hands-on daily production of NewsLINC. Student-produced newscasts are rare in Chinese academia.

A Mighty, Mighty Concert
One of New England’s biggest summer concerts will include Music Business and Industry faculty member Joe Gittleman. Joe is a founding member and bass player for the Mighty Mighty Bosstones. The popular “ska-core” band will be opening for the Foo Fighters at Boston’s Fenway Park on July 18.

Artist Robert Shetterly is 2015’s Graduation Speaker
Painter Robert Shetterly will deliver the commencement address at LSC’s May 17 ceremony. His work is in collections throughout the U.S. and Europe. Shetterly is best known for his portrait series, “Americans Who Tell the Truth,” a project begun in response to U.S. government actions following 9/11.